

CONCEPT DESCRIPTION

The garden concept consists of elements that prompt contemplation of the relationship between individual agency, ecological conditions, and collective trajectories.

The central element is a sloping trajectory(path) paved of stone that from the center of the garden rises/descends two feet longitudinally in each direction. Terminating at the ends of the garden, the trajectory is a reference to the climate and ecological futures ranging in degrees of catastrophe, that frequently manipulate our collective climate consciousness.

At the ends of the trajectory are simple chairs. The chairs create a contemplative moment at the maximum/minimum states of the trajectory - people sit facing each other - for contemplation of ecological possibilities; the trends that are at play, the consequences of those trends, and the significant role of individuals within collective change.

The planting scheme emphasizes the role of ecological conditions in the positive or negative trending of trajectories. Linked to the individual procession through the garden, the juxtaposition of “wild” vs “manicured” emphasize human influence on the landscape and the association of ecological/biodiverse landscape approaches with positive futures.

SUGGESTED PLANT LIST

MANICURED LAWN

Mowed & Maintained Turfgrass  
*Festuca rubra* - Red Fescue or *Zoysia japonica* - Zoysia Grass

PRAIRIE

*Schizachyrium scoparium* - Little Bluestem  
*Andropogon gerardii* - Big Bluestem  
*Sorghastrum nutans* - Indiangrass  
*Panicum virgatum* - Switchgrass  
*Monarda fistulosa* - Beebalm  
*Liatris pycnostachya* - Prairie Blazingstar  
*Asclepias syriaca* - Common Milkweed  
*Silphium terebinthinaceum* - Prairie Dock  
*Amorpha canescens* - Leadplant  
*Baptisia alba* - White False Indigo  
*Echinacea pallida* - Pale Purple Coneflower  
*Eryngium yuccifolium* - Rattlesnake Master





