FOR PARTICIPANTS

PLANTING GUIDE:

Downspout Planter

This section provides a series of examples, along with planting guides, of existing downspout planters.

After installation of plants, install a 1–2 inch layer of shredded hardwood mulch or stone mulch (e.g., river pebbles) as a top dressing to cover this soil media. This will deter weeds from growing in the downspout planter and will also serve as an energy dissipater for incoming water.

Sun – Partial Shade

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## Additional Plant Options

### Full Sun to Partial Sun Flowering Perennials

- *Aster oblongifolius* ‘Raydon’s Favorite’ or ‘October Skies’ – Aromatic Aster
- *Aster laevis* ‘Bluebird’ – Smooth Aster
- *Agastache foeniculum* ‘Black Adder’ or ‘Blue Fortune’ – Anise Hyssop
- *Calamintha nepeta* ‘White Cloud’ – Calamint
- *Chelone lyonii* ‘Hot Lips’ – Turtlehead
- *Chelone obliqua* ‘Tiny Tortuga’ – Turtlehead
- *Pycnanthemum muticum* – Mountain Mint
- *Eupatorium dubium* ‘Little Joe’ – Joe Pye Weed
- *Helenium* cv. – Sneezeweed
- *Hemerocallis* cv. – Daylily
- *Iris ensata* – Japanese Iris
- *Iris versicolor* – Blue Flag Iris
- *Iris sibirica* – Siberian Iris
- *Liatris spicata* ‘Kobold’ – Blazing Star
- *Lobelia siphilitica* – Blue Cardinal Flower
- *Monarda didyma* – Bee Balm
- *Salvia nemerosa* cv. – Hybrid Sage
- *Sedum spectabile* ‘Autumn Joy’ – Stonecrop
- *Vernonia latermannii* ‘Iron Butterfly’ – Narrowleaf Ironweed

### Full Sun/Partial Sun Ornamental Grasses

- *Bouteloua gracilis* ‘Blonde Ambition’ – Blue Grama
- *Carex testacea* ‘Prairie Fire’ – Sedge Grass
- *Chasmanthium latifolium* – Northern Sea Oats
- *Juncus effusus* – Common Rush Grass
- *Panicum virgatum* ‘Shenandoah’ or ‘Ruby Ribbons’ – Switch Grass
- *Schizachyrium scoparium* ‘Carousel’ – Little Bluestem.

### Partial Shade to Full Shade Flowering Perennials

- *Aruncus aethusifolia* – Miniature Goat’s Beard
- *Aster divaricatus* ‘Eastern Star’ – White Wood Aster
- *Chelone glabra* – Turtlehead
- *Euphorbia amygdaloides var. robbiae* – Wood Spurge
- *Lobelia cardinalis* – Cardinal Flower
- *Tricyrtis* ‘Sinonome’ – Toad Lily
- *Veronicastrum virginicum* – Culver’s Root

### Partial Shade to Full Shade Ornamental Grasses

- *Carex flacca* ‘Blue Zinger’ – Glaucous Sedge
- *Carex appalachica* – Appalachian Sedge
- *Carex laxiculmus* ‘Bunny Blue’ – Blue Sedge
- *Carex muskingumensis* ‘Oehme’ – Palm Sedge
- *Sesleria autumnalis* – Autumn Sedge

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