

Lake Waramaug Buffer Planting

The lakeshore buffer planting is the first on the lake designed to protect Waramaug's water quality while providing a beautiful low energy, low maintenance shore-planting that is an alternative to grass. Buffer plantings can also be used near streams ponds or in any setting.

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The following is a list of plants used on the site:

Trees and Shrubs

- Amelanchier canadensis* - Shadblow
- Betula nigra* - Heritage River Birch
- Clethra alnifolia* - Sweet Pepper Bush
- Cornus florida* - Flowering Dogwood
- Cornus racemosa* - Grey Dogwood
- Cornus stoliniifera* - Red Osier Dogwood
- Hamamelis virginiana* - Witch Hazel
- Ilex verticillata* - Winterberry
- Vaccinium corymbogum* - High Bush Blueberry

Wetland Garden/Biofilter

- Typha angustifolia* - Narrow-leaved Cattail
- Iris versicolor* - Blue Flag Iris
(beware the yellow iris is invasive!!!)
- Lobelia cardinalis* - Cardinal Flower
- Sagittaria latifolia* - Arrowhead
- Carex stricta* - Tussock Sedge
- Scirpus validus* - Soft-stem Bulrush
- Pontederia cordata* - Pickerelweed
- Caltha palustris* - Marsh Marigold



Lakeside Wildflower Buffer

- Eupatorium maculatum* - Joe Pye Weed
- Verbena hastata* - Blue Vervain
- Monarda didyma* - Bee Balm (red)
- Monarda fistulosa* - Wild Bergamot (violet)
- Aster novae-angliae* - New England Aster
- Onoclea sensibilis* - Sensitive Fern
- Osmunda regalis* - Royal Fern
- Rudbeckia hirta* - Black Eyed Susan
- Thalictrum dasycarpum* - Purple Meadow Rue
- Thalictrum thalictroides* - Wind Flower
- Osmunda cinnamomea* - Cinnamon Fern
- Schizachyrium scoparium* - Little Bluestem Grass

Birch Grove Understory

- Polystichum acrostichoides* - Christmas Fern
- Athyrium filix-femina* - Lady Fern
- Dryopteris sp.* - Wood Ferns
- Dryopteris marginalis* - Marginal Wood Fern
- Dryopteris intermedia* - Intermediate Wood Fern