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CFAPOA

CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Winter 2023

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The Big Chip News

View from the Chair

by Mike Gardner CFAPOA Chair

What are your 2023 Conservation Goals?

2022 has come to an end, which means its time to start thinking about what you want to work on in the new year. Setting resolutions can be hard but CFAPOA is here to help. Throughout 2023, we will be highlighting various options that can help protect your property and the Chippewa Flowage.

Invasive Species: Consider volunteering to monitor shorelines and bogs for purple loosestrife. Watch for training and opportunities to learn more regarding the increased threat of Eurasian water milfoil. Support Clean Boats Clean Waters.

Citizen Science: Join those who are monitoring loon nesting sites and populations.

Shoreline Restoration: Check the CFAPOA website for resources to better understand the value of naturalizing your shoreline and the beauty of northern native plants.

2023 Pike Improvement Project: Help improve the fishery by keeping the northern pike less than 24 inches. Enter for prizes at resort locations and lake area bait shops. Try pickling some fish.

Dark Skies: Consider reducing artificial light at night and restoring our skies to show the brilliance of the stars. There is nothing more beautiful than the night sky.

Membership: Renew and increase your membership level, join us at social events and recreate responsibly.

Visit www.cfapoa.org to learn how you can help.



CFAPOA Projects



Milfoil Trouble on the Chip

by Dennis Clagett

<https://cfapoa.org/invasive-species>

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Dennis Clagett	Y	
Linda Treland	A1	

Unfortunately, Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) has taken over the number one aquatic plant invasive species on the Chip, moving purple loosestrife to second place. This is a dreadful development as our small army of Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers have few tools to combat this plant as successfully as volunteers have controlled purple loosestrife. Last summer EWM was found on the surface of Squaw Bay (Ikwe Bay of late). I suspect this area has been slowly growing year by year reaching for the sun and last year made it to the surface. The west side's deeper clearer waters that have been relatively free of EWM have now been infected with this nasty aquatic plant. I'm referring to water depths of 12- 20 feet, but can reach the surface of waters depth of 30 feet (think Chief Lake). This is far too deep for freezing the plant roots that our normal winter drawdowns of 8 feet that have proven to be our most powerful tool for controlling EWM in shallower waters. Other lakes attempt at eradication using aquatic herbicides have been unsuccessful, but no doubt will be explored here. The Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Conservation Dept. is assuming the lead role in this issue as they have considerable experience controlling EWM in other area lakes The CFAPOA will be supporting, providing volunteers to assist with eradication and control. Minimizing EWM spread is important and is something we all can do by avoiding running boats through it. Boat propellers

chop milfoil stems into small fragments that easily take root. This "fragmentation" is milfoil's primary method of reproduction. It rarely produces flowers and seeds. The plant reproduces prolifically by segmentation. Break off a piece about 1 inch long and that small segment will grow a whole new plant in one season. Eurasian water-milfoil (EWM) is a submerged aquatic plant that poses a serious threat to our lake's native aquatic plants and organisms that depend on diverse ecosystems. Since it is not native to Wisconsin or the United States, it has very few natural predators. EWM can form thick underwater stands of tangled stems and vast mats of vegetation at the water's surface. It will crowd out native plants and become so thick that the larger fish cannot swim through the tangled mats. Where EWM mats get well established other lakes have had some success establishing agreed upon access channels from the shoreline to deeper water. Perhaps this could be a goal for Ikwe Bay neighbors.

I am always available. My contact information is in this issue.



