

# HIGH LINE PLANT GUIDE

## FALL 2010

SECTION 1: GANSEVOORT STREET TO 20TH STREET

### LEGEND

#### LOCATION

- 5** Chelsea Grasslands
- 4** 10th Avenue Square
- 3** Sundeck
- 2** Washington Grasslands
- 1** Gansevoort Woodland

#### PLANT TYPE

- T** Tree
- S** Shrub
- V** Vine
- P** Herbaceous perennial
- G** Grass

#### NATIVITY

- NA** North American native
- Ne** Northeast native

Note: For the purposes of this guide, native range is based on the species of the plant cultivars listed. Cultivars themselves do not have native ranges.

 **ATTRACTS WILDLIFE**

 **DROUGHT TOLERANT**

#### LIGHT

   full sun / partial shade / full shade



**4** |  |  | **Ne** |  | **P**

Vernonia glauca  
broadleaf ironweed

Seasonal interest: purple flowers in late summer



**4** |  |  | **NA** | **G**

Nassella tenuissima  
Mexican feathergrass

Seasonal interest: fine feathery foliage



**5** |  |  | **Ne** |  | **P**

Silphium laciniatum  
compass plant

Seasonal interest: yellow flowers in late summer



**4** |  |  |  | **Ne** | **P**

Heuchera villosa 'Autumn Bride'  
Autumn Bride hairy alumroot

Seasonal interest: late summer flowers



**3** **5** |  |  |  | **Ne** |  | **P**

Pycnanthemum muticum  
bigleaf mountain mint

Seasonal interest: silver flowers/bracts



**3** |  |  | **Ne** | **G**

Chasmanthium latifolium  
northern sea oats

Seasonal interest: gold color, fall flowers



**3** |  |  | **NA** |  | **P**

Solidago ohioensis  
Ohio goldenrod

Seasonal interest: yellow/gold summer flowers



**3** |  |  | **Ne** |  | **S**

Viburnum nudum 'Winterthur'  
Winterthur smooth withered

Seasonal interest: red fall color



**3** |  |  | **Ne** |  | **S**

Rhus glabra  
smooth sumac

Seasonal interest: red/orange fall color



**2** **5** |  |  | **Ne** |  | **G**

Sporobolus heterolepis  
prairie dropseed

Seasonal interest: gold/orange/red fall color



**2** |  | **P**

Periscaria amplexicaulis 'Firetail'  
Firetail mountain fleece

Seasonal interest: flowers into late summer



**2** |  |  |  | **S**

Aronia melanocarpa 'Viking'  
Viking black chokeberry

Seasonal interest: purple fruits, red fall foliage



**2** **5** |  |  | **Ne** |  | **G**

Bouteloua curtipendula  
sideoats grama

Seasonal interest: silver/gold seeds and stems



**2** |  |  | **P**

Tricyrtis 'Sinonome'  
Sinonome toadlily

Seasonal interest: intricate purple fall flowers



**2** |  |  | **S**

Lespedeza thunbergii 'Gibraltar'  
Gibraltar bushclover

Seasonal interest: late summer/fall flowers



**1** **2** **4** |  |  | **S**

Cotinus x 'Grace'  
Grace smokebush

Seasonal interest: purple/red fall foliage



**1** **5** |  |  | **Ne** | **P**

Symphiotrichum (Aster) oblongifolius  
'Raydon's Favorite' – aromatic aster

Seasonal interest: purple flowers in fall



**1** |  |  |  | **S**

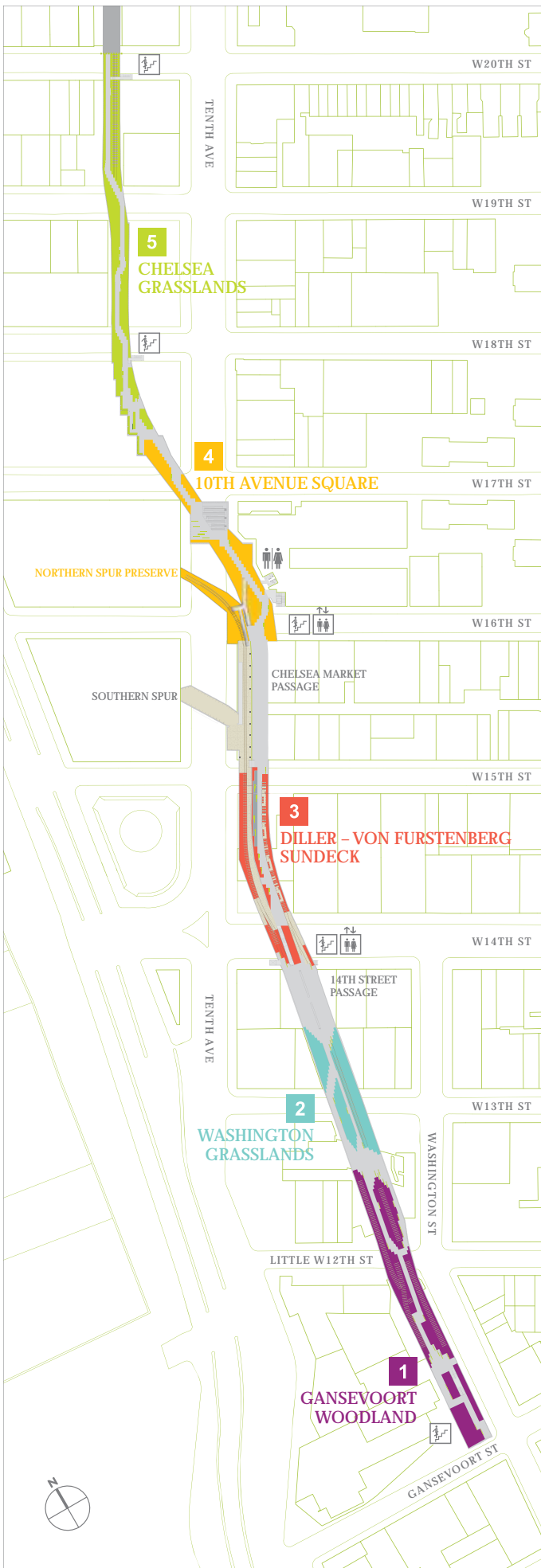
Ilex verticillata  
winterberry holly

Seasonal interest: red fruit in fall

# HIGH LINE PLANTING DESIGN & LANDSCAPE ZONES

## PLANTING DESIGN

The High Line's planting design is inspired by the self-seeded landscape that took root on the elevated rail tracks after the trains stopped running. The High Line includes more than 200 species of perennials, grasses, shrubs, and trees – chosen for their hardiness, adaptability, diversity, and seasonal variation in color and texture. Some of the species that originally grew on the High Line's rail bed are reflected in the park landscape today. The High Line design team was a collaboration between landscape architecture and urban design firm James Corner Field Operations (the project lead), design firm Diller Scofidio + Renfro, and planting designer Piet Oudolf.



