

## UNDERSTORY PLANTS FOR VOLUNTEER PARK

RECOMMENDED PLANTS FOR UNDERSTORY		SHRUB			HERB / OTHER			SITE TOLERANCES				SEASONAL INTEREST				SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES					Notes				
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Abelia	x grandiflora		x							x	x	x				x	x	x					x	white flowers	
Abeliophyllum	distichum			x						x		x				x				x				x	white flowers
Akebia	quinata, q. 'Alba'								x	x	x	x		x		x			x						Semi-evergreen, purple or white flowers
Amelanchier	alnifolia		x							x	x					x	x	x				x		x	white flowers, black fruit
Ampelopsis	heterophylla								x	x	x			x			x	x						x	showy blue berries, vigorous
Anemone	appenina					x				x			x			x								x	blue or white flowers
Anemone	japonica					x				x	x			x			x	x						x	white, pink flowers
Arbutus	unedo compacta		x							x	x			x	x	x			x					x	white flowers, orange fruit
Arctostaphylos	uva-ursi				x					x	x			x		x	x		x				x		white flowers, red fruits
Aucuba	Japonica "Rozannie"			x							x	x	x	x	x				x					x	bright red berries
Azara	microphylla	x	x							x	x		x			x			x	x				x	fragrant flowers
Berberis	thunbergii 'Emerald Pygmy', 'Lustre				x					x	x			x		x		x			x			x	yellow flowers, prickles, red fall color
Berberis	x stenophylla "Irwinii"				x					x	x			x		x			x	x	x			x	yellow flowers
Berberis	x wisleyensis		x							x	x			x					x		x			x	yellow flowers, thorns
Buxus	sempervirens 'Suffruticosa'			x	x					x	x	x		x					x					x	
Camellia	sasanqua 'Shi Shi Gashira', 'Tanya'				x					x	x		x	x	x			x	x						low varieties, flowers rose red, rose pink
Camellia	x williamsi hybrids		x								x		x			x			x					x	single, self cleaning flowers
Campanula	carpatca					x				x	x			x		x								x	white, lavender blue flowers
Caragana	arborescens	x								x				x		x								x	yellow pealike flowers, not long-lived
Caryopteris	clandonensis				x					x				x			x							x	blue flowers
Ceanothus	'Victoria'		x							x				x		x			x					x	blue flowers/ short lived
Ceanothus	prostratus				x					x				x		x			x					x	blue flowers/ short lived
Chaenomeles	'Cameo', 'Minerva', 'Jet Trail'				x					x	x			x	x	x		x			x			x	peach, crimson, white flowers
Cistus	lauriflorus			x						x				x		x			x					x	white flowers
Cistus	x skanbergii				x					x				x		x			x					x	pale pink flowers
Clematis	armandii								x	x	x	x		x	x				x	x				x	White flowers, somewhat fragrant
Clematis	jackmanii								x	x	x		x				x							x	Purple flowers, cut back to base in fall
Clerodendron	trichotomum 'Fargesii'	x	x							x	x		x				x	x		x					Fragrant white flowers, rose & blue fruits
Clethra	"Pink Spires"			x						x	x	x	x							x				x	pink flowers
Cornus	stolonifera 'Isanti'			x						x	x			x	x	x							x	x	red stems, white flowers
Corylopsis	sinensis		x							x	x			x		x		x		x				x	fragrant yellow flowers

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Cotinus	coggygria	x	x							x				x			x	x						pink "smoke" flowers, red fall color; GREEN form only	
Cotoneaster	microphyllus, dammeri 'Lowfast'				x					x	x			x	x	x		x	x				x	flowers, berries	
Daphne	burkwoodi				x					x	x		x			x				x				pink-tinged white, fragrant flowers	
Daphne	cneorum				x					x	x		x			x			x	x				rose pink flowers, fragrant	
Daphne	odora				x					x	x		x		x	x			x	x			x	fragrant flowers	
Deutzia	"Pride of Rochester"			x						x			x			x							x	white flowers	
Dicentra	formosa					x					x	x		x		x	x						x	purple flowers, ferny foliage, blanket	
Diervilla	compact spp & cv's				x					x				x			x	x					x	yellow flowers, burgundy fall color	
Eleagnus	pungens			x						x	x	x						x	x	x			x	fragrant, inconspicuous flowers	
Enkianthus	campanulatus	x	x							x	x		x			x		x						Pinkish flowers, red fall color	
Erica	Springwood White'				x					x	x		x		x	x			x					white flowers, spreading habit	
Escallonia	"Iveyi"			x						x	x			x			x		x				x	white flowers	
Escallonia	C.F. Ball', 'Newport Dwarf'				x					x				x			x		x					deep pink or red flowers	
Euonymus	alata compacta			x						x	x		x					x					x	fall color	
Euonymus	fortunei radicans				x					x	x	x	x						x				x		
Forysthia	bronxiensis				x					x						x							x	yellow flowers	
Fothergilla	gardenii				x						x		x			x		x						white flowers, red-orange fall color	
Fragaria	chiloensis				x					x	x		x		x				x				x	white flowers	
Garrya	elliptica		x							x	x	x	x						x				x	x	decorative tassles
Genista	lydia, pilosa 'Vancouver Gold'				x					x				x		x								Yellow flowers	
Geranium	macrorrhizum					x				x	x	x			x	x			x					white or pink flowers	
Hamamelis	mollis	x	x							x	x			x	x				x					fragrant spidery yellow flowers; red cv's	
Hebe	buxifolia				x					x	x						x		x				x	white flowers	
Hebe	salicifolia				x					x			x				x		x				x	pink/ white flowers	
Heliotrope	sp					x				x			x				x			x			x	fragrant deep blue flowers	
Helleborus	argutifolius				x	x				x	x		x	x	x				x					green flowers	
Helleborus	foetidus				x	x				x	x	x		x	x	x			x					green flowers	
Helleborus	orientalis hybrids				x	x				x	x	x			x				x					flowers	
Hibiscus	syriacus	x	x							x	x			x			x	x						White, pink, rose, purple flowers	
Holboellia	corsica								x	x	x	x		x					x						