Northland College's LoonWatch – 2022 Annual Lakes Monitoring Program Results

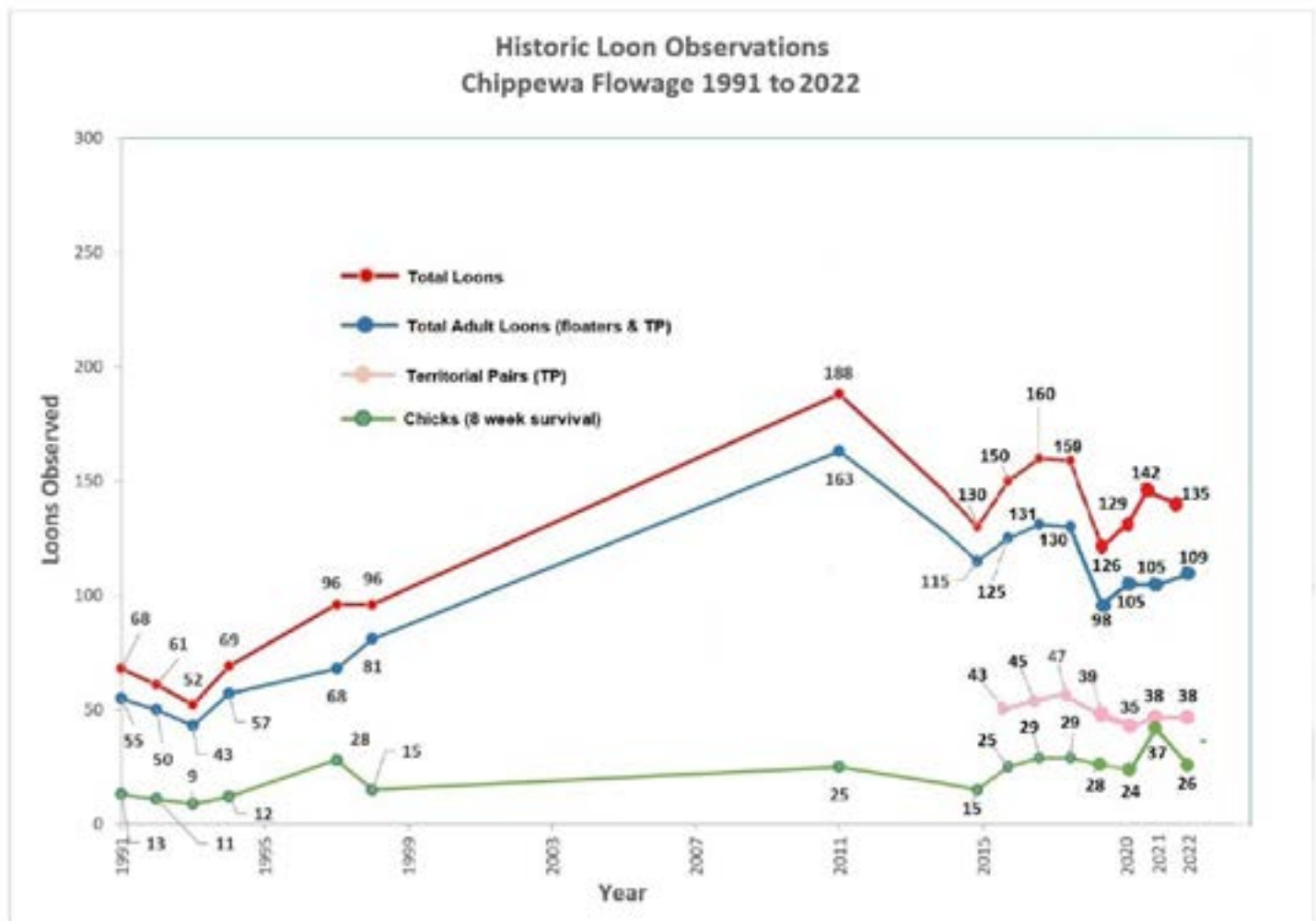
by Chippewa Flowage Loon Rangers

The 2022 Annual Lakes Monitoring Program (ALMP) for the Chippewa Flowage successfully delivered LoonWatch with details of the many loons that occupy our semi-wilderness lake. Thanks to the many volunteers we collectively reported observations of 38 territorial pairs, 33 floaters (non-territorial teen age loons), and 26 chicks (totaling 131 loons). The historical loon counts on the Chippewa Flowage are shown in Figure 1 and reveal that overall territorial pairs and floaters remained at stable populations and the chick count declined 30% this

year. However, this year's lower chick count was consistent with 6 out the past 7 years with last year's count being the single 7-year high count at 37. LoonWatch, with the help of numerous volunteers, monitors 226 lakes in northern Wisconsin. Sawyer County alone has 23 lakes monitored including the Chippewa Flowage. Copies of the present and previously submitted ALMP reports can be found on the CFAPOA web site.

We look forward to continuing to count loons in 2023 and welcome any volunteers who want to participate. We also plan

on arranging for LoonWatch to provide a training session this spring. Since loons are an indicator of a clean water ecosystem and a healthy fishery we are fortunate to recreate on a lake with such a healthy population of loons. Thanks again to the loon rangers who dedicate many hours to record their observations.



