



TREES

Trees provide shade, act as a windscreen, and reinforce soil with their strong roots.



Shagbark Hickory



American Beech



Red Maple

SHRUBS

We love shrubs! Once established, they are low-maintenance and are very attractive to songbirds.



Winterberry



Serviceberry



Red Osier Dogwood

FLOWERS

These beautiful native flowers are loved by birds, butterflies, and people.



Foxglove



Purple Coneflower



Goldenrod

TIPS FOR PLANTING

- The best times to plant are spring and fall, when the weather is cooler and rain is more plentiful.
- Place the larger plant material like shrubs, decorative grasses, and big perennials first.
- Choose plants that flower, bear fruit, or bear autumn foliage for year-round color.
- Leave space around your plants for growth to avoid crowding.
- It will take about three years for your garden to fully develop. Track progress with an annual photo!
- Every garden has weeds. Tackle them little at a time, when needed.





Should I plant a vegetated buffer?

- ◆ If your property is near or drains towards a water body, planting a buffer garden of native plants will protect water quality while adding interest and beauty to your yard.
- ◆ A vegetated buffer is also a great choice for eroded areas, as well as along sidewalks and driveways.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



Use the QR code to find out more.

SEE IT IN ACTION!

Visit the vegetated buffer garden at Rotary Park along Pilling's Pond.

This brochure was a joint effort of the Ipswich River Watershed Association and the Town of Lynnfield.



Grow a Vegetated Buffer

How to Use Native Plants to Protect Our Water

- Keep water clean.**
- Fight erosion.**
- Preserve habitat.**
- Save pollinators.**

Vegetated buffers are areas of natural or established vegetation bordering a waterway, or placed between a waterway and runoff source. These buffer zones slow stormwater runoff, allow water to more easily absorb into the soil, contribute to groundwater recharge, and reduce erosion.



Find more resources at [greenscapes.org](https://www.greenscapes.org)

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