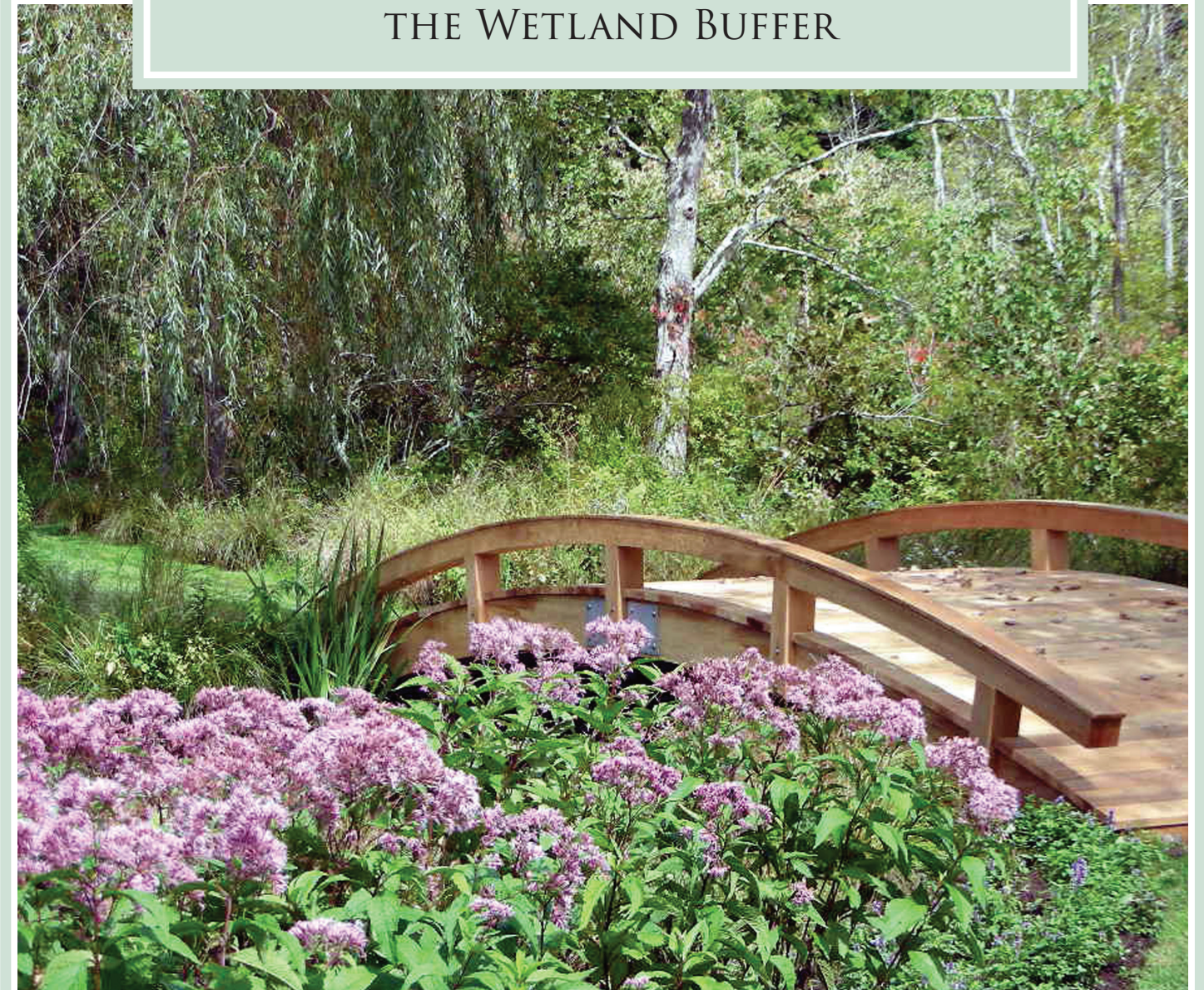


# BUFFERS FOR BEAUTY

## A GUIDE FOR PLANTING WITHIN THE WETLAND BUFFER



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POTENTIAL NATIVE PLANT MATERIAL  
FOR WETLAND BUFFERS

Wetland buffers serve many very important functions: first and foremost, they “buffer” the wetland area from adjacent possibly detrimental activities. But buffers also help stabilize the banks of a waterway or pond; filter runoff, which decreases nutrient loading and algae blooms, thus improving water quality; prevent congregations of geese from grazing on mowed lawns; and provide critical wildlife habitat.

The “Buffers for Beauty” Program seeks to work with landowners that have no wetland buffer (or need to enhance the one that they have), to use the power of native plantings to achieve these important functions and at the same time create an incredibly beautiful display of flowering plants for the landowner’s enjoyment.

Using some of the native wildflowers, sedges, low shrubs, and trees listed here, you can create a Buffer for Beauty.

Mianus River Gorge staff can help you develop a plan for planting an attractive - yet functional - buffer to help stabilize the banks of waterways or ponds on your property or in your community. For more information, call Mianus River Gorge at (914) 234-3455 or [info@mianus.org](mailto:info@mianus.org).

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COMMON NAMEBOTANICAL NAME

TREES

Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>
Shadbush	<i>Amelanchier Canadensis</i>
Witch Hazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>
Black Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>

SHRUBS

Speckled Alder	<i>Alnus incana</i>
Sweet Pepperbush	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>
Red Twig Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>
Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>
Mountain Laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>
Pinxter Azalea	<i>Rhododendron perilymenoides</i>
Swamp Azalea	<i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>
Arrowwood	<i>Viburnum detatum</i>

HERBACEOUS

Wild Sarsaparilla	<i>Aralia nudicalis</i>
Marsh Marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>
Pennsylvania Sedge	<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>
Broom Sedge	<i>Carex scoparia</i>
Tussock Sedge	<i>Carex stricta</i>
Fox Sedge	<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>
Turtlehead	<i>Chelone glabra</i>
Hay Scented Fern	<i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>
Purple Lovegrass	<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>
Joe Pye Weed	<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>
Wild Strawberry	<i>Fragara virginiana</i>
Northern Blue Flag Iris	<i>Iris versicolor</i>
Soft Rush	<i>Juncus effuses</i>
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>
Ostrich Fern	<i>Mateuccia struthiopteris</i>
Wild Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>
Cinnamon Fern	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>
Interrupted Fern	<i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>
Royal Fern	<i>Osmunda rgalis</i>
Blue Phlox	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>
Foamflower	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>