

# Woodland Garden Blueprint: Site Audit & Nursery Shopping List

## PART 1: SITE ASSESSMENT (Field Notes)

Walk your property during a clear day in mid-June to record exact conditions.

### Light Exposure (Check one):

- **Deep Shade** (0–1 hours of direct sun)
- **Partial Shade** (2–4 hours of morning sun)
- **Dappled Sunlight** (Filtered light shifting through leaves all day)

### Soil Moisture Test (Dig 6 inches down, 24 hours after a rainstorm):

- **Bone Dry** (Soil crumbles into dust instantly)
- **Moist & Well-draining** (Soil holds its shape when squeezed but does not drip)
- **Boggy / Wet** (Standing water present or heavy, saturated clay)

### Root Competition Level:

- **Heavy** (Under Maples/Oaks — *Requires pocket planting technique*)
  - **Mild** (Under deep-rooted trees or near a fence line)
  - **Open Understory** (No major tree roots present in the planting bed)
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## PART 2: THE SHOPPING LIST (Nursery Selection)

Check the boxes based on your Site Assessment above. Always verify the Latin name.

### Deep & Dark Shade Species:

- Ostrich Fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*) — Qty: \_\_\_\_\_
- Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*) — Qty: \_\_\_\_\_
- White Trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*) — Qty: \_\_\_\_\_
- Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*) — Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dry & Tough Shade Species (Under Tree Canopies):

- Pennsylvania Sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*) — Qty: \_\_\_\_\_
- Zigzag Goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*) — Qty: \_\_\_\_\_
- Bigleaf Aster (*Eurybia macrophylla*) — Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

### Wet & Boggy Spot Species:

- Turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*) — Qty: \_\_\_\_\_
- Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*) — Qty: \_\_\_\_\_
- Foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*) — Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PART 3: ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES**

*Don't leave the garden center without these critical establishment tools.*

- **Local Leaf Mold** (2–3 bags to feed soil microbiology)
- **Mycorrhizal Inoculant** (For depleted urban soils)
- **Chicken Wire (90cm)** (Physical barrier for rabbit/deer protection)
- **Shredded Bark Mulch** (To preserve moisture and block weeds)
- **Soil Moisture Meter** (To monitor the critical first-year establishment)