



## Native Plants and Flood/Erosion Control

Native plants have a very deep root system and are acclimated to our local soils. They can store a tremendous amount of rainwater and prevent soil erosion. Communities that struggle with flooded roads and basements would benefit from developing areas of native plants.

Suggested native plants for flood/erosion control are as follows:

- Sweet Flag (*acorus calamus*)
- Blue flag iris (*iris virginica shrevei*)
- Autumn sneezeweed (*helenium autumnale*)
- Swamp loosestrife (*decodon verticillatus*)
- Common bur reed (*sparganium eurycarpum*)
- Dark green rush (*scirpus altrovirens*)
- Sweet black-eyed Susan (*rudbeckia subtomentosa*)
- Swamp rose mallow (*hibiscus palustris*)
- Swamp milkweed (*asclepias incarnata*)
- Common lake sedge (*carex lacustris*)
- Fox sedge (*carex vulpinoidea*)
- Cardinal flower (*lobelia cardinalis*)
- Great blue lobelia (*lobelia siphilitca*)
- River bulrush (*scirpus fluviatilis*)
- Buttonbush (*cephalanthus occidentalis*)
- Common elderberry (*sambucus canadensis*)
- Red osier dogwood (*cornus stolonifera*)
- Blue-fruited dogwood (*cornus obliqua*)