

ArcelorMittal Riverdale Prairie Reconstruction

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Planted in 2014 with the Wildlife Habitat Council, this prairie reconstruction transformed what once was a parking lot into a habitat with native plants that reduce pollution and stormwater surge, create wildlife habitat, and increase our quality of life. The Calumet Region, spanning from northeast Illinois to southwest Michigan along Lake Michigan, is one of the most interesting, where rare natural communities find themselves adjacent to large industrial enterprises. Due to the fragmentation and degradation of natural habitats, restoration and reconstruction has become more important than ever. Please refer to this guide to see what native plants grow in this habitat reconstruction.

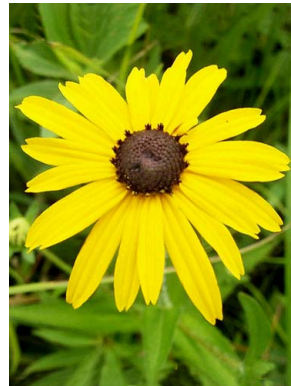
HERBACEOUS PLANTS



New England Aster
Aster novae-angliae



Late Boneset
Eupatorium serotinum



Black-eyed Susan
Rudbeckia hirta



Compass Plant
Silphium laciniatum



Showy Goldenrod
Solidago speciosa

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GRAMINOIDS



Frost Aster
Symphotrichum pilosum



Smooth Ironweed
Vernonia fasciculata



Burgamot
Monarda fistulosa

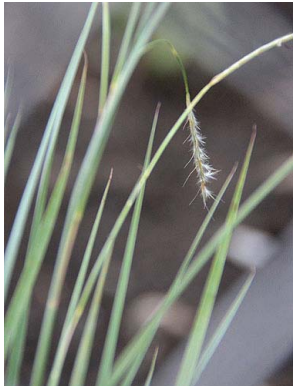


Verbena
Verbena stricta



Canada Wild Rye
Elymus Canadensis

GRAMINOIDS



Big Bluestem
Schizachyrium scoparium



Indian Grass
Sorghastrum-nutans

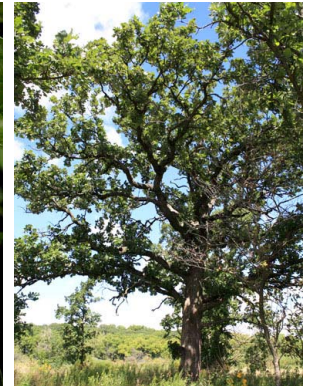
WOODY PLANTS



Blue Beech
Carpinus caroliniana
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Red Osier Dogwood
Cornus sericea
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Burr Oak
Quercus macrocarpa