

PLANTING PLAN for Woodland Water-Wise Mow Strips

NATIVE MEADOW



A DROUGHT-TOLERANT LAWN ALTERNATIVE for a grass-like groundcover and native wildflowers.

Before you start: Completely remove turf grass and weeds, taking care not to damage tree roots. Work compost into the soil if needed. The soil surface should be evenly graded and free of large clods. Do NOT add fertilizers. If possible, irrigate the bare soil to let weed seeds germinate. Remove and repeat to ensure a weed-free planting area.

California dune sedge: The dune sedge will take 1-2 growing seasons to fill in. Dune sedge plants come in plugs or liners and must be planted individually. Plant the plugs according to the recommendation and layout below.

Wildflower seeds (optional): In fall, sow seeds of native wildflowers throughout the mow strip either as a mix or in sweeps of different varieties. Hand-sown seed can be raked or mulched, but not buried deeper than 1/8". Soil should be firmed down after sowing.

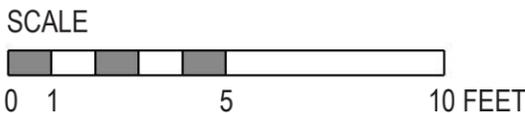
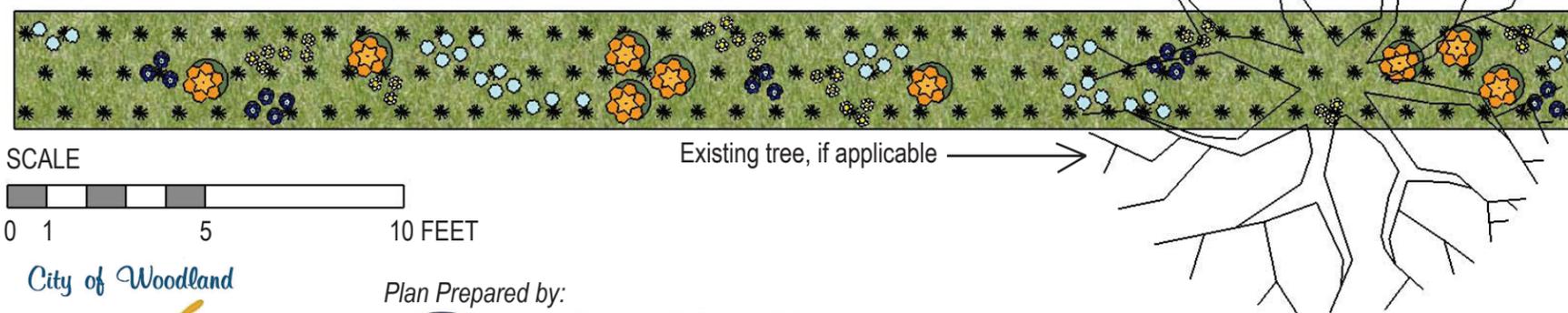
Watering: After installation, water thoroughly yet gently so as not to wash wildflower seeds away. Seeds must be kept moist either by rains or irrigation for 4-6 weeks in order to germinate properly. Recommended method is buried drip irrigation or microsprinklers. **YEAR ONE:** Ensure the soil is kept evenly moist. **YEAR TWO:** Water twice a week, soaking the soil as deeply as possible without water running off. **YEAR THREE:** Water once a week, soaking the soil as deeply as possible without water running off. **YEAR FOUR:** Water once or twice a month as needed.

Weeding: If there are weeds in your strip, pull them as soon as possible.

Mowing: To keep your meadow strip looking fresh, mow no lower than 4-6 inches once or twice a year.

PLANTING LAYOUT

40 x 3 foot design is based on a typical mow strip, but may be adapted to fit your space.



See **Master Plant List for Woodland Water-Wise Mow Strips** for height and width, sun requirement, and other useful plant characteristics. For more information on water-wise landscaping, please visit: www.cityofwoodland.org/waterconservation



California Dune Sedge- *Carex pansa* N
Plant 120 sedge plants at 12-inch spacing. For quicker establishment double number (240) and plant at 6-inch spacing. Do not substitute for other species.



Native California Wildflowers N (optional)
California poppy- *Eschscholzia californica* N, Baby blue eyes- *Nemophila menziesii* N, Goldfields- *Lasthenia californica* N, Sky lupine- *Lupinus nanus* N, Yarrow- *Achillea millefolium* N
To cover 120 square feet, try one small seed packet of each variety, or six small seed packets total. Non-native wildflower seeds MAY NOT be drought tolerant.

N = California native



California Poppy



California Dune Sedge



Sky Lupine



Yarrow



Goldfields



Baby Blue Eyes