Membership Update

by Patty Swaffield

Greetings Members!

We have just started our new membership year and are looking for your continued support with your membership renewal. If you have not sent in your 2023 registration, please do so at your earliest convenience. The Registration form is included in this newsletter, or, go to our web page and renew by using PayPal. Be sure to let me know if you have any address or email changes.

Enjoy the rest of your winter and let's hope for an early spring.

Membership Levels

\$25: Individual/Property |
\$26 to \$124: Contributor – newsletter recognition. | \$125 to \$999: Steward – newsletter recognition and a gift. | \$1000 and up: Lifetime Conservationist – newsletter recognition, a gift, and lifetime membership.

Welcome New Members

Tim & Sandy Davison
Brian & Erin Obert*
Steve & Brittany Palme**
Todd & Rachel Risberg
Spence Wiley*

Contributor

Mark & Trish Andracke
Bryan & Julie & Family Christy
Cliff & Janice Podgorski
Rick & SeDell Rehfeldt
Steve & Jane Richardson
Kelly & Shiela Ries
Paul Schanfield
Roger & Christine Schrank
Mike & Cindy Stielow
James & Marcia Suchy
John & Heidi Traxler
Gary & Tami Varilek
Ronnie & Cheryl Weberg
Pat & Gina Wherley
Walt & Pat Wyczawski

Steward

Bob & Pam Cummings
Merle Erickson
Kevin & Janet Flesch
Randy & Diane Hulke
Norm & Carol Linnell
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Pamela & Linda Ellwein Tibbetts
Bill & Sulvia Nasla Whealon

Lifetime

Linda Treland

* Contributor

** Steward

*** Lifetime



Love the Outdoors?

We have the Best Office in the World!

Seasonal employment with the **Clean Boats Clean Waters** program for 2023

We are looking for a few personable and responsible people to monitor the four public boat launches on the beautiful Chippewa Flowage from May to September.

- Hours are Friday late afternoons, Saturday, and Sunday mornings, Monday mornings on holiday weekends
- Scheduled weekends off available for those special summer events
- Paid training

We love our CFAPOA members, retirees, anglers, and environmental students!

\$15.00 per hour

For more information,

Contact Diane at 763-458-5392 dihulke@gmail.com
Dennis at 715-462-4814 rclagett@centurytel.net



2022 Christmas Party



Several CFAPOA members gathered in December at The Rusty Hook for the annual Christmas Party. The evening started with a social hour and then we were treated to a fabulous buffet of smoked food. Each guest brought a door prize to share and a 50/50 raffle was held. Patty Swaffield was given a special gift for all of her hard work organizing this party and other CFAPOA events. Our next event will be the Spring Fling. Watch for details in the Spring 23 Newsletter.



50/50
RAFFLE

DOOR
PRIZES!





PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843
E-mail: cfapoa@gmail.com Web: www.cfapoa.org

CFAPOA Member Registration/Membership Renewal

January 1st through December 31st

Member Name(s): _____

Member Information: (New Members please compete; Returning Members complete if information has changed)

MAILING Address			FLOWAGE Address (if different)		
City	ST	Zip	City	ST	Zip
Phone			Phone		
E-mail (for CFAPOA use only)					
Please send my Newsletter by email: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Do NOT publish email in Directory: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Note: Each paid membership receives one vote and one quarterly newsletter. Shared property owners wanting separate votes shall pay an additional membership fee. The CFAPOA is a 501(c)(3) organization and dues may be tax deductible.					

I am interested in Volunteering: (Please indicate choices)

Social Events Membership Invasive Species Loons Website Newsletter

Other: _____

Membership Levels: (Based on TOTAL CONTRIBUTION)

- \$25 **Individual/Property**
- \$26 - \$124 **Contributor**
- \$125 - \$999 **Steward**
- \$1000 and up **Lifetime Conservationist**

Contribution Designations:

- \$ Membership Dues (Must be \$25 or greater - for General Operational Expenses)
- \$ Additional donation to General Operating Expenses
- \$ Additional donation to Conservation Project Fund (for Board approved projects)
- \$ Additional donation to Conservation Trust Fund (Endowment retained for long term support)
- \$ _____ **TOTAL CONTRIBUTION/PAYMENT**

Send check to: CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843

Contributions of \$125 or more are eligible for a gift, please complete Page 2.