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Holodiscus	discolor		x							x	x			x			x					x	x	creamy white panicle flowers	
Hydrangea	integrifolia, seemanii								x		x		x				x		x					Evergreen, rare, white flowers	
Hydrangea	macrophylla 'Pia', 'Lanarth White'			x	x					x	x		x				x							Flowers rose, white (lacecap)	
Hydrangea	paniculata 'Grandiflora'	x	x							x			x				x	x						Flowers cream-to- rose, fall color golden	
Hypericum	calycinum				x					x	x						x		x				x	yellow flowers, aggressive, mow in	
Hypericum	Hidcote'				x					x				x			x						x	yellow flowers	
Ilex	crenata 'Helleri'				x					x	x		x	x					x				x	compact, mounding green shrub	
Iris	foetidissima					x				x	x	x		x	x			x	x					red berries	
Itea	virginica 'Little Henry'				x					x	x	x	x	x			x	x		x				Fragrant white flower, red fall color	
Jasminum	nudiflorum				x					x	x			x	x								x	yellow flowers	
Juniperus	conferta, communis 'Prostrata'				x					x				x					x		x	x	x		
Juniperus	scopulorum	x	x							x				x					x				x		
Kalmia	latifolia 'Elf'				x					x	x					x			x					x	white flowers
Kerria	japonica			x						x	x					x								x	yellow flowers, green stems
Lagerstroemia	indica	x	x	x						x				x	x		x	x						x	white, pink, rose,purple; bark & fall color showy;select for hardy varieties & size
Laurus	nobilis augustifolia			x						x	x								x	x				x	aromatic leaves
Leucothoe	davisiae				x						x	x	x			x			x				?	x	White flowers, Sierra leucothoe
Lilium	auratum					x				x							x			x				x	Fragrant yellow-banded white flowers
Lonicera	henryi								x	x	x			x			x		x						Brick red & yellow flowers, not fragrant
Lonicera	japonica 'Purpurea'								x	x	x			x			x		x	x					Semi-evergreen, purplish leaf & flowers
Lonicera	nitida			x						x	x			x					x					x	small leaves
Lonicera	pileata				x					x	x	x	x	x					x					x	graceful, spreading habit
Magnolia	soulangiana	x								x	x		x			x								x	White, purple colors
Mahonia	assorted spp		x	x	x						x	x		x	x				x	x			x	x	fragrant yellow flowers, prickly
Maianthemum	dilatatum					x					x	x		x	x	x							x		white flower, blanketing foliage
Myosotis	palustris					x				x	x					x								x	blue flowers
Myrica	californica	x	x							x	x	x		x					x					x	x
Olearia	x haastii			x						x			x						x					x	white daisy flowers
Osmanthus	Burkwoodii			x						x	x		x	x		x			x	x				x	fragrant white flowers
Osmanthus	delaveyi			x						x	x		x	x		x			x	x				x	fragrant white flowers

