

HIGH LINE PLANT GUIDE

SPRING/SUMMER 2010

SECTION 1: GANSEVOORT STREET TO 20TH STREET

LEGEND

LOCATION	PLANT TYPE	NATIVITY
5 Chelsea Grasslands	T Tree	NA North American native
4 10th Avenue Square	S Shrub	Ne Northeast native
3 Sundeck	P Herbaceous perennial	Note: For the purposes of this guide, native range is based on the species of the plant cultivars listed. Cultivars themselves do not have native ranges.
2 Washington Grasslands	G Grass	W ATTRACTS WILDLIFE
1 Gansevoort Woodland	B Bulb	D DROUGHT TOLERANT

LIGHT
 ○ ● ● full sun / partial shade / full shade



5 | ○ | P

Knautia macedonica 'Mars Midget'

Mars Midget pincushion plant

Bloom time: summer



5 | ○ | ● | NA | W | P

Liatris pycnostachya

prairie blazing star

Bloom time: summer



5 | ○ | ● | NA | W | P

Iris fulva

copper iris

Bloom time: early summer



5 | ○ | W | P

Helenium x 'Rubinzweg'

Rubinzweg sneezeweed

Bloom time: late summer



4 **5** | ○ | ● | NA | P

Rudbeckia subtomentosa

sweet black-eyed susan

Bloom time: late summer



4 | ○ | ● | W | P

Geranium sanguineum 'Max Frei'

Max Frei bloody cranesbill

Bloom time: late spring



4 | ○ | B

Allium sphaerocephalon

drumstick allium

Bloom time: late spring/early summer



4 | ○ | ● | T

Acer triflorum

three-flowered maple

Bloom time: spring



4 | ○ | ● | W | P

Sedum telephium 'Red Cauli'

Red Cauli stonecrop

Bloom time: late summer/fall



3 | ○ | ● | Ne | P

Parthenium integrifolium

wild quinine

Bloom time: summer



3 | ○ | ● | Ne | W | S

Rhus typhina

staghorn sumac

Bloom time: summer



2 **5** | ○ | ● | NA | W | G

Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'

Shenandoah switch grass

Bloom time: summer/fall



2 **4** | ○ | ● | NA | W | P

Echinacea purpurea 'Vintage Wine'

Vintage Wine coneflower

Bloom time: early summer/fall



2 **5** | ○ | ● | NA | P

Eryngium yuccifolium

rattlesnake master

Bloom time: summer



2 | ○ | Ne | T

Sassafras albidum

Sassafras

Bloom time: spring



1 **3** | ○ | P

Salvia nemorosa 'Rhapsody in Blue'

Rhapsody in Blue meadow sage

Bloom time: late spring/early summer



1 | ○ | ● | NA | P

Amsonia 'Blue ice'

Blue ice bluestar

Bloom time: late spring



1 | ○ | ● | Ne | T

Betula populifolia 'Whitespire'

