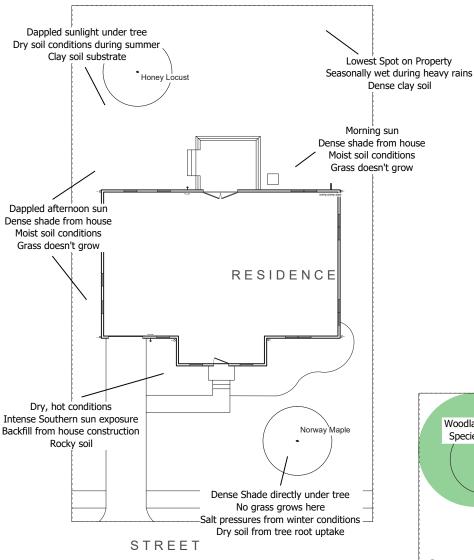
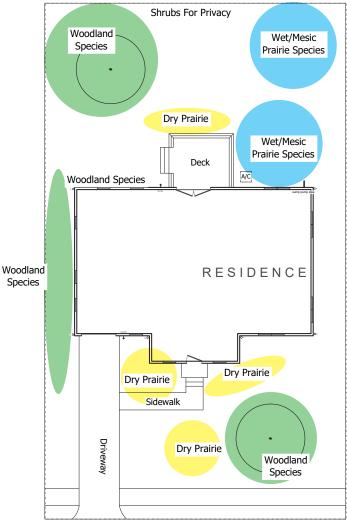
Existing Site Conditions



Above: Existing site conditions are important when selecting the right plant for the right place. Observe the site during different times of the day and seasons. Plan for your surroundings; short species should be used along sidewalks and driveways so that plants are not obstructing walkways. Plants can also create a privacy screen to block undesirable views or to frame sight lines.

Right: After you know how the sun, air, and water moves through the site, you can begin to look at which ecosystem palate fits your needs. For example, the area between the front entrance and the driveway is south facing and receives full sun for the majority of the day. This means dry prairie species will thrive here. In the northwest corner of the property, water is a concern as it tends to pond there after heavy rain events. Species in this area need to be adapted to having their feet wet, so wetland or wet prairie species will be used.

Plant Communities



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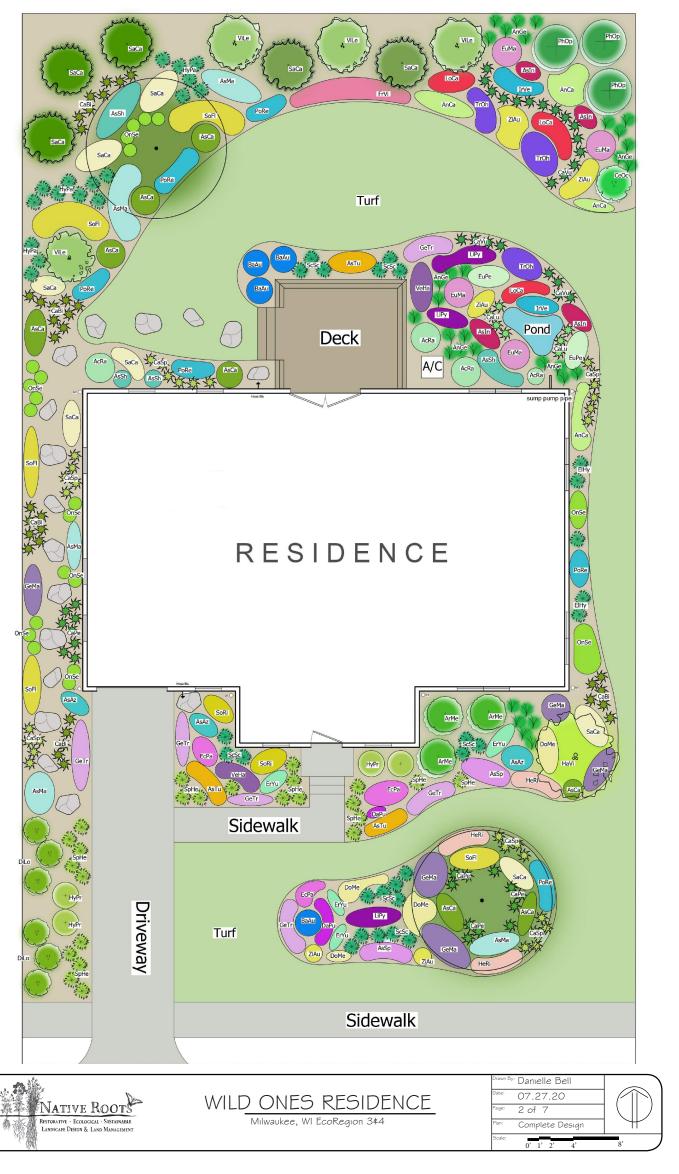
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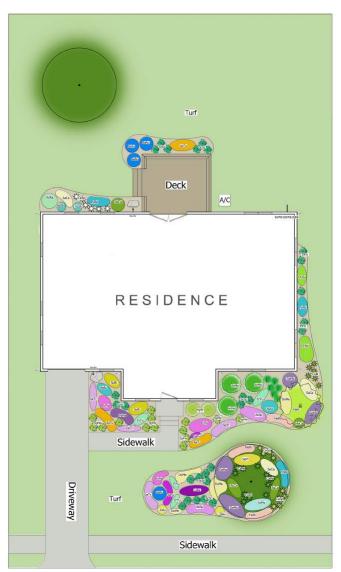
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Phasing In Your Design

