

Swan Pond Plantings

Situated along the Des Plaines River, Swan Pond provides possibly the most dramatic vista in Riverside as viewed from the library or train station. Complications from flooding have compromised this area's pastoral value and beauty. In the past, the park has provided a playing field for small children's sporting events. The Public Works department maintains the turf areas.

In July, 2017, volunteers helped to plant about 9000 plugs of native forbs, grasses, sedges and rushes. As of August, 2019, about 60% of those plugs survived. The most successful species have been: *Acorus calamus* (Sweet Flag), *Carex emoryi* (Riverbank Sedge), *Carex vulpinoidea* (Brown Fox Sedge), *Scheonoplectus actus* (Hard-stemmed Bulrush), *Scirpus pendulus* (Red Bulrush) and *Spartina pectinata* (Prairie Cord Grass).



Swan Pond as of September 19, 2019