

UNDERSTORY PLANTS FOR VOLUNTEER PARK

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| Abelia | x grandiflora | | x | | | | | | | x | x | x | | | | x | x | x | | | | | x | white flowers | |
| Abeliophyllum | distichum | | | x | | | | | | x | | x | | | | x | | | | x | | | | x | white flowers |
| Akebia | quinata, q. 'Alba' | | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | | x | | x | | | x | | | | | | Semi-evergreen, purple or white flowers |
| Amelanchier | alnifolia | | x | | | | | | | x | x | | | | | x | x | x | | | | x | | x | white flowers, black fruit |
| Ampelopsis | heterophylla | | | | | | | | x | x | x | | | x | | | x | x | | | | | | x | showy blue berries, vigorous |
| Anemone | appenina | | | | | x | | | | x | | | x | | | x | | | | | | | | x | blue or white flowers |
| Anemone | japonica | | | | | x | | | | x | x | | | x | | | x | x | | | | | | x | white, pink flowers |
| Arbutus | unedo compacta | | x | | | | | | | x | x | | | x | x | x | | | x | | | | | x | white flowers, orange fruit |
| Arctostaphylos | uva-ursi | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | x | | x | x | | x | | | | x | | white flowers, red fruits |
| Aucuba | Japonica "Rozannie" | | | x | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | | | | x | | | | | x | bright red berries |
| Azara | microphylla | x | x | | | | | | | x | x | | x | | | x | | | x | x | | | | x | fragrant flowers |
| Berberis | thunbergii 'Emerald Pygmy', 'Lustre | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | x | | x | | x | | | x | | | x | yellow flowers, prickles, red fall color |
| Berberis | x stenophylla "Irwinii" | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | x | | x | | | x | x | x | | | x | yellow flowers |
| Berberis | x wisleyensis | | x | | | | | | | x | x | | | x | | | | | x | | x | | | x | yellow flowers, thorns |
| Buxus | sempervirens 'Suffruticosa' | | | x | x | | | | | x | x | x | | x | | | | | x | | | | | x | |
| Camellia | sasanqua 'Shi Shi Gashira', 'Tanya' | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | x | x | x | | | x | x | | | | | | low varieties, flowers rose red, rose pink |
| Camellia | x williamsi hybrids | | x | | | | | | | | x | | x | | | x | | | x | | | | | x | single, self cleaning flowers |
| Campanula | carpatca | | | | | x | | | | x | x | | | x | | x | | | | | | | | x | white, lavender blue flowers |
| Caragana | arborescens | x | | | | | | | | x | | | | x | | x | | | | | | | | x | yellow pealike flowers, not long-lived |
| Caryopteris | clandonensis | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | x | | | x | | | | | | | x | blue flowers |
| Ceanothus | 'Victoria' | | x | | | | | | | x | | | | x | | x | | | x | | | | | x | blue flowers/ short lived |
| Ceanothus | prostratus | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | x | | x | | | x | | | | | x | blue flowers/ short lived |
| Chaenomeles | 'Cameo', 'Minerva', 'Jet Trail' | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | x | x | x | | x | | | x | | | x | peach, crimson, white flowers |
| Cistus | lauriflorus | | | x | | | | | | x | | | | x | | x | | | x | | | | | x | white flowers |
| Cistus | x skanbergii | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | x | | x | | | x | | | | | x | pale pink flowers |
| Clematis | armandii | | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | | x | x | | | | x | x | | | | x | White flowers, somewhat fragrant |
| Clematis | jackmanii | | | | | | | | x | x | x | | x | | | | x | | | | | | | x | Purple flowers, cut back to base in fall |
| Clerodendron | trichotomum 'Fargesii' | x | x | | | | | | | x | x | | x | | | | x | x | | | x | | | | Fragrant white flowers, rose & blue fruits |
| Clethra | "Pink Spires" | | | x | | | | | | x | x | x | x | | | | | | | x | | | | x | pink flowers |
| Cornus | stolonifera 'Isanti' | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | | x | x | x | | | | | | | x | x | red stems, white flowers |
| Corylopsis | sinensis | | x | | | | | | | x | x | | | x | | x | | x | | x | | | | x | fragrant yellow flowers |

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| Cotinus | coggygria | x | x | | | | | | | x | | | | x | | | x | x | | | | | | pink "smoke" flowers, red fall color; GREEN form only | |
| Cotoneaster | microphyllus, dammeri 'Lowfast' | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | x | x | x | | x | x | | | | x | flowers, berries | |
| Daphne | burkwoodi | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | x | | | x | | | | x | | | | pink-tinged white, fragrant flowers | |