Phasing is an excellent strategy to implement your design on your schedule. There are many benefits to slowly transition your land-scape from its existing state to a healthy thriving habitat. Planting shrubs and additional trees first will give them time to become established as it takes them longer to reach maturity. Perennials and grasses can give you a more instant result.

Left: Phase One

Start with replacing or adding to the existing beds that are around the foundation of the home. This increases the curb appeal of the home while giving you a manageable project size to complete in a season. The shady area under the front tree now has plants instead of bare soil where the turf grass previously wouldn't grow.

Below: Phase Two

Expand to the perimeter of the site by increasing privacy with a diverse hedge. This not only blocks sight lines but also feeds the birds with berries and provides shelter from inclement weather. Adding native plants to the wet or soggy areas of the property will reduce your need to mow waterlogged turf. The impressive root structures of our native plants quickly absorb excess moisture and their root channels allow high infiltration rates of stormwater runoff. The pond provides water for animals and is a focal point of the backyard.

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The property has been transformed from a sterile turf desert into a thriving habitat providing food, shelter, and water.

Native plants can thrive in various soil conditions. There is no need to add fertilizers or soil amendments to have thriving plants. Right plant, right place is the best way to have a healthy landscape.

Hardwood mulch is recommended for the first year to help with weed control. After the second year, the plants provide enough debris to create a natural mulch that will control leaves and provide areas of refuge for overwintering insects. A 'messy' yard is a healthy yard for insects!

