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**Schematics of Locations of  
Native Shrubs and Trees Planted in Back, 2012-Present**

In late 2011, we moved into a newly-built house less than 2 miles west of Cortland, NY. The lot is 175 feet wide, west to east, and 407 feet deep running north from the street. However, the back 118 feet is designated “forever wild,” and remains covered by brush and a scattering of trees, with a seasonal creek that runs through part of it. After the house was constructed, this left us with a “back yard” of almost 6/10 of an acre of mud and rocks, every plant having been bulldozed off except for several dozen Black Cherry trees that gave this lot the partially wooded look that appealed to us. The bulldozing was helpful, as previously the lot had been overrun with mostly alien invasives (including non-native Goldenrods and Garlic Mustard), but it left us with a blank slate and big decisions to make.

In the spring of 2012 we had a grass lawn installed, and our landscaper planted a few trees in the back – 2 oaks and 3 birch trees fairly close to the house, and 5 Norway Spruce spread around (the only non-native trees in the back). Later that summer, White Oak Nursery provided us with our first contingent of native plants, both a few “overstory trees” (American Basswood and Sugar Maples) and many understory trees and shrubs: several each of Beaked Hazelnuts, Chokecherries, Elderberries (Black and Red), Nannyberries, Witch Hazels, a larger number of Spicebush, and others as well, spread around the back and also along the hedgerow, with a number of plants grouped in “deer cages” to protect them from deer predation, spread around the near backyard.

In 2013, The Plantsmen provided yet more natives, and at this time constructed 3 beds fairly close to the house, to hold more plants and connect the previous plantings, and spread out in these beds some of the plants that had previously been clustered in the deer cages. In addition, they constructed two larger fenced-in areas towards the back of the lot: the one in the back right is now mostly unfenced;

the larger one in the far back center is still completely fenced, including White Pines, a Tulip Tree, a Yellow Birch, and the only surviving Silky Dogwoods on the property.

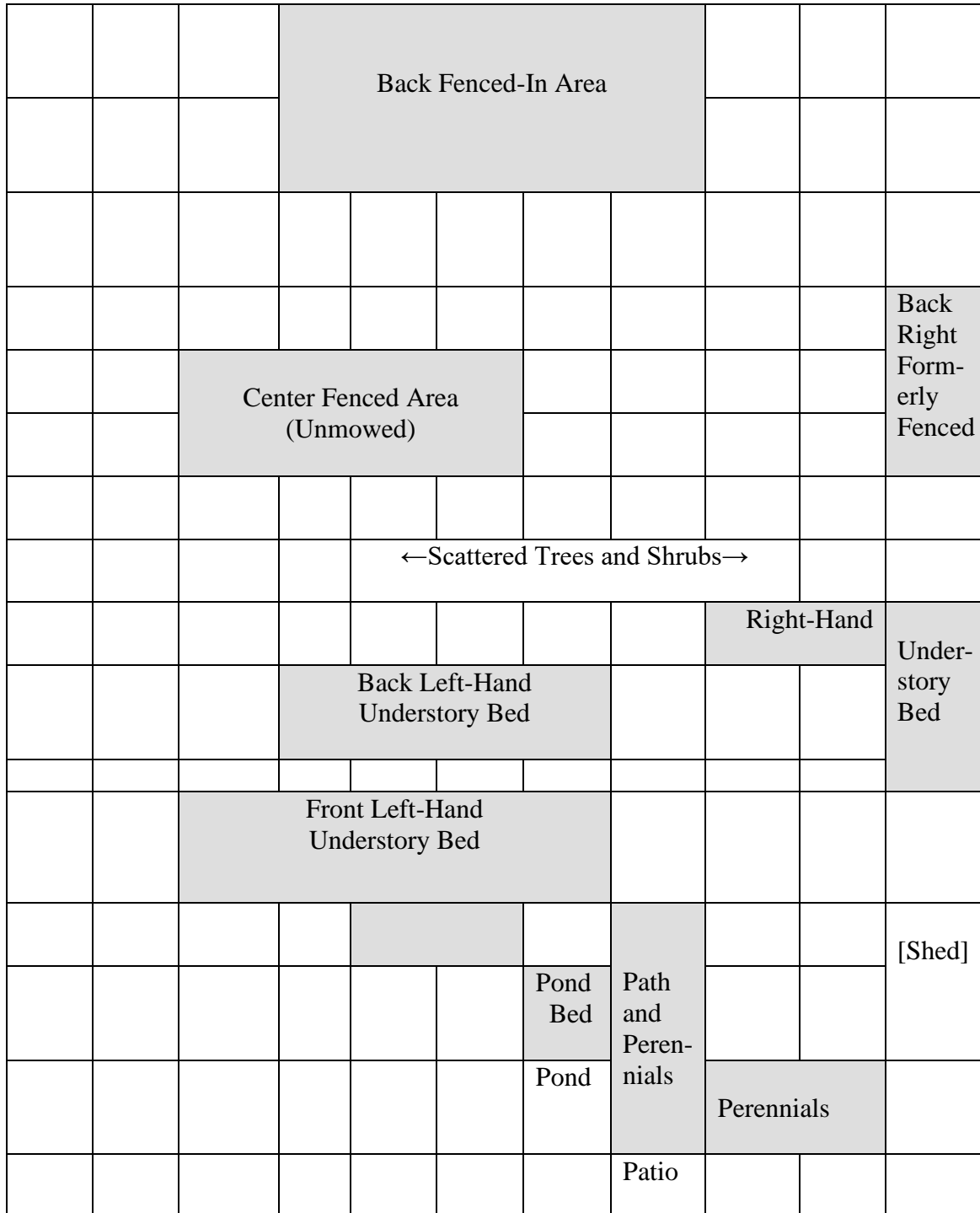
In the 10 years since, we have continued to add a few other plants on a yearly basis, mostly from The Plantsmen (because it is nearby and native), but we also try to average one additional over- or understory tree a year from our landscaper (CounTree Lawn & Landscape), and have added some wild flowers and ground cover from Amanda's Native Garden. It is important to note that any venture such as this is not without casualties – we have lost a number of plants and trees over the years, but we carry on, and are pleased with those that have survived.