CFAPOA Member Registration/Membership Renewal, Page 2

Gift Selection: (Note: All items will have the CFAPOA logo)

Members making a total contribution of \$125 - \$499 may select **ONE** of the following gifts:

Men's Port Authority Silk Touch Polo **OR** Ladies Port Authority Silk Touch Polo
Size: (S through 10XL) and (LT through 4XL) Size: (S through 6XL)

Men's and Ladies Polo Colors: (Please choose)

Red Pink Burgundy Maroon Lavender Light Blue Navy
 Teal Green Kelly Green Coffee Bean Steel Gray Black Marine Blue

OR Poly/Fleece Travel Blanket

Colors: Black Grey/Black Red/Black Royal Blue/Black

Members making a total contribution of \$500 - \$999 may select **ONE** of the gifts above or **ONE** of the following gifts:

Men's Midweight Fleece Hooded Jacket **OR** Ladies Midweight Fleece Hooded Jacket
Size: (XS through 4XL) Size: (XS through 4XL)

Men's and Ladies Jacket Colors: (Please choose)

Black Grey/Blue Grey/Citron

Members making a total contribution of \$1,000 or more may select **ONE** of the gifts above or **ONE** of the following gifts:

Men's 3 in 1 Jacket **OR** Ladies 3 in 1 Jacket
Size: (S through 4XL) Size: (S through 4XL)

Men's Colors: (Please choose)

Black Insignia Blue/Navy

Ladies Colors: (Please choose)

Blue/Black Berry/Black
 Red/Black Black

Mission Statement: The Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association, Inc. (CFAPOA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, formed to generally promote, encourage, and foster the interests of all property owners. Its major objectives are: to keep the Chippewa Flowage area clean and safe for all people; to protect the environment; to provide a forum for the collection and exchange of ideas; to support acquisition of land for protection and conservation and to pursue any other lawful objectives that may benefit this pristine lake, its wetlands, wildlife and tributaries.

Native Plants and Where to Get Them

by Tony Schubert

The Case for Native Plants

A native plant is a plant that has evolved and adapted to an area's environmental conditions, such as local climate, geography and soil. They occur naturally in a region without human introduction. These plants are an integral part of the food chain which sustains the whole ecosystem of the area. Native plants are the nesting habitat and food for the native insects. The insects are the food for our birds, amphibians and bait fish. These smaller animals are the food for the larger predators in our ecosystem. So, without the native plants in our environment, we could lose different species of fish and wildlife we now enjoy. The loss of any species in our lakes or forests is almost irreversible and can start further declines in the population of other species dependent on the extinct species. Can you imagine the Chippewa Flowage without walleyes?

European-American settlement altered or destroyed much of Wisconsin's lands, waters and natural communities in favor of agriculture, natural resource, and urban development. Many nonnative species have been introduced, both intentionally and unintentionally. While we cannot turn back the clock on what has been done, we can restore Wisconsin's natural heritage and ecological identity in our urban and rural landscapes by planting the species that evolved here in a natural community. A natural community is an assemblage of interdependent plant and animal species coexisting in one habitat in a given time period. By emulating Wisconsin's natural communities with diverse, hardy and locally adapted species, we can create essential habitat for native wildlife, like birds, fish, amphibians and pollinators, as well as humans!



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See Page 11 for order form.