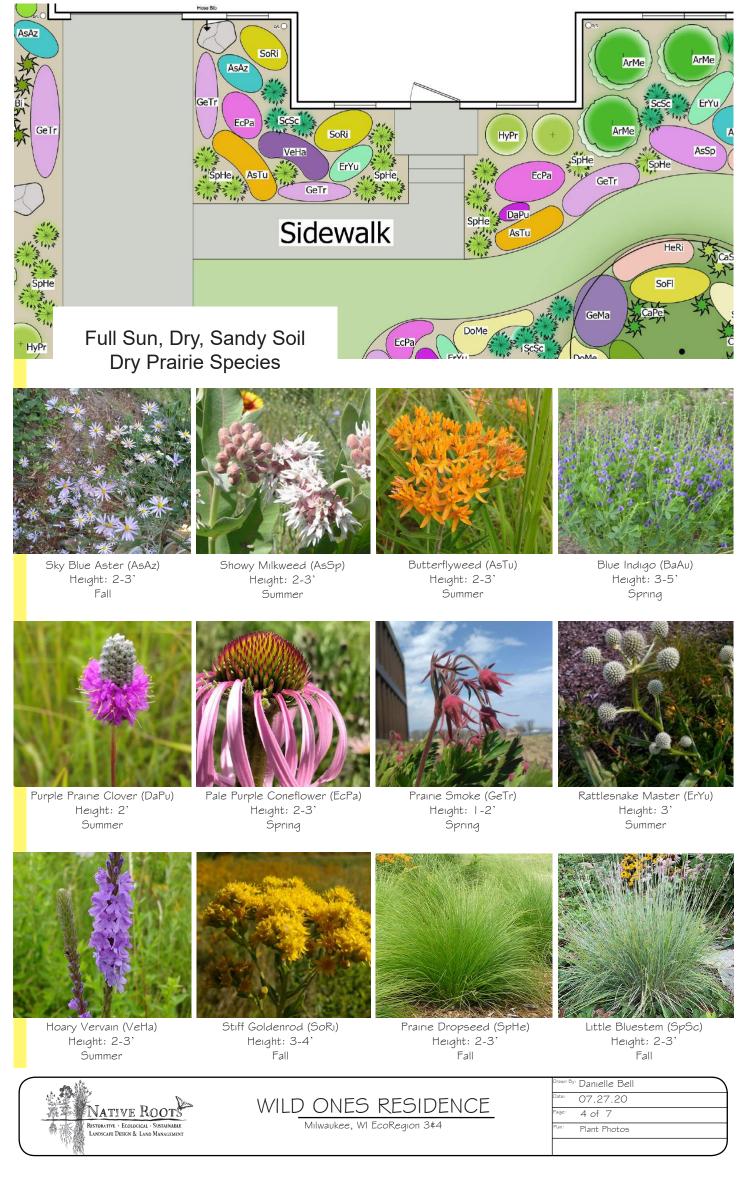




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Dry Prairie Plant List							
	Full Sun, Dry Sandy Soil						
Perennia	Perennials						
	AsAz	Aster azureus	Sky Blue Aster*				
	AsSp	Asclepias speciosa	Showy Milkweed*				
	AsTu	Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Milkweed				
	BaAu	Baptisia australis	Blue Indigo*				
	DaPu	Dalea purpureum	Purple Prairie Clover				
	EcPa	Echinacea pallida	Pale Purple Coneflower*				
	ErYu	Eryngium yuccifolium	Rattlesnake Master*				
	GeTr	Geum triflorum	Prairie Smoke*				
	LiAs	Liatris aspera	Rough Blazingstar				
	SoRi	Solidago rigida	Stiff Goldenrod*				
	VeHa	Verbena hastata	Hoary Vervain*				
Grasses a	and Sedges	;					
	SpHe	Sporobolus heterolepis	Prairie Dropseed*				
	ScSc	Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem*				
Shrubs							
	HyPr	Hypericum prolificum	Shrubby St John's Wort				
* Species can tolerate loam soils							

Plant Lists

These are the plant list for each specific type of soil and sun exposure condition that is found on the site. Some species are tolerant of a wider range of soil and sun conditions. These are marked with an asterisk.

Wet/Mesic Prairie Plant List						
	Full Sun, Wet, Clay Soil					
Perennia	Perennials					
	AnCa	Anemone canadensis	Canada Anemone			
	AsIn	Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed			
	EuMa	Eupatorium maculatum	Sweet Joe Pye Weed*			
	EuPe	Eupatorium perfoliatum	Boneset			
	IrVe	Iris versicolor	Blue Flag Iris			
	LiPy	Liatris pycnostachya	Prairie Blazingstar			
	TrOh	Tradescantia ohiensis	Ohio Spiderwort			
	LoCa	Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower			
	ZiAu	Zizia aurea	Golden Alexander			
Grasses a	nd Sedges					
	AnGe	Andropogon gerardii	Big Bluestem			
	CaLu	Carex lurida	Bottlebrush Sedge			
	CaVu	Carex vulpenoide	Brown Fox Sedge*			
Shrubs						
	ArMe	Aronia melanocarpa	Glossy Black Chokeberry*			
	CeOc	Cephalanthus occidentalis	Buttonbush			
	PhOp	Physocarpus opulifolius	Common Ninebark			
	* Species can tolerate partial sun					

Woodland Plant List Shade, Loam Soil					
	AcRa	Actaea racemosa	Black Cohosh		
	AsCa	Asarum canadensis	Wild Ginger*		
	AsMa	Aster macrophyllus	Big Leaved Aster*		
	AsSh	Aster shortii	Short's Aster		
	DoMe	Dodecatheon meadia	Shooting Star		
	FrVi	Fragaria virginiana	Wild Strawberry**		
	GeMa	Geranium maculatum	Wild Geranium*		
	HeRi	Heuchera richardsonii	Alumroot		
	PoRe	Polemonium reptans	Jacob's Ladder		
	SaCa	Sanguinaria canadensis	Bloodroot*		
	SoFl	Solidago flexicaulis	Zigzag Goldenrod*		
	ZiAu	Zizia aurea	Golden Alexander		
Grasses a	and Sedges				
	CaBi	Carex bicknelli	Copper Oval Sedge		
	CaPe	Carex pennsylvanica	Pennsylvania Sedge*		
	CaSp	Carex sprengelii	Long Beaked Sedge*		
	НуРа	Hystrix patula	Bottlebrush Sedge		
Ferns					
	OnSe	Onoclea sensibilis	Sensitvie Fern		
Shrubs					
	DiLo	Diervilla lonicera	Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle**		
	SaCa	Sambucus canadensis	American Elderberry**		
	ViLe	Viburnum lentago	Nannyberry		
Evergree	ns				
	JuVi	Juniperus virginana	Eastern Red Cedar		
		* Species can tolerate dens	se shade		
		** Species can tolerate full s	un		



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