In 2017 we created an additional fenced area in the center of the back yard, which demonstrates a less expensive way of introducing what will be sizable native understory plants. White Oak Nursery outside Canandaigua sells “potted seedlings” in 5 inch square pots that are 8 inches deep, at very reasonable prices; these are also available in Syracuse (for \$5 more per pot) at the annual sale by Habitat Gardening of Central New York (a chapter of Wild Ones). We planted 3 each of Bladdernut, Chokecherry, Nannyberry, Serviceberry, and Spicebush, and have not mowed or weeded inside this enclosure since that time. (Of course other nurseries also sell small versions of plants as well.)

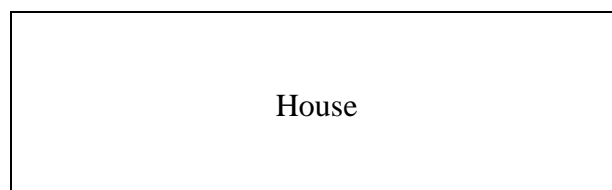
The maps, or schematics, that follow show the layout of the beds in the yard, and identify the plants in each bed. These layouts are, of course, approximations, but we hope they will enable visitors to identify which plants they are observing, and to find any particular plant that they are interested in seeing. Also, attached are: (1) a list of common and scientific names of the native plants we have planted, and (2) a document containing several photos just to show the difference in one area, from bare ground to present day.

Schematic  
 683 Hatchers Run: native plantings  
 in 6/10 acre in backyard.

North



↑ Hedgerow



**INDIVIDUAL SMALL BEDS TOWARDS HEDGEROW**

↑Hedgerow ↓House & pond →North

Dates: Black Cherry pre-existing; all others 2012-13 unless noted.

	HEDGEROW					HEDGEROW					
Black Cherry											
Sweet-shrub (2015)		Black Cherry							Black Cherry	White Fringe Tree (2020)	Black Cherry
Spice-bush				Pin Oak							
Black Cherry		Black Cherry	Witch Hazel								
										Black Cherry	
										Spice-bush (berries)	
										Black Cherry	
			Black Cherry	Rugosa Rose	Black Cherry	Black Cherry					
		Sweetspire		Sweetspire		Sweet-spire					
							River Birch				

HOUSE

POND

**FRONT LEFT-HAND BED**

←Hedgerow    ↑North    ↓House & pond

Dates: Black Cherry pre-existing; all others 2012-13 unless noted.

Approx. 70 feet long.

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PATH							PATH						
			Witch Hazel	Black Cherry	Witch Hazel	Red Elderberry/Chokecherry			Beaked Hazelnut	Beaked Hazelnut	Red Elderberry	Spice-bush	Black Cohosh (Vol.)
Black Cherry		Witch Hazel	Black Cherry	Spice-bush	Black Cohosh (2019)	Blue Cohosh	Spice-bush (berries)		Spice-bush	Beaked Hazelnut			Black Cherry
	Spice-bush (berries)				Beaked Hazelnut		Black Cohosh (	Pagoda Dogwood (in cage)			Black Cherry	Beaked Hazelnut	
		Chokecherry	Black Cohosh (2019)	Black Cherry		Sugar Maple				Beaked Hazelnut	Beaked Hazelnut		
								Red Maple (2017)	Beaked Hazelnut				

LAWN

LAWN

**BACK LEFT-HAND BED**

←Hedgerow    ↑North    ↓House & pond

Dates: Black Cherry pre-existing; all others 2012-13 unless noted.

Approx. 40-45 feet long.

