

LION's NARNIA BRAILLE TRAIL / IRIS GRANT PLANTINGS (Wildflower Walk) PROJECT

This Project encompasses the area beyond Station 3 across the creek, to shortly before Station 5, including all the area to the footbridge. As we understand the story being told in this part of the Braille Trail, the section before and after Station 3 should project a somber, cold, snowy, wintry scene. As we arrive at station 4, the ice is beginning to thaw, the white snow starts to disappear, and Spring is coming. After Station 4, the full Spring Season arrives with many brightly colored flowers, predominately yellow, as we approach the footbridge. Looking back from the footbridge, the view is one of bright colors, to the right and the left, all the way to Station 5.

In keeping with the guidelines, all of the plants we have chosen are native to our State. Most of the Project area is heavily shaded by existing deciduous trees, with the creek running directly through it. We intend to leave most of the area just as it is; the plants we have chosen fit right in with the natural setting. For planning purposes, we have divided the Project into 3 separate sections, as shown on the attached drawing.

Section I consists of a large, flat area shaded by existing trees, beginning shortly after Station 3 and includes the area bordering the left side of the path. We have chosen evergreen plants that have no flowers to use as groundcovers and edging for the path. Several types of large shrubs with white blooms will be grouped under the trees to the right of the path.

Section II begins at Station 4. It consists of a long narrow border on the right and left of the path, all the way to the footbridge. Around Station 4 the evergreen groundcovers and ferns are still predominant. As we continue along the path, we have placed many plants with flowers of different colors, mostly on the left of the path, since there is not much room to the right. A beautiful existing stand of Foamflower is on the left at the end of the path toward the footbridge. This should be included in our Project.

Section III consists of the areas to the left and right, after crossing the footbridge, all the way up to Station 5. Due to the large size of this section, plus the possibility of some sunshine, we plan to use many of our most colorful large and small native plants. Many plants are suitable for the section going down to the creek, several that like "wet feet" will be planted near the water.

The attached Tables list the names of the plants chosen for each section, the number of each plant needed, and the estimated costs. Additional costs for soil, mulch, signs and other supplies will be provided.

Please let us know if you need additional information and/or have any questions.

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