

Neighborhood Percolation Pond Garden Project



Ceanothus 'Julia Phelps'

Do you have a Percolation Pond in your neighborhood that you would like to see visually improved?

Our City has many neighborhood percolation pond areas that function to catch and direct rain runoff back into the soil. They often have a surrounding chain link fence and a gate. These are generally City owned properties that have contracted labor to remove weeds once a year. Most residents agree that these areas could look better.

For residents interested in adopting their local perc pond the Marina Tree and Garden Club (MT&GC), with support from the City of Marina, has developed a program to help.

The program applies only to the planting areas in front of the chain link fences that are visible in many neighborhoods. Access to interior areas are prohibited for safety reasons.

How MT&GC will help:

City residents interested in adopting their local perc pond, can coordinate with the MT&GC contact. In addition, a City Volunteer application must be filed with the City prior to starting a project. Using the selected plants, a planting day will be organized with volunteers to install the project. Neighbors, family and/or friends must participate in the initial installation and to continue care for the planting into the future. The best time to plant the percolation pond garden is in the fall—before the rains. That is when the native plants will get their roots established and need less water and long-term care.

The City will provide a sign that the landscaped area is a designated *Percolation Pond Garden*. With this sign in place, the City will only maintain the area inside the fence of the perc pond. The City will not be responsible for any maintenance of the resident landscaped area, and reserves the right to revoke maintenance activities at any time for any reason. It will be the responsibility of the adopting residents to water and weed the landscaped area to keep the garden healthy.

Why only native plants?

Although there are other ornamental plants that might be suitable for the challenging conditions of the perc ponds, our native species will provide the “best bang for the buck.” Think of the perc pond areas as potential attractive green spaces that will feed birds, insects and wildlife.



The MT&GC would like to promote the use of our showiest and hardiest natives in more areas of the city. That is why the MT&GC will help purchase recommended native plants for adopted perc ponds.



Typical Percolation Pond view from street

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How to use this guide:

These are a just a few of the club selected California Native species that have high tolerances for poor soils and wind and are readily available in most independent plant nurseries.

After planting - the plants will need water for the first two years to become established. After two years there should be minimal need for summer water and some minimal maintenance to keep in shape.

Pick plants for each category:

For example:

A = Coast Live Oak (2)

B = Toyon (4)

C = Ceanothus 'Julia Phelps' (6)

D = Arctostaphylos 'Pacific Mist' (6)

A Trees

Fremontodendron californium -
California Flannel Bush

Lyonothamnus floribundus
ssp. asplenifolius - *Catalina Ironwood*

Pinus torreyana- *Torrey pine*

Quercus agrifolia - *Coast Live Oak*

B Large Shrubs

Arctostaphylos pajaroenis -
Pajaro Manzanita

Eriogonum gigantum - *St. Catherine's Lace*

Ceanothus - *'Ray Hartman'*

Ceanothus griseus - *'Carmel Ceanothus'*

Garrya elliptica - *Silk Tassel*

Heteromeles arbutifolia - *Toyon*

Prunus ilicifolia ssp lyonii -
Catalina Cherry

Romneya coulteri - *Matilija Poppy*

Rhamnus californica - *Coffeeberry*

Rhus integrifolia - *Lemonade Berry*

C Mid sized Shrubs

Arctostaphylos pumila -
'Sandmat Manzanita'

Ceanothus *'Joyce Coulter'*

Ceanothus *'Julia Phelps'*

Galvezia Speciosa - *Island Bush
Snapdragon*

Lupinus albifrons - *Silver Bush Lupine*

Salvia clevelandii - *'Winnifred Gilman'*

Salvia *'Celestial Blue'*

Salvia mellifera - *Black Sage*

D Groundcover (optional)

Arctostaphylos - *'Pacific Mist'*

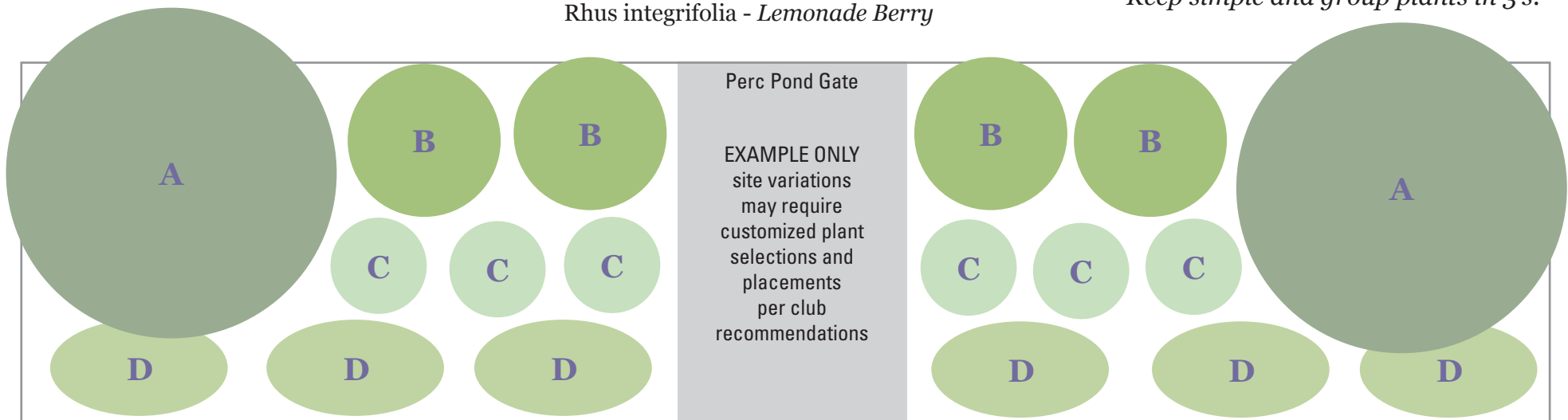
Arctostaphylos pumila - *'Sandmat
Manzanita'*

Elymus mollis - *American Dune Grass*

Salvia *'Bee's Bliss'*

Salvia spathacea *'Hummingbird Sage'*

Keep simple and group plants in 3's!



Street View