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### GANSEVOORT WOODLAND

At the top of the Gansevoort Stair lies the Gansevoort Woodland – a thicket predominantly comprised of birch and serviceberry trees. A series of raised steel planters provides adequate planting depth to accommodate the trees' root systems. Vines cascade over the High Line railing, forming a lush, green balcony visible to passers-by on the street below.

*Thanks to Donald Pels and Wendy Keys*

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### DILLER – VON FURSTENBERG SUNDECK

The Diller – von Furstenberg Sundeck, between 14th and 15th Streets, is one of the High Line's most popular gathering spots. Large-scale outdoor furniture is aligned along a gentle curve of historic rail track and surrounded by grasses, perennials, and shrubs. Alongside the water feature, a series of raised steel planters contain a mix of wetland species. On the lower level, the Sundeck Preserve consists of wildflowers, grasses, and sumac trees that create a striking silhouette against the skyline of the Hudson River and New Jersey.

*Thanks to The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation*

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### CHELSEA GRASSLANDS

Just beyond the 10th Avenue Square are the meandering pathways of the Chelsea Grasslands, where a mix of meadow grasses and perennials surprise visitors with dramatic variety in color and texture throughout the year. Here, sweeps of bright flowers and green grasses in summer evolve into an animated tapestry of bright golds, deep reds, and rich browns in fall. This space reflects Piet Oudolf's appreciation for the aesthetic characteristics of each plant as they change throughout the season.

*Thanks to The Tiffany & Co. Foundation*

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### WASHINGTON GRASSLANDS

The Washington Grasslands, where wild grasses sway in the breeze, stretch from Little West 12th Street to West 13th Street. Just to the south of the 14th Street Passage, a mix of grasses and shade-loving perennials grow in a quiet, protected area among chokeberry, sassafras, and witch hazel.

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### 10TH AVENUE SQUARE

Just beyond the Chelsea Market Passage, visitors arrive at the 10th Avenue Square. Here, a grove of three-flower maple trees frames a spectacular view of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. A wood amphitheater cuts into the existing structure, providing visitors with a unique view of Tenth Avenue.

*Thanks to Hermine and David Heller  
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### NORTHERN SPUR PRESERVE

Evoking the wild landscape that grew on the High Line before it was a park, the Northern Spur Preserve features an impressionistic landscape of trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses. It is best observed from the intimate observation deck, where views of this robust planting bed are set against the city streets below.

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