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Free-standing  
Nannyberry

Black Cherry	Mayapple	Red Elderberry			Bladdernut			
Spicebush	Service-berry	Spicebush	Spicebush	Black Cherry	Bladdernut	Black Cherry	Spicebush (berries)	Beaked Hazelnut
Black Cherry					Bladdernut			Witch Hazel

**RIGHT-HAND BED**

←Hedgerow    ↑North    ↓House & pond

Dates: Black Cherry pre-existing; all others 2012-13 unless noted; "Vol.": volunteer, date unknown.

Approx. 40 feet long.

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		Beaked Hazelnut	Black Walnut (Vol.)	Tulip Tree (2020)	Black Cherry	Spice- bush	Black Cherry	Culver's Root (Vol.)		Witch Hazel	Black Cherry	Norway Spruce
White Fringe Tree (2014)	Black Cherry			Black Co- hosh (2019)	Beaked Hazel- nut	Black Cherry/ Black Cohosh (2019 )	Culver's Root / Cora- berry (2021)	Jack-in- the- Pulpit (Vol.)		Striped Maple	White Bane- berry	
		Spicebush (berries)	Red Elderberry			Virgi- nia Creeper (Vol.)	Ferns	Virginia Creeper (Vol.)		Ferns	Black Cherry	
LAWN										Solom- on Seal		
										River Birch	Striped Maple	
LAWN				Black Cherry		Black Cherry		LAWN		Black Cherry		
					Redbud (2019)						Norway Spruce	

Red  
Oak

**FREE-STANDING TREES** (behind beds)

←Hedgerow ↑North ↓House & pond

Pre-existing Black Cherry Trees not shown; all others 2012 unless noted.

				Back Fenced Area										
				Back Fenced Area								Leather-Leaf Vib. (2014)	Winter-berry	
Service-berry (2014)														
		Norway Spruce		Norway Spruce	Norway Spruce							Back Right Area		
		Middle Fenced Area												
Nanny-berry		Norway Spruce	Area – see list below.											
				Norway Spruce	Bass-wood					Service-berry (2015)				
	Nanny-berry													
							Choke-cherry	Sugar Maple			Hem-lock (2023)		Beech (2014)	
										Bass-wood				
	Bass-wood		Redbud										Haw-thorn (2014)	
		Choke-cherry					Nanny-berry						Haw-thorn (2014)	

All native except for Norway Spruce, Leather Leaf Viburnum.

Middle Fenced Area: 3 each “potted seedlings” 2017: Bladdernut, Chokecherry, Nannyberry, Serviceberry, Spicebush.



**BACK RIGHT AREA**

Note different orientation: ←North House→

Dates: 2013 unless noted.

Approx. 30-35 feet long.

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		Gray Birch	Spice Bush		Gray Birch	Witch Hazel (in cage)
	Tulip Tree		Witch Hazel	Striped Maple	Hobblebush (2017) / Witch Hazel (in cage)	
		Red Maple	Spice Bush	Gray Birch		

**FAR BACK FENCED-IN AREA**

←Hedgerow    ↑North    ↓House & pond

Dates: 2013 unless noted.

Approx. 60 feet long.

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	Silky Dogwood		Spicebush / Hobblebush (2017)	Witch Hazel		Red Maple		
		Red Maple	White Pine	Red Maple	Younger Red Maple (Vol. ?)	Yellow Birch	Spicebush (berries)	
	White Pine						White Pine	
	Hobble- bush (2017)	Tulip Tree	Silky Dogwood	Silky Dogwood		Spicebush		

**HEDGEROW**

(Date 2012-13 unless noted.)

**South End**

Norway Spruce  
(in next yard)

	Sweet-shrubs		Black Chokeberries (2014-15), Red Chokeberries (2014-15)	Bay-berries (2014)		Red-Twig Dogwoods (c.2016)	Winter-berries (2012, 2015)	Black Cherry	Fragrant Sumac (small) (2019)	Black Cherry	But-ton Bush	(Red?) Choke-berries
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Norway Spruce

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**North End**

	[cage]		[cage]					[cage]			
Black Elder-berries	Snowberry (2023)	Fragrant Sumac (large)	Winterberry / Cranberry Viburnum (2017) / Bush Honeysuckle (2023)	Choke-berry (small)	Spicebush (large) (berries)	Black Elder-berries	Black Elder-berries	Black Elder-berries	Sweetshrubs (2015)		

Nannyberry

Service-  
berry

Basswood  
Tree

Nannyberry

**BEDS BEHIND POND**

Black Cherry
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Front Left-Hand Bed

[Bench]

LAWN	Ostrich Fern	Black Cherry	Ostrich Fern	PATH	Ginger / Foam Flower	Hepatica / Columbine
		Jack-in-the-Pulpit (2015)	Ostrich Fern		Red Maple (2020)	
	Maiden Hair Fern		Foam Flowers		Solo-mon's Seal	
						Perennials
Boxwoods (not native) (2017)		Gray Birch		PATH	Globe Flower	
					Northern Sea Oats	
Red-Twig Dogwoods (Kelsey) (2014)					Perennials	
Red-Twig Dogwoods (Kelsey) (2014)	Black Cherry					

POND

Perennials

Perennials

PATIO

PATH