| Daphne | cneorum | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | x | | | x | | | x | x | | | | rose pink flowers, fragrant | |
| Daphne | odora | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | x | | x | x | | | x | x | | | x | fragrant flowers | |
| Deutzia | "Pride of Rochester" | | | x | | | | | | x | | | x | | | x | | | | | | | x | white flowers | |
| Dicentra | formosa | | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | x | | x | x | | | | | | x | purple flowers, ferny foliage, blanket | |
| Diervilla | compact spp & cv's | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | x | | | x | x | | | | | x | yellow flowers, burgundy fall color | |
| Eleagnus | pungens | | | x | | | | | | x | x | x | | | | | | x | x | x | | | x | fragrant, inconspicuous flowers | |
| Enkianthus | campanulatus | x | x | | | | | | | x | x | | x | | | x | | x | | | | | | Pinkish flowers, red fall color | |
| Erica | Springwood White' | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | x | | x | x | | | x | | | | | white flowers, spreading habit | |
| Escallonia | "Iveyi" | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | | x | | | x | | x | | | | x | white flowers | |
| Escallonia | C.F. Ball', 'Newport Dwarf' | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | x | | | x | | x | | | | | deep pink or red flowers | |
| Euonymus | alata compacta | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | x | | | | | x | | | | | x | fall color | |
| Euonymus | fortunei radicans | | | | x | | | | | x | x | x | x | | | | | | x | | | | x | | |
| Forysthia | bronxiensis | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | | | x | | | | | | | x | yellow flowers | |
| Fothergilla | gardenii | | | | x | | | | | | x | | x | | | x | | x | | | | | | white flowers, red-orange fall color | |
| Fragaria | chiloensis | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | x | | x | | | | x | | | | x | white flowers | |
| Garrya | elliptica | | x | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | | | | | | x | | | | x | x | decorative tassles |
| Genista | lydia, pilosa 'Vancouver Gold' | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | x | | x | | | | | | | | Yellow flowers | |
| Geranium | macrorrhizum | | | | | x | | | | x | x | x | | | x | x | | | x | | | | | white or pink flowers | |
| Hamamelis | mollis | x | x | | | | | | | x | x | | | x | x | | | | x | | | | | fragrant spidery yellow flowers; red cv's | |
| Hebe | buxifolia | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | | | | x | | x | | | | x | white flowers | |
| Hebe | salicifolia | | | | x | | | | | x | | | x | | | | x | | x | | | | x | pink/ white flowers | |
| Heliotrope | sp | | | | | x | | | | x | | | x | | | | x | | | x | | | x | fragrant deep blue flowers | |
| Helleborus | argutifolius | | | | x | x | | | | x | x | | x | x | x | | | | x | | | | | green flowers | |
| Helleborus | foetidus | | | | x | x | | | | x | x | x | | x | x | x | | | x | | | | | green flowers | |
| Helleborus | orientalis hybrids | | | | x | x | | | | x | x | x | | | x | | | | x | | | | | flowers | |
| Hibiscus | syriacus | x | x | | | | | | | x | x | | | x | | | x | x | | | | | | White, pink, rose, purple flowers | |
| Holboellia | corsica | | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | | x | | | | | x | | | | | | |

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| Holodiscus | discolor | | x | | | | | | | x | x | | | x | | | x | | | | | x | x | creamy white panicle flowers | | |
| Hydrangea | integrifolia, seemanii | | | | | | | | x | | x | | x | | | | x | | x | | | | | Evergreen, rare, white flowers | | |
| Hydrangea | macrophylla 'Pia', 'Lanarth White' | | | x | x | | | | | x | x | | x | | | | x | | | | | | | Flowers rose, white (lacecap) | | |
| Hydrangea | paniculata 'Grandiflora' | x | x | | | | | | | x | | | x | | | | x | x | | | | | | Flowers cream-to- rose, fall color golden | | |
| Hypericum | calycinum | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | | | | x | | x | | | | x | yellow flowers, aggressive, mow in | | |
| Hypericum | Hidcote' | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | x | | | x | | | | | | x | yellow flowers | | |
| Ilex | crenata 'Helleri' | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | x | x | | | | | x | | | | x | compact, mounding green shrub | | |
| Iris | foetidissima | | | | | x | | | | x | x | x | | x | x | | | x | x | | | | | red berries | | |
| Itea | virginica 'Little Henry' | | | | x | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | | | x | x | | x | | | | Fragrant white flower, red fall color | | |