Eleven Commonly Cited Benefits of Native Plants

- 1. Save Water.** Our planet might be full of water, but the availability of clean, safe drinking water is shrinking. The clean water we have here from our lake and wells is worth saving. Native plants generally require less watering by the homeowner than non-native plants. They have adapted to the climate here and have deep root systems that allow them to store water for long periods. Homeowners save time and money not having to turn on the hose and sprinklers.
- 2. No Fertilizer needed.** Fertilizing your non-native plants (including your lawn) is a drain on your time and money. Native plants have adapted to their ecosystems soil. They can survive off the soil's available nutrients without the need for fertilizers. Fertilizers runoff our land and pollute the lake, which hurt our fish and encourages algae blooms.
- 3. No pesticides needed.** Pesticides are another pollutant native species don't require. After years of adaptation, native plants have developed their own natural defense against the area's insects, diseases, and fungi.
- 4. Resistance to local weather.** Because native plants have adapted to the local climate and weather conditions, they are more likely to survive than non-native plants. We have 4 season that sometime bring severe cold and snow, but the native plants are OK with that.
- 5. Rarely invasive.** Invasive plants can take over a garden, shoreline or forest. Native plants restore balance in the yard, and do not require the maintenance that an invasive plant would.
- 6. Erosion control.** This is something we all must deal with to some extent on our lake shores. It can be very costly to slow down or fix after it occurs. You can help prevent erosion by planting native plants in troublesome areas. Thanks to their deep root systems, native plants help stabilize and anchor the soil.
- 7. Restore natural habitats.** By planting native plants in the landscape, you are enhancing the natural habitat of local wildlife. Birds, pollinators, chipmunks--- all sorts of animals rely on native plants for fruit, nuts, nectar, seeds, and shelter.
- 8. Preserve biodiversity.** Biodiversity is the variety of life on earth, big and small. From humans to the tiny organisms we can't see, biodiversity is the interconnection between all living things. When you grow native plants, you're preserving the natural connections shared between the organisms in your community, including humans. The organisms in an ecosystem depend on each other for survival, and your native plants play a vital role by providing food and shelter for insects and wildlife. Pollinators enable our crops to produce fruit for human consumption, dragonflies eat mosquitoes and flies that otherwise prey on humans. The ecosystem provides the food for the fish in the lake, which we enjoy at our Friday Fish Frys!
- 9. Reduce water runoff.** When rain falls from the sky, the water needs to go somewhere. The soil soaks up some of the water and replenishes the groundwater. But most of the water flows into the lake as runoff. Runoff is often polluted by fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and all sorts of chemicals we find on our roads, driveways, roofs, parking lots, and lawns. By growing a rain garden made of native plants, you can help minimize the effects of runoff. Rain gardens help capture and filter storm water runoff before it escapes into the waterways. As the water seeps into the ground, the native plants' deep roots help filter the pollutants from the water.
- 10. Low-maintenance alternative to turfgrass.** Most lawns grow non-native turf grasses. It's no wonder we spend so much time fertilizing and maintaining grass -- it needs our help to survive unfamiliar territory. Lawns also require heavy maintenance equipment, many of which are gas-powered and harmful to the environment. Transforming a portion of your yard into a native plant sanctuary or meadow garden will help lower your use of toxic chemicals and gas-powered tools. By reducing the use of your gas-powered tools, you can minimize air pollution and help protect the planet.
- 11. Provide beauty.** I couldn't make a list of native plant benefits without including their beauty. Showcasing a variety of textures, heights, and colors, native plants are a stunning visual in the yard. Filling your landscape with splashes of colors, aroma, and visually exciting plants gives your neighbors and houseguests a positive impression of your home before they even step through the door.

Our First Native Plant Sale

So now it seems obvious that the best thing we can do for our lake properties is to plant some native plants. The problem is what are they and where can we get them? The CFAPOA is offering a solution.

The CFAPOA is going to hold it's first-annual **Native Plant Sale**. We have contracted with a nursery which specializes in native plants, Dragonfly Gardens in Amery WI. They have agreed to fill our orders for small 2 inch pots with native plants. They will be selling flats of 32 plants for \$60.00 each. You will be able purchase a mixture of native plants that are from 8 different species grouped by the area in which you want to use them. There is a Prairie Collection, Short//Dry Butterfly Collection, Wetland Collection, and Woodland Collection. The collection you choose will be dependent on where you wish to plant them, such as upland sunny, shaded woodland,

shoreline wetland, or partly sunny butterfly area.

You do not need to start on a grand scale. We can start small and watch the plants grow over the years ahead. In fact, it is much easier to start small and see how the native plants respond to where we plant them. Then we can always add more plants later.

I strongly suggest you check out our website, CFAPOA.org, and click on the Projects tab; then choose the Restoring Shorelines circle. There you will find an article "Landscaping with Native Plants". It can give you more detailed instructions on where and how to plant native plants. For many of us this may be the first time you are trying to plant native plants. Do not be intimidated. Buy some and put them in the ground. You will be surprised how Mother Nature will take care of most of the rest.

There is an order form in this newsletter. Look around your property and decide where you may need help to stop erosion and improve your property. We have another brochure on our website that may help you determine what is best for your property, "Improving Habitat and Water 2020". Maybe you want to make a rain garden to catch water off your roof. Perhaps you have a section of lawn that you would rather not mow anymore, you can replace it with low maintenance prairie. You may have a lot of woods that you want to beautify and preserve with the Woodland collection. You can preserve your shoreline by planting the native plants in the Wetland collection. The cost is very reasonable, and you will be enhancing our natural community. The critters will love you for it.