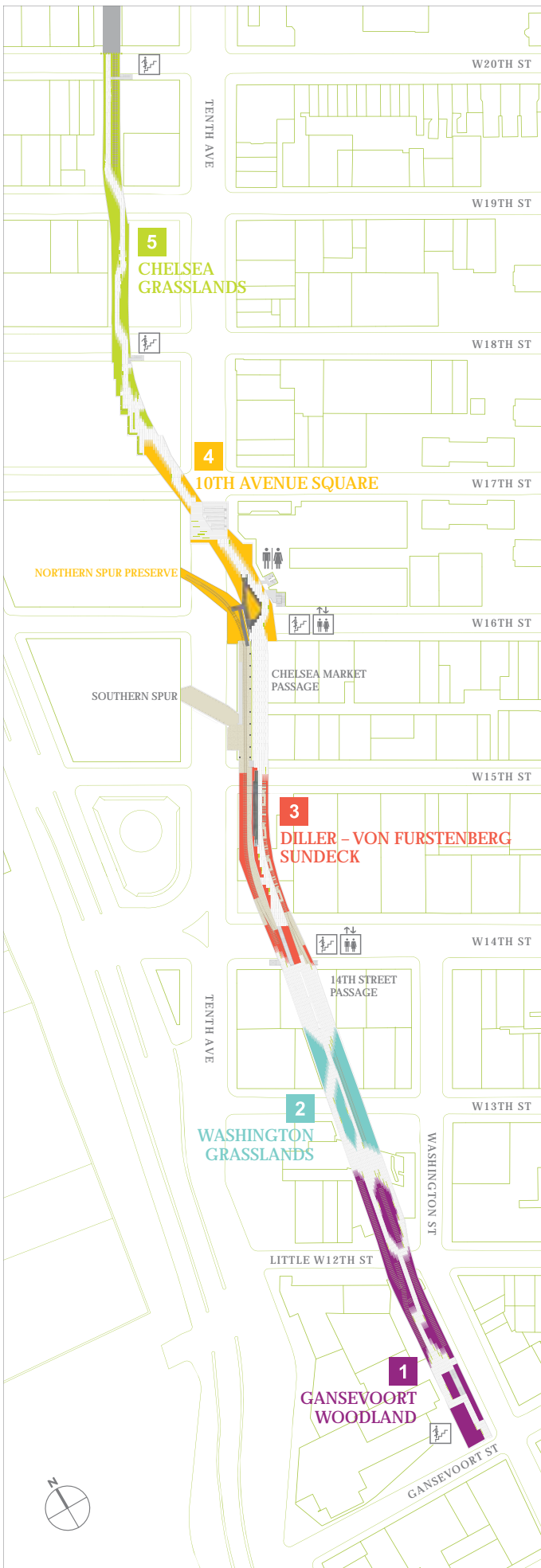
Whitespire grey birch

Bloom time: spring

HIGH LINE PLANTING DESIGN & LANDSCAPE ZONES

PLANTING DESIGN

The High Line's planting design is inspired by the self-seeded landscape that took root on the elevated rail tracks after the trains stopped running. The High Line includes 210 species of perennials, grasses, shrubs, and trees – chosen for their hardiness, adaptability, diversity, and seasonal variation in color and texture. Some of the species that originally grew on the High Line's rail bed are reflected in the park landscape today. The design team is a collaboration between landscape architecture and urban design firm James Corner Field Operations, architecture firm Diller Scofidio + Renfro, and planting designer Piet Oudolf.



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GANSEVOORT WOODLAND

At the top of the Gansevoort Stair lies the Gansevoort Woodland – a thicket predominantly comprised of birch and serviceberry trees. A series of raised steel planters provides adequate planting depth to accommodate the trees' root systems. Vines cascade over the High Line railing, forming a lush, green balcony visible to passers-by on the street below.

Thanks to Donald Pels and Wendy Keys

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DILLER – VON FURSTENBERG SUNDECK

The Diller – von Furstenberg Sundeck, between 14th and 15th Streets, is one of the High Line's most popular gathering spots. Large-scale outdoor furniture is aligned along a gentle curve of historic rail track and surrounded by grasses, perennials, and shrubs. Alongside the water feature, a series of raised steel planters contain a mix of wetland species. On the lower level, the Sundeck Preserve consists of wildflowers, grasses, and sumac trees that create a striking silhouette against the skyline of the Hudson River and New Jersey.

Thanks to The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation

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CHELSEA GRASSLANDS

Just beyond the 10th Avenue Square are the meandering pathways of the Chelsea Grasslands, where a mix of meadow grasses and perennials surprise visitors with dramatic variety in color and texture throughout the year. Here, colorful grasses and perennials are densely planted and reflect some of Piet Oudolf's favorite cultivated varieties. They are interspersed among native species typically found in American prairies, such as prairie blazing star, prairie dock, compass plant, and meadow sage.

Thanks to The Tiffany & Co. Foundation

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WASHINGTON GRASSLANDS

The Washington Grasslands, where wild grasses sway in the breeze, stretch from Little West 12th Street to West 13th Street. Just to the south of the 14th Street Passage, a mix of grasses and shade-loving perennials grow in a quiet, protected area among chokeberry, sassafras, and witch hazel.

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10TH AVENUE SQUARE

Just beyond the Chelsea Market Passage, visitors arrive at the 10th Avenue Square. Here, a grove of three-flower maple trees frames a spectacular view of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. A wood amphitheater cuts into the existing structure, providing visitors with a unique view of Tenth Avenue.

*Thanks to Hermine and David Heller
Thanks to Michael and Sukey Novogratz*

NORTHERN SPUR PRESERVE

Evoking the wild landscape that grew on the High Line before it was a park, the Northern Spur Preserve features an impressionistic landscape of trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses. It is best observed from the intimate observation deck, where views of this robust planting bed are set against the city streets below.

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