

Parkway Planting Guidelines

- Plants other than trees shall have a maximum mature height of 24 inches.
- Plantings shall not encroach within two feet of curbs or sidewalks at mature size, except for groundcover plants that maintain a vegetated appearance year-round.
- Planting of native, ecologically beneficial species is preferred (Recommended species list attached); planting of invasive species is prohibited.
- Plantings adjacent to corner lots must adhere to Village guidelines at public street intersections; plantings cannot interfere with driveway sightlines.
- Digging within the dripline of trees (public and private) should not occur to an extent that will significantly impact tree roots. Tree impacts will be reviewed by Village Forester prior to approval.
- Only the owner of property adjacent to the right-of-way on which planting are to be installed may submit a planting permit application.
- Irrigation systems are not allowed within the public right-of-way.
- Planting on public rights-of-way shall not interfere with the right of the Village to excavate in or remove the plantings for repair, maintenance, or installation of any public improvements, utilities, or for any other necessary purpose. Upon completion of Village work in the parkway, the Village will restore the work area with soil and grass seed only.
- No structure, planter, statuary, boulder, or other heavy or immovable object or any portion thereof that projects above existing grade may be installed within or encroach on any right-of-way.

- The Applicant shall install and maintain the plantings in a first-rate condition and in accordance with all applicable Village ordinances and the Village's Public Parkway Policy. If the Applicant fails to properly install or maintain the plantings in accordance herewith, the Applicant shall, upon request from the Village, promptly remove the parkway plantings and restore the parkway to its condition prior to the installation at Applicant's sole cost.
- Applicant will contact JULIE at least 48 hours before installation to have utilities located.

Recommended Plants for Village-owned Parkways

The Village of Winnetka recommends installation of plants in the right-of-way with the following characteristics:

1. Are native and drought resistant to decrease use of water and fertilizers
2. Attract pollinators and butterflies to increase biodiversity
3. Require low maintenance and thus are more naturally sustainable
4. Are perennial to reduce the CO₂ producing efforts needed to replant annually

Native Plant Characteristics

- Effective for managing stormwater
- Have deep and extensive root systems that
 - Stabilize the soil and increase soil cohesion
 - Increase the absorptive capacity of soil
 - Reduce the impact of rainfall
 - Slow surface runoff
 - Facilitate infiltration of rainwater into the soil
 - Decrease erosion
- Require little fertilizer, pesticides, or herbicides
- Relatively tolerant of road salt
- Adaptable to sun/soil conditions present of parkways
- Provide food and shelter for birds and beneficial insects
- Contribute to biodiversity
- Help sequester carbon

Rain Garden Considerations

When installing a rain garden on the parkway

- Designed to clean and process water as well as redirect it
- Bottom typically planted with sedges, rushes, and water-loving plants
- Sloping sides, which tend to be drier longer, have native shrubs or trees and low-growing grasses
- Surface of the rain garden should be generally level
 - (e.g. maximum deviation of 3-6 inches and slope equal to 1-3 inches per foot)
- Subsurface soil enhancements should avoid conflict with underground utilities
 - (e.g. extend no deeper than six inches)

Recommended Species

This list is not exhaustive but provides examples of perennial plants that are generally appropriate for parkway plantings.

Light Level	Height	Width	Common Name	Scientific Name	Type
Sun	Short	Narrower	fen loosestrife	<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	closed gentian	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>	forb
Sun	Short	Narrower	fringed gentian	<i>Gentianopsis crinita</i>	forb
Sun	Short	Narrower	nodding ladys tresses	<i>Spiranthes cernua</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	prairie brome	<i>Bromus kalmii</i>	grass
Sun	Medium	Narrower	common panic grass	<i>Dichanthelium implicatum</i>	grass
Sun	Short	Narrower	yellow star grass	<i>Hypoxis hirsuta</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Wider	prairie sundrops	<i>Oenothera pilosella</i>	forb
Sun	Tallest	Narrower	balsam ragwort	<i>Packera paupercula</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	nodding wild onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Wider	cream wild indigo	<i>Baptisia leucophaea</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	common partridge pea	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	prairie cinquefoil	<i>Drymocallis arguta</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	yellowish gentian	<i>Gentiana alba</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	prairie smoke	<i>Geum triflorum</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	prairie alum root	<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	false dandelion	<i>Krigia biflora</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	sand prairie phlox	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	forb
Sun	Short	Narrower	seneca snakeroot	<i>Polygala senega</i>	forb
Sun	Short	Narrower	common blue-eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium albidum</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Wider	prairie dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	grass
Sun	Short	Narrower	heath aster	<i>Symphyotrichum ericoides</i>	forb
Sun	Tallest	Wider	lead plant	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	shrub
Sun	Tallest	Narrower	thimbleweed	<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>	forb
Sun	Short	Narrower	pussytoes	<i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Wider	butterfly weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	whorled milkweed	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	prairie coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	white prairie clover	<i>Dalea candida</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	purple prairie clover	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	forb

