

## Non-Invasive Shrubs

*Amelanchier canadensis*—Shadbush  
*Aronia arbutifolia*—Red chokeberry  
*Calycanthus floridus*—Carolina allspice  
*Camellia japonica*—Japanese camellia  
*Clethra alnifolia*—Sweet pepperbush  
*Cornus sericea*—Red-osier dogwood  
*Corylus americana*—Hazelnut  
*Daphne x burkwoodii*—Burkwood daphne  
*Fothergilla gardenii*—Dwarf fothergilla  
*Hamamelis spp.*—Witch hazel  
*Hydrangea spp.*—Hydrangea  
*Ilex glabra*—Inkberry  
*Ilex verticillata*—Common winterberry  
*Itea virginica*—Virginia sweetspire  
*Physocarpus opulifolius*—Ninebark  
*Prunus laurocerasus*—Cherry laurel  
*Syringa meyeri*—Meyer lilac  
*Vaccinium spp.*—Blueberry  
*Viburnum dentatum*—Arrowwood viburnum  
*Viburnum prunifolium*—Blackhaw viburnum

## Keep your garden invasives-free

Your garden is a place for beauty and enjoyment, and you can make a difference in protecting natural areas and wildlife habitat by choosing the right plants. Many non-invasive plants are available as alternatives for your use.

## How to use this guide

Take this wallet guide with you to the nursery to help you make good choices. The lists should give you a start—but always be sure to ask if plants are known invaders, and avoid those that are or could be.



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## Non-Invasive Trees

*Asimina triloba*—Paw Paw  
*Acer rubrum*—Red maple  
*Amelanchier laevis*—Serviceberry  
*Celtis occidentalis*—Common hackberry  
*Cercis canadensis*—Eastern redbud  
*Chamaecyparis spp.*—Falsecypress  
*Chionanthus virginicus*—Fringetree  
*Fagus sylvatica*—American beech  
*Franklinia alatamaha*—Franklinia  
*Halesia carolina*—Carolina silverbell  
*Ilex opaca*—American holly  
*Liquidambar styraciflua*—Sweetgum  
*Magnolia grandiflora*—Southern magnolia  
*Nyssa sylvatica*—Black gum  
*Ostrya virginica*—Ironwood  
*Picea pungens*—Colorado spruce  
*Platanus occidentalis*—American sycamore  
*Quercus alba*—White oak  
*Quercus palustris*—Pin oak  
*Quercus phellos*—Willow oak  
*Thuja occidentalis*—Arborvitae

# Recommended Landscape Alternatives to Invasive Plants of the Potomac River Watershed and Surrounding Region



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**Non-Invasive Vines**

*Aristolachia macrophylla*—Dutchman's pipe  
*Bignonia capreolata*—Crossvine  
*Campsis radicans*—Trumpet creeper  
*Hydrangea anomala petiolaris*—Climbing hydrangea  
*Lonicera sempervirens*—Native honeysuckle  
*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*—Virginia creeper  
*Wisteria frutescens*—American wisteria

**Non-Invasive Groundcovers**

*Aster ericoides*—Heath aster  
*Athyrium filix-femina*—Lady fern  
*Chrysogonum virginianum*—Green-and-gold  
*Erica carnea*—Spring heath  
*Juniperis horizontalis*—Creeping juniper  
*Phlox stolonifera*—Creeping phlox  
*Phlox subulata*—Moss phlox  
*Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Goldstrum'—Golden coneflower

**Non-Invasive Perennials**

*Aster divaricatus*—White wood aster  
*Baptisia australis*—Blue false indigo  
*Coreopsis spp.*—Tickseed  
*Echinacea purpurea*—Eastern purple coneflower  
*Eupatorium spp.*—Joe-pye weed  
*Heuchera spp.*—Coralberry  
*Iris versicolor*—Blue flag iris  
*Lobelia cardinalis*—Cardinal flower  
*Monarda spp.*—Beebalm  
*Rudbeckia hirta*—Black-eyed Susan  
*Sedum 'Autumn Joy'*—Stonecrop  
*Solidago spp.*—Goldenrod  
*Tiarella spp.*—Foamflower

**Non-Invasive Grasses and Sedges**

*Calamagrostis x acutiflora* 'Karl Foerster'—Feather reed grass  
*Carex albursina*—White bear sedge  
*Carex pennsylvanica*—Early sedge  
*Panicum virgatum*—Switchgrass  
*Schizachyrium scoparium*—Little bluestem

**AVOID THESE INVADERS****Trees and Shrubs**

*Acer platanoides*—Norway maple  
*Acer pseudoplatanus*—Sycamore maple  
*Ailanthus altissima*—Tree of heaven  
*Bambusa*—Exotic bamboo  
*Berberis thunbergii*—Japanese barberry  
*Buddleia davidii*—Butterfly bush  
*Eleagnus spp.*—Autumn olive  
*Euonymus alatus*—Burning bush  
*Ligustrum spp.*—Privet  
*Lonicera spp.*—Bush honeysuckle  
*Nandina domestica*—Heavenly bamboo  
*Paulownia tomentosa*—Empress tree  
*Phyllostachys aurea*—Golden bamboo  
*Prunus subhirtella*—Higan cherry  
*Pyrus calleryana*—Callery pear  
*Quercus acutissima*—Sawtooth oak  
*Spirea japonica*—Japanese spirea  
*Ulmus parvifolia*—Chinese elm  
*Viburnum dilatatum*—Linden viburnum  
*Viburnum plicatum*—Doublefile viburnum  
*Viburnum sieboldii*—Siebold viburnum

**AVOID THESE INVADERS****Grasses, Flowers, Vines, Groundcovers**

*Akebia quinata*—Fiveleaf akebia  
*Celastrus orbiculatus*—Bittersweet  
*Clematis terniflora*—Sweet autumn clematis  
*Euonymus fortunei*—Wintercreeper  
*Hedera helix*—English ivy  
*Hemerocallis fulva*—Common daylily  
*Iris pseudacorus*—Yellow flag iris  
*Lonicera japonica*—Japanese honeysuckle  
*Lythrum salicaria*—Purple loosestrife  
*Miscanthus sinensis*—Chinese silver grass  
*Pennisetum alopecuroides*—Fountain grass  
*Ranunculus ficaria*—Lesser celandine  
*Vinca spp.*—Periwinkle  
*Wisteria sinensis/floribunda*—Chinese/Japanese wisteria