• Arrange plants by wetness zones.
• Lay out before planting.
• Leave room for plants to mature.
• Once planted, mulch.
Within 1 year…

Rain gardens, landscaped with native plants like this one at Leverett Elementary School in Fayetteville, collect runoff then let it seep slowly into the soil. This helps reduce pollution, flooding and erosion in creeks.
Sun or Shade?

• Just like with any landscape, match plants for your location.
Native or Non-Native

Mexican Petunia

Mexican Hat
TREES AND SHRUBS

* INDICATES PLANT WILL TOLERATE FLOODING LONGER
Aronia melanocarpa – *Black chokeberry*  Sun to part shade
Callicarpa americana

Beautyberry – French Mulberry

Sun to part shade
Ceanothus americanus
New Jersey Tea
Cephalanthus occidentalis

*Buttonbush

Sun to part shade
Clethra alnifolia
Summersweet or Sweet Pepperbush

Sun to shade
Cornus serecia
Red twigged dogwood
Sun to partial shade
Deciduous holly

*Ilex decidua* & *I. verticillata*
*Itea virginica*

*Virginia Sweetspire*

Sun
Magnolia virginiana
*Sweetbay Magnolia
Sun to partial shade
Myrica cerifera
Wax Myrtle

Sun
Physocarpus opulifolius
Ninebark varieties:
‘Summerwine’
‘Coppertina’
Sun or shade
Rhamnus caroliniana
Carolina buckthorn; Indian Cherry

Sun or partial shade
Rhus aromatica
Aromatic sumac
Sun
Spiraea alba and tomentosa

*Spiraea alba*
Meadowsweet

*Spiraea tomentosa*
Steeplebush
Viburnum prunifolium
Blackhaw viburnum or Rusty blackhaw

Sun
PERENNIALS
Acorus

*Acorus gramineus*

'Aegranteostriatus'

*Acorus americanus*
Common Milkweed

Pipevine Swallowtail

* Swamp milkweed
Amsonia – Bluestar

Sun to partial shade
Aster drummondii
Drommond’s Aster

Sun

Nectar for migrators
False Indigo (*Baptisia* ‘Screaming Yellow’)
*Chelone - Turtlehead

Sun to partial shade
Echinacea purpurea
Purple coneflower

Sun
*Eupatorium dubium*

Joe Pye Weed – ‘Little Joe’

Sun to light shade
Hardy hibiscus

Hibiscus moscheutos
Liatris

Sun
*Cardinal Flower
*Lobelia cardinalis

Prefers partial shade
Monarda didyma

Bee Balm

Sun to partial shade
Phlox divaricata
Wood phlox

Light shade
Goldenrod

Solidago sp.

Sun
Grasses

Big Bluestem

Pampas grass

Purple Muhly Grass

Switchgrass
QUESTIONS?