CFAPOA Native Plant Sale

by Tony Schubert

We are happy to announce our first Native Plant Sale. We have provided an order form below. All you need to do is choose the type of plants you want to purchase and fill out the form. Then send it to me with a check made payable to CFAPOA. We will place the orders with Dragonfly Gardens from Amery WI and they will bring the plants to us. Mail your check and order form to CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843.

I plan on receiving the plants around the Memorial Day weekend. This will have to be confirmed with Dragonfly Gardens. So, we will need your order form and check by April 30, 2023. For now, I am planning the delivery to be at my lake house, 9580 N Summers Point Lane, Hayward WI.

That is just off Hwy B near Treelands. Please do not send checks to my Hayward address, I do not have a mailbox there. That way I can keep an eye on the merchandise and give you a few days window to pick them up. I would like to have your email address, since that will be the easiest way to keep you up to date.

2023 Dragonfly Gardens Native Plant Collections Sale Program

Hosted by: <u>Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association</u>
Coordinator Contact Info: <u>Tony Schubert - tonycontract@gmail.com</u>
<u>Local Ph: 715-462-4127 Cell Ph: 319-350-0067</u>
Pick Up Date and Location: <u>End of May - TBD</u>
<u>9580 N Summers Point Ln, Hayward, WI 54843</u>
Price Per Collection: <u>\$60.00</u>

Buyer Name and Contact Info: Name: _____ Phone: _____
<u>Email (required): _____</u>
I Would Like: _____ Payment Amount: \$ _____ Due by April 30, 2023
_____ Short/Dry/Butterfly Collections Make checks payable to "CFAPOA"
_____ Prairie Collections PO Box 555
_____ Wetland Collections Hayward, WI 54843
_____ Woodland Collections

Dragonfly Gardens Collections each consist of 32 native Wisconsin plants in 2" pots. Exact species composition is determined by the grower at time of assembly. Recommended spacing is 1 foot.

Short/Dry/Butterfly Collection: For Full to Part Sun and Dry to Medium Soils. 1-3 ft. tall.

4 each of 8 different species (7 flowers and 1 grass) of any of the following: Whorled Milkweed, Prairie Coreopsis, Butterfly Weed, Aromatic Aster, White Prairie Clover, Purple Prairie Clover, Blue Grama Grass, June Grass, Prairie Phlox, Lance-leaf Coreopsis, Alum Root, Harebell, Pearly Everlasting, Dotted Mint, Hoary Vervain.

Prairie Collection: For Full to Part Sun and Medium/Average Soils. 2.5-4 ft. tall.

4 each of 8 different species (5 flowers and 3 grass) of any of the following: Sky Blue Aster, Western Spiderwort, Early Sunflower, Smooth Penstemon, Yellow Coneflower, Culvers Root, Prairie Sundrops, Showy Goldenrod, Rattlesnake Master, Purple Coneflower, Anise Hyssop, Blazing Star, Wild Bergamot, Indian Grass, Switch Grass, Little Bluestem.

Wetland Collection: For Full Sun to Part Shade and Moist to Wet Soils. 2-5 ft. tall.

4 each of 8 different species (5 flowers and 3 sedges) of any of the following: Bebb's Sedge, Fox Sedge, Porcupine Sedge, Blue Flag Iris, Sneezeweed, Blue Vervain, Swamp Milkweed, Swamp Aster, Joe-pye Weed, Boneset, Cardinal Flower, Great Blue Lobelia, Ironweed, Marsh Blazing Star.

Woodland Collection: For Part to Full Shade and Medium to Dry Soils. 1-2.5 ft. tall.

4 each of 7-8 different species of any of the following: Wild Columbine, Woodland Phlox, Bottlebrush Grass, Wild Strawberry, Big-leaf Aster, Short's Aster, Galium, Pennsylvania Sedge.

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BOARD MEETINGS AND EVENTS

February 2, 2023
 March 2, 2023
 April 6, 2023
 May 4, 2023

Board meetings are currently held at 6:00 p.m. in person at the Town of Hunter Hall and/or on Zoom. Visitors are welcome to join. Contact Mike Gardner at mgardner@northflow.net



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