| Jasminum | nudiflorum | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | x | x | | | | | | | | x | yellow flowers | | |
| Juniperus | conferta, communis 'Prostrata' | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | x | | | | | x | | x | x | x | | | |
| Juniperus | scopulorum | x | x | | | | | | | x | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | x | | | |
| Kalmia | latifolia 'Elf' | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | | | x | | | x | | | | | x | white flowers | |
| Kerria | japonica | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | | | | x | | | | | | | | x | yellow flowers, green stems | |
| Lagerstroemia | indica | x | x | x | | | | | | x | | | | x | x | | x | x | | | | | | x | white, pink, rose,purple; bark & fall color showy;select for hardy varieties & size | |
| Laurus | nobilis augustifolia | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | | | | | | | x | x | | | | x | aromatic leaves | |
| Leucothoe | davisiae | | | | x | | | | | | x | x | x | | | x | | | x | | | | ? | x | White flowers, Sierra leucothoe | |
| Lilium | auratum | | | | | x | | | | x | | | | | | | x | | | x | | | | x | Fragrant yellow-banded white flowers | |
| Lonicera | henryi | | | | | | | | x | x | x | | | x | | | x | | x | | | | | | Brick red & yellow flowers, not fragrant | |
| Lonicera | japonica 'Purpurea' | | | | | | | | x | x | x | | | x | | | x | | x | x | | | | | Semi-evergreen, purplish leaf & flowers | |
| Lonicera | nitida | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | | x | | | | | x | | | | | | x | small leaves |
| Lonicera | pileata | | | | x | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | x | | | | | | x | graceful, spreading habit |
| Magnolia | soulangiana | x | | | | | | | | x | x | | x | | | x | | | | | | | | | x | White, purple colors |
| Mahonia | assorted spp | | x | x | x | | | | | | x | x | | x | x | | | | x | x | | | | x | x | fragrant yellow flowers, prickly |
| Maianthemum | dilatatum | | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | x | | x | x | x | | | | | | x | white flower, blanketing foliage | |
| Myosotis | palustris | | | | | x | | | | x | x | | | | | x | | | | | | | | x | blue flowers | |
| Myrica | californica | x | x | | | | | | | x | x | x | | x | | | | | x | | | | | x | x | |
| Olearia | x haastii | | | x | | | | | | x | | | x | | | | | | x | | | | | | x | white daisy flowers |
| Osmanthus | Burkwoodii | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | x | x | | | | | x | x | | | | | x | fragrant white flowers |
| Osmanthus | delaveyi | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | x | x | | | | | x | x | | | | | x | fragrant white flowers |

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| Osmanthus | heterophyllus | x | x | | | | | | | x | x | x | | x | | x | | | x | x | x | | | Fragrant white flowers, holly-like foliage | |
| Pernyetta | mucronata | | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | | x | | | x | x | | | | x | red, pink and white berries | |
| Philadelphus | lewisii | | x | | | | | | | x | x | | | x | | x | | | | x | | x | x | | |
| Philadelphus | x lemoinei 'Avalanche' | | | x | | | | | | x | | | x | | | x | | | | x | | | x | fragrant white flowers | |
| Phlomis | fruticosa | | | | | x | | | | x | | | | | | | x | | x | | | | | silvery foliage, yellow flowers | |
| Pieris | japonica 'Karenoma', 'Snowdrift' | | | x | | | | | | | x | x | x | | x | x | | | x | | | | x | compact, white flowers, red new growth | |
| Pinus | mugo mugo | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | | | | | | x | | | | x | Cultivar sometimes called 'Pumilo' | |
| Polygonum | bistorta | | | | | x | | | | x | x | | x | x | | | x | x | | | | | | red flowers, spreads | |
| Polystichum | munitum | | | | | | | x | | x | x | x | | x | | | | | x | | | | x | | |
| Potentilla | suffruticosa cultivars | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | | | | x | | | | | | x | white, yellow, orange, red flowers | |
| Pyracantha | angustifolia 'Gnome', coccinea 'Santa Cruz' | | | | x | | | | | x | x | x | | | x | x | | x | x | | x | | x | white flowers, red or orange berries, thorny | |
| Rhododendron | Kurume cultivars | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | x | | | x | | | x | | | | x | bright flowers - red, rose | |
| Rhododendron | macrophyllum | x | x | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | | x | x | x | x | | | | x | x | pink flowers |
| Rhododendron | mollis x 'Northern Lights' | | | x | x | | | | | x | | | x | | | x | | x | | x | | | | x | white, apricot, pink flowers, fragrant |
