

Riverside Hotel Landscape Tour

Well-selected and maintained vegetation creates valuable fish and wildlife habitat in the urban area, stabilizes the bank increasing flood resiliency, cools the water improving water quality, directs people and dogs, and preserves the desired view of the river. In spring 2016, The Riverside Hotel pruned trees and bushes and removed undesired plants. In late fall, The Riverside Hotel removed the turf and installed new landscape. The Land Group Inc. designed the project and Franz Witte Landscape Contractors did the installation. The Riverside Hotel grounds staff maintain the landscaping.



Before: Lots of turf (and geese), trampled banks, lack of shading and poor bank stability.



Oregon grape was planted. It has evergreen leaves and stays low growing. Does fine in shade and dry conditions.



Myrtle, *Vinca minor*, was planted. It's a ground cover not eaten by geese. It's evergreen and low maintenance.



Blue fescue grass was planted. It's drought-tolerant and not eaten by geese.

Native wildflowers can liven up areas as the plants mature. Good choices are: Blanket flower, *Gaillardia aristata*; Blue flax; *Penstemon pinifolius*, pine penstemon; *P. strictus*, Rocky Mt. penstemon or Rabbitbrush.



Planted oakleaf sumac. This a low growing variety that stays less than 4 feet tall and isn't eaten by beaver. It's a drought-tolerant native.



Planted wood's rose, *Rosa woodsia*. The small thorns discourage human traffic and can be cut back periodically to maintain at about 4 feet high.



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Willow resprouting along the river. Cage it with chicken wire to protect it from beavers.



Cottonwood trees sprouting. Cage them to protect from beavers.



Mock orange; the Idaho State Flower.



Lead plant (False Indigo). It's an invasive plant and needs to be controlled. It's poor wildlife habitat.



Walnut tree resprouting. The tree has a weak root system and needs to be controlled by cutting and herbiciding.



Golden currant has early spring flowers and is drought-tolerant.

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Plant list compiled by Roger Rosentreter Ph.D

Common Name	Genus and Species	Notes
SHRUBS		
Red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea (stolonifera)</i>	Red stems
Woods' rose	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Small straight thorns
Silver sagebrush	<i>Artemisia cana</i>	Tolerates ephemeral flooding
Willows	<i>Salix spp.</i>	Shrub type willows
Oak leaf sumac	<i>Rhus trilobata (Grow low type or the regular shrub)</i>	Drought tolerant
Golden currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Early spring flowers, drought tolerant an
Black Cottonwoods	<i>Populus spp.</i>	Tall trees
Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Tall shrubs
Netleaf hackberry	<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	Dry rocky places near the river
FORBS		
Louisiana sage	<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	Herbaceous sage
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis or others</i>	Herbaceous, butterfly attractant
Willow aster	<i>Aster hesperius</i>	Tolerates flooding
Milkweed	<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	Monarch butterflies, rhizomatous
GRASSES, and grass-like plants		
Canada bluegrass	<i>Poa compressa</i>	Tolerates saturated and dry soils, use seeds not plants.
Great Basin wildrye	<i>Elymus cinereus</i>	Tall bunch grass
Sheep fescue	<i>Festuca ovina</i>	Small drought tolerant bunchgrass

Invasive, un-desirable plants, listed by priority to remove, cut back, or kill.

Tamarisk	
False indigo bush/Lead Plant	<i>Amorpha fruticosa L.</i>
Russian Olive	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>
Tree of Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
Walnut	<i>Juglans nigra</i>
Himalayan honeysuckle	<i>Leycesteria formosa</i>
Chinese Elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia,</i>
Other Elms	
Exotic Reed Canary Grass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
Exotic rose bushes	

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