Planting Suggestions - Anchorage Canal Drainage Area
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Fully ornamental – intensively planted traffic islands
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Regional ornamental – regionally appropriate – less required maintenance
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Regional – management of existing natural stands of plants with limited planting
Use native plants (marshmallow) to solve problems, such as in this routinely wet area along I95
Use native grasses (switchgrass) to fit with existing natural vegetation
Celebrate local named cultivars like Panicum amarum ‘Dewey Blue’
Use native species such as bayberry, eastern red cedar, switchgrass and thoroughwort.
Take advantage of plants like Seaside goldenrod that come up in unmowed medians
Vegetate wet swales with a mix including goldenrod, asters and thoroughwort
Add highly ornamental plants like this blue star that is native to the US, but not to DE
Use plant combinations in masses to create a highly ornamental effect.
Plant edges like this 5-points median with native plants (switchgrass and black-eyed Susan) without necessarily planting the entire space
Use local shrubs like sumac for vibrant fall color
Use native plant combinations such as winter berry holly against an evergreen background of eastern red cedar.
Use shrubs like buttonbush that tolerate very moist soils
Use native plants with multi-season interest—Chokeberry has white spring flowers and fall fruit and leaf color
Take advantage of local natives like the fleece flowered groundsel bush
Use native trees like sweet bay magnolia
Create grouping that incorporate all three – sweet bay magnolia, groundsel bush and sumac
Select plants for their ability to attract wildlife