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Osmanthus	heterophyllus	x	x							x	x	x		x		x			x	x	x			Fragrant white flowers, holly-like foliage	
Pernyetta	mucronata				x						x	x			x			x	x				x	red, pink and white berries	
Philadelphus	lewisii		x							x	x			x		x				x		x	x		
Philadelphus	x lemoinei 'Avalanche'			x						x			x			x				x			x	fragrant white flowers	
Phlomis	fruticosa					x				x							x		x					silvery foliage, yellow flowers	
Pieris	japonica 'Karenoma', 'Snowdrift'			x							x	x	x		x	x			x				x	compact, white flowers, red new growth	
Pinus	mugo mugo				x					x	x								x				x	Cultivar sometimes called 'Pumilo'	
Polygonum	bistorta					x				x	x		x	x			x	x						red flowers, spreads	
Polystichum	munitum							x		x	x	x		x					x				x		
Potentilla	suffruticosa cultivars				x					x	x						x						x	white, yellow, orange, red flowers	
Pyracantha	angustifolia 'Gnome', coccinea 'Santa Cruz'				x					x	x	x			x	x		x	x		x		x	white flowers, red or orange berries, thorny	
Rhododendron	Kurume cultivars				x					x	x		x			x			x				x	bright flowers - red, rose	
Rhododendron	macrophyllum	x	x							x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x				x	x	pink flowers
Rhododendron	mollis x 'Northern Lights'			x	x					x			x			x		x		x				x	white, apricot, pink flowers, fragrant
Rhodotyphos	scandens			x						x	x	x		x	x	x		x						x	rugged, rare, jet black berries persistent
Rhus	aromatica 'Low Grow'				x					x	x			x		x		x						x	yellow flowers, red fruit & foliage in fall
Ribes	sanguineum		x	x						x	x			x	x	x							x	x	rose red or white flowers, attract hummingbirds
Romneya	coulteri					x				x				x			x	x	x						white flowers
Rosa	banksiae 'Fortuniana'								x	x	x			x		x			x		x		x	x	white flowers, thorny cultivar, half-hardy.
Rosa	Meidiland, landscape, groundcover types				x					x			x	x		x	x			x	x		x	x	profuse white, pink, red, yellow flowers
Rosa	nutkana			x						x						x	x			x	x	x	x	x	fragrant pink flowers, red hips, thorny
Rosa	rugosa, 'Fru Dagmar Hastrup'			x	x									x		x				x	x		x	x	pink flowers, fall color, tough
Rosa	wichuriana 'Super Dorothy', 'Blushing'								x	x				x		x	x				x		x	x	Once blooming Rambler, rose pink
Rosmarinus	officinalis			x	x					x				x	x	x			x	x				x	Select hardy, lower cultivars; blue
Rubus	deliciosus x trilobus 'Benenden'		x							x				x			x				x			x	white flowers, tough
Rubus	spectabilis		x							x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	x	prickly, hot pink flowers, orange berries.
Rubus	calcynoides				x					x	x			x		x	x		x					x	white flowers, small orange, edible
Sambucus	racemosa	x	x							x	x		x	x		x	x						x	x	White flowers, red berries
Sarcococca	hookeriana				x						x	x	x		x				x	x				x	fragrant flowers

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Spiraea	Anthony Waterer', 'Snowmound', japonica				x					x	x					x	x	x					x	white, pink, rose flowers	
Symphoricarpos	mollis				x					x	x					x		x				x	x	white inedible berries, low spreading	
Syringa	meyeri 'Palibin'			x	x					x				x		x				x				Fragrant lilac purple flowers, small	
Taxus	baccata 'Repandens'				x						x	x		x					x					x	
Taxus	cuspidata 'Nana', c. 'Intermedia'			x	x						x	x		x					x					x	
Teucrium	chamaedrys				x					x	x			x			x		x						red-purple flowers
Tiarella	trifoliata					x					x	x		x		x	x		x				x		white flowers, spreading habit
Tulipa	Darwin - red, white, yellow						x			x				x		x								x	
Vaccinium	ovatum			x						x	x	x				x		x	x				x	x	small flowers and berries
Vaccinium	parvifolium		x								x	x		x			x						x	x	tangy red berries
Viburnum	bodnantense 'Dawn'	x	x							x	x			x	x			x		x				x	pink-tinged white, fragrant flowers
Viburnum	davidii			x	x					x	x			x		x			x					x	white, sometimes fragrant flowers
Viburnum	plicatum 'Mariesii', 'Watanabe'	x	x	x						x	x			x		x	x	x						x	white, lacy flowers, burgundy fall color
Viburnum	tinus 'Robusta'		x							x	x	x		x	x	x			x					x	pink-tinged white flowers
Viburnum	opulus		x							x	x	x		x		x		x					x	x	white ball flowers, red fruits & fall color
Vinca	major				x						x	x		x		x			x					x	Lavender or white flowers
Vitex	agnes-castus	x	x							x				x					x						Lavender or white flowers
Weigela	florida 'Minuet', mittendorffiana				x					x	x			x										x	pink, lemon yellow flowers.
Wisteria	sinensis								x	x			x			x				x				x	hanging lilac, purple flower clusters.
Yucca	filamentosa		x							x	x			x			x		x		x			x	White flowers, sharp foliage