



Poynter Lot Rain Gardens - Guidelines
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These notes are intended to aid the landscaping architect hired to design the rain gardens at the Poynter Parking Lot to do so in a way that is conducive to easy long-term maintenance, compliant with USFSP safety policy, and agreeable to campus initiatives to be green and sustainable. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Plant Materials.

We have a strong preference for utilizing Florida native hydrophilic plants that should not need irrigation beyond an establishment period and should not exceed 4 feet in height, such as:

Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly milkweed)
Asclepias lanceolata (Few-flower milkweed)
Iris virginica (Blue flag iris)
Hymenocallis latifolia (Spider lily)
Osmunda cinnamomea (Cinnamon fern)
Spartina patens (Marshay cordgrass)
Tripsacum floridana (Florida gamma grass)
Helianthus angustifolius (Swamp sunflower)
Canna flaccida (Yellow canna)
Tradescantia ohiensis (Spiderwort)

Additional instructions.

- Please note the expected mature size of each plant species to be used and space plants accordingly. We understand this may mean the beds will look sparse when they are new. Do not put any plant in a bed that is not wide enough to fully accommodate its expected mature width.
- We have safety policy that says no shrub may be taller than 4' and all trees are to be pruned up to at least 7'. Please take this into account when choosing plants.
- Overall depth should be no more than 12" (and significantly less if soil is more clay than sand).
- Mulch should be large pine bark nuggets.

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