













Shoreline Management Manual

A Homeowners Guide to Shoreline Stabilization and Vegetated Buffer Zones



www.firstlightpower.com

March 2014

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO VEGETATED BUFFERS & SHORELINE STABILIZATION E. PRESERVING AND ENHANCING THE VEGETATED BUFFER ZONE

Landscaped Buffer

Landscaped buffers require site design and planning to ensure proper spacing of mature plants; the selection of the proper native species for the site's sun exposure and soil conditions; purchasing of nursery-grown plant stock; proper site preparation

including soil testing and fertilization for the installation of the chosen plants (ground cover, understory shrubs, and canopy trees); and long-term fertilization and irrigation requirements during establishment or times of drought and, therefore, require greater initial capital investment than a natural buffer. Monitoring and removal of invasive plant species may be required to maintain a native plant community over time.



Landscaped buffer - Layout View



Landscaped buffer of formalized native plantings

Page 2

CHAPTER 3: IMPLEMENTATION B. REVEGETATION WITH NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL PLANT SPECIES

| Common Name | Mature Heights | | Habitat | Hardiness Zone | Shade Tolerance | Descriptive Information | CT Native , | Suitable for Bio- |
|--|-------------------|--------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|---|----------------|----------------------|
| Scientific Name | (feet) | (feet) | | Zone | Tolerance | | Tallive I | Engineering |
| American Elderberry Sambucus canadensis(nigra) Cultivars (York, Laciniata) | 6-12' | 6-12' | FACU 💧 | 3 - 9 | 0 | Large white flowers and purple-black edible fruit. | | |
| Highbush Blueberry Vaccinium corymbosum | 6-12' | 8-12' | FACW 666 | 3 - 7 | 00 | Small white bell shaped flower clusters. Edible blueberries and brilliant red fall foliage. | | |
| Small Shrubs | | | | | | | | |
| Running Serviceberry Amelanchier stolonifera (spicata) | 3-4' | 4-5' | FACU 🍐 | 4 - 8 | <u> </u> | Early white flowering deciduous shrub. Purple-red berries attract birds. | | |
| Bearberry Arctostaphylos Uva-Ursi Cultivars (Massachusetts) | .5-1' | 2-4' | UPL | 2-6 | - | Ground cover evergreen shrub with dark green leaves, pinkish flowers, red fruits that can persist into the winter. | | |
| New Jersey Tea Ceanothus americanus | 3-4' | 3-5' | UPL | 4 - 9 | | Fast spreading, white flowers on tall stems, great massing plant. | | |

