



# Guide to Plants of the Raingarden at Concrete Plant Park



## Turtlehead, *Chelone lyonii*



- Late summer bloom, and pollinator plant for bees
- Thrives in moist and fertile soil, but tolerant of drought
- Prune plant back in spring, foliage helps protect during winter

## Blue Flag Iris, *Iris versicolor*



- Thrives in wet soil in full to part sun
- Propagate by divisions after spring bloom
- Prune back after fall frost
- Naturalizes into small clumps

### Notes:

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### New England Aster, *Aster novae-angliae*



- A native perennial that thrives in moist rich soil
- A early fall nectar and pollen source for pollinators
- Picking back the plant pre-July will keep plants smaller and with dense flower clusters

### Swamp Rose, *Rosa palustris*



- Thrives near streams and wetlands
- Profuse pink flowers appear during summer and are popular among pollinators
- Rose hips are food for wildlife and can be used in tea
- Easily propagated via cuttings, prune during winter

### Swamp Milkweed, *Aesclepias incarta*



- Thrives in moist to wet soils
- Major food source for pollinators and special host plant to the Monarch Butterfly
- Plant can be eaten while young, by boiling until tender
- Aphids are a common pest, but typically does not kill plant

### Spicebush, *Clethra alnifolia*



- Bottlebrush flowers popular among pollinators
- Thrives in moist to wet soil, tolerant of clay soil and full shade
- Late summer, early fall bloom period
- Propagate using young green twigs in spring



### Elderberry, *Sambucus canadensis*



- A spreading shrub that grows to 8—10 ft.
- Mid-summer white clusters of flowers give way to delicious dark blue clusters of berries
- Leaves turn a bright red in fall
- Hard prune in spring or soft pruning in late winter late winter

### Horehound, *Marrubium vulgare*



- Relative of the mint family, this plant can thrive in moist sandy soils
- Plant is a source of food for pollinators
- Can be used as remedy for sore throats

### Hop Sedge, *Carex lupulina*



- Native perennial sedge that thrives in wet soil
- Tolerant of shade to sun
- Bristly seedheads that are a food for wildlife

### Greater Bladder Sedge, *Carex intumescens*



- Native perennial sedge that thrives in wet soil
- Tolerant of shade to sun
- Seedheads and blades of grass are food source for wildlife