

Suggested Low Growing Riparian Buffer Plants for Virginia Northern Neck

Shady Upper Bank (< 3 Hours of Sun), No Inundation

Plant requirements: deer resistant, drought tolerant once established,
<4' to maintain views. Retaining recommended for slopes >30%.



Deciduous Shrubs



Summersweet

Clethra alnifolia 'Hummingbird'*+CN



Virginia Sweetpire

Itea virginica 'Scentlandia'*+CN

Evergreen Shrubs



Dwarf American Holly

Ilex opaca

'Maryland Spreader'J*CN



Dwarf Yaupon Holly

Ilex vomitoria

'Bordeaux'*+CN



Japanese Plum Yew

Cephalotaxus harringtonia

'Fritz Huber'+CN



Sweetbox

Sarcococca hookeriana var.

humilis CN

Groundcovers



Alleghany Spurge

Pachysandra

*procumbens**JCN



Creeping Woodland Phlox

Phlox stolonifera

'Sherwood Purple'*+SP



Golden Ragwort

*Packera aurea**JV,LBJ



Green and Gold

*Chrysogonum virginianum**CN



Mazus

Mazus reptans CN



Pennsylvania Sedge

*Carex pennsylvanica**JCN



Woodland Phlox

Phlox divaricata 'Blue Moon'*+CN



Woodland Stonecrop

*Sedum ternatum**CN

Perennials



Autumn Fern

Dryopteris

erythrosora

'Brilliance'*SP



Blue Wood Aster

Symphotrichum

*cordifolius**JVCN



Christmas Fern

Polystichum

*acrostichoides**JSP



Hay Scented Fern

Dennstaedtia

*punctilobula**JV,LBJ



Eastern Wood Fern

Dryopteris

*marginalis**JSP



Lady Fern

Athyrium

*felix-femina**JSP



Lenten Rose

Helleborus

'Ivory

Prince'+JCN



Sensitive Fern

Onoclea

*sensibilis**JV,LBJ



Virginia Spiderwort

Tradescantia

*virginiana**JVCN



White Wood Aster

Eurybia

*divaricatus**JVCN



Wild Columbine

Aquilegia

*canadensis**CN



Wild Geranium

Geranium

*maculatum**JSP

*Native/Native Cultivar; +Additional low growing cultivars available; Juglone/Black Walnut tolerant; V Vigorous spreader

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