| Rhodotyphos | scandens | | | x | | | | | | x | x | x | | x | x | x | | x | | | | | x | x | rugged, rare, jet black berries persistent |
| Rhus | aromatica 'Low Grow' | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | x | | x | | x | | | | | x | x | yellow flowers, red fruit & foliage in fall |
| Ribes | sanguineum | | x | x | | | | | | x | x | | | x | x | x | | | | | | | x | x | rose red or white flowers, attract hummingbirds |
| Romneya | coulteri | | | | | x | | | | x | | | | x | | | x | x | x | | | | | | white flowers |
| Rosa | banksiae 'Fortuniana' | | | | | | | | x | x | x | | | x | | x | | | x | | x | | x | x | white flowers, thorny cultivar, half-hardy. |
| Rosa | Meidiland, landscape, groundcover types | | | | x | | | | | x | | | x | x | | x | x | | | x | x | | x | x | profuse white, pink, red, yellow flowers |
| Rosa | nutkana | | | x | | | | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | | x | x | x | x | x | fragrant pink flowers, red hips, thorny |
| Rosa | rugosa, 'Fru Dagmar Hastrup' | | | x | x | | | | | | | | | x | | x | | | | x | x | | x | x | pink flowers, fall color, tough |
| Rosa | wichuriana 'Super Dorothy', 'Blushing | | | | | | | | x | x | | | | x | | x | x | | | | x | | x | x | Once blooming Rambler, rose pink |
| Rosmarinus | officinalis | | | x | x | | | | | x | | | | x | x | x | | | x | x | | | | x | Select hardy, lower cultivars; blue |
| Rubus | deliciosus x trilobus 'Benenden' | | x | | | | | | | x | | | | x | | | x | | | | x | | x | x | white flowers, tough |
| Rubus | spectabilis | | x | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | x | x | x | x | prickly, hot pink flowers, orange berries. |
| Rubus | calcynoides | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | x | | x | x | | x | | | | x | x | white flowers, small orange, edible |
| Sambucus | racemosa | x | x | | | | | | | x | x | | x | x | | x | x | | | | | | x | x | White flowers, red berries |
| Sarcococca | hookeriana | | | | x | | | | | | x | x | x | | x | | | | x | x | | | | x | fragrant flowers |

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| Spiraea | Anthony Waterer', 'Snowmound', japonica | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | | | x | x | x | | | | | x | white, pink, rose flowers | |
| Symphoricarpos | mollis | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | | | x | | x | | | | x | x | white inedible berries, low spreading | |
| Syringa | meyeri 'Palibin' | | | x | x | | | | | x | | | | x | | x | | | | x | | | | Fragrant lilac purple flowers, small | |
| Taxus | baccata 'Repandens' | | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | x | | | | | x | | | | | x | |
| Taxus | cuspidata 'Nana', c. 'Intermedia' | | | x | x | | | | | | x | x | | x | | | | | x | | | | | x | |
| Teucrium | chamaedrys | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | x | | | x | | x | | | | | | red-purple flowers |
| Tiarella | trifoliata | | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | x | | x | x | | x | | | x | | | white flowers, spreading habit |
| Tulipa | Darwin - red, white, yellow | | | | | | x | | | x | | | | x | | x | | | | | | | | x | |
| Vaccinium | ovatum | | | x | | | | | | x | x | x | | | | x | | x | x | | | | x | x | small flowers and berries |
| Vaccinium | parvifolium | | x | | | | | | | | x | x | | x | | | x | | | | | | x | x | tangy red berries |
| Viburnum | bodnantense 'Dawn' | x | x | | | | | | | x | x | | | x | x | | | x | | x | | | | x | pink-tinged white, fragrant flowers |
| Viburnum | davidii | | | x | x | | | | | x | x | | | x | | x | | | x | | | | | x | white, sometimes fragrant flowers |
| Viburnum | plicatum 'Mariesii', 'Watanabe' | x | x | x | | | | | | x | x | | | x | | x | x | x | | | | | | x | white, lacy flowers, burgundy fall color |
| Viburnum | tinus 'Robusta' | | x | | | | | | | x | x | x | | x | x | x | | | x | | | | | x | pink-tinged white flowers |
| Viburnum | opulus | | x | | | | | | | x | x | x | | x | | x | | x | | | | | x | x | white ball flowers, red fruits & fall color |
| Vinca | major | | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | x | | x | | | x | | | | | x | Lavender or white flowers |
| Vitex | agnes-castus | x | x | | | | | | | x | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | | | Lavender or white flowers |
| Weigela | florida 'Minuet', mittendorffiana | | | | x | | | | | x | x | | | x | | | | | | | | | | x | pink, lemon yellow flowers. |
| Wisteria | sinensis | | | | | | | | x | x | | | x | | | x | | | | x | | | | x | hanging lilac, purple flower clusters. |
| Yucca | filamentosa | | x | | | | | | | x | x | | | x | | | x | | x | | x | | | x | White flowers, sharp foliage |