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Sun	Medium	Narrower	prairie panic grass	<i>Dichanthelium leibergii</i>	grass
Sun	Medium	Narrower	purple love grass	<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	grass
Sun	Short	Narrower	prairie gentian	<i>Gentiana puberulenta</i>	forb
Sun	Short	Narrower	stiff gentian	<i>Gentianella quinquefolia sub</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	june grass	<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	grass
Sun	Medium	Narrower	rough blazing star	<i>Liatris aspera</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	cylindrical blazing star	<i>Liatris cylindracea</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	hoary puccoon	<i>Lithospermum canescens</i>	forb
Sun	Short	Narrower	pale-spiked lobelia	<i>Lobelia spicata</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Wider	horse mint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	forb
Sun	Short	Narrower	prairie petunia	<i>Ruellia humilis</i>	forb
Sun	Short	Narrower	prairie skullcap	<i>Scutellaria leonardii</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	royal catchfly	<i>Silene regia</i>	forb
Sun	Tallest	Narrower	early goldenrod	<i>Solidago juncea</i>	forb
Sun	Tallest	Narrower	old-field goldenrod	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	smooth blue aster	<i>Symphotrichum laeve</i>	forb
Sun	Tallest	Narrower	aromatic aster	<i>Symphotrichum oblongifoli</i>	forb
Sun	Medium	Narrower	sky-blue aster	<i>Symphotrichum oolentangi</i>	forb
Shade	Short	Narrower	bulbous cress	<i>Cardamine bulbosa</i>	forb
Shade	Medium	Wider	green dragon	<i>Arisaema dracontium</i>	forb
Shade	Short	Narrower	purple cress	<i>Cardamine douglassii</i>	forb
Shade	Medium	Wider	jack-in-the-pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	forb
Shade	Short	Narrower	common wood sedge	<i>Carex blanda</i>	sedge
Shade	Medium	Wider	pale sedge	<i>Carex granularis</i>	sedge
Shade	Medium	Wider	virginia waterleaf	<i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i>	forb
Shade	Short	Narrower	jacobs ladder	<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	forb
Shade	Medium	Narrower	thin grass	<i>Agrostis perennans</i>	grass
Shade	Short	Wider	running strawberry bush	<i>Euonymus obovatus</i>	shrub
Shade	Medium	Narrower	blue-stemmed goldenrod	<i>Solidago caesia</i>	forb
Shade	Short	Narrower	common blue violet	<i>Viola sororia</i>	forb

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Shade	Medium	Wider	fuzzy wuzzy sedge	<i>Carex hirsutella</i>	sedge
Shade	Short	Wider	common oak sedge	<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	sedge
Shade	Short	Wider	woods stiff sedge	<i>Carex woodii</i>	sedge
Shade	Short	Narrower	spring beauty	<i>Claytonia virginica</i>	forb
Shade	Short	Narrower	american pennyroyal	<i>Hedeoma pulegioides</i>	forb
Shade	Short	Narrower	sharp-lobed hepatica	<i>Hepatica acutiloba</i>	forb
Shade	Medium	Narrower	woodland phlox	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	forb
Shade	Medium	Wider	christmas fern	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	fern
Shade	Short	Narrower	bloodroot	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	forb
Shade	Medium	Narrower	heart-leaved skullcap	<i>Scutellaria ovata</i>	forb
Shade	Medium	Narrower	elm-leaved goldenrod	<i>Solidago ulmifolia</i>	forb
Both	Medium	Narrower	wild hyacinth	<i>Camassia scilloides</i>	forb
Both	Tallest	Narrower	foxglove beard tongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	forb
Both	Short	Narrower	stout blue-eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>	forb
Both	Medium	Wider	starry false solomons seal	<i>Smilacina stellata</i>	forb
Both	Medium	Narrower	shooting star	<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>	forb
Both	Short	Narrower	robins plantain	<i>Erigeron pulchellus</i>	forb
Both	Medium	Wider	smooth solomons seal	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	forb
Both	Medium	Wider	black-eyed susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	forb
Both	Short	Narrower	prairie trillium	<i>Trillium recurvatum</i>	forb
Both	Medium	Wider	broad-leaved panic grass	<i>Dichanthelium latifolium</i>	grass
Both	Short	Narrower	violet bush clover	<i>Lespedeza frutescens</i>	forb
Both	Short	Narrower	wood betony	<i>Pedicularis canadensis</i>	forb
Both	Tallest	Narrower	starry campion	<i>Silene stellata</i>	forb
Both	Medium	Narrower	fire pink	<i>Silene virginica</i>	forb
Both	Medium	Wider	early meadow rue	<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	forb
Both	Short	Wider	bellwort	<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>	forb
Both	Short	Narrower	downy yellow violet	<i>Viola pubescens</i>	forb