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Just when you think you couldn't get excited about plants and the coming landscape season a opportunity presents itself. For some time now I have been in cruise control when it comes to taking for granted the many varieties of plants that are available. Up until last fall I lived with and maintained a very long-established landscape. Since moving though, Holly and I have acquired more planting space choked off by what was once a very expansive but not maintained landscape. At some point we realized we had to grub the entire space in and around the house. This left nothing but a blank palette. My enthusiasm rekindled, I'm quickly compiling a planting scheme to submit to the commission.



With the rural setting and nature up close to us every day I'm excited to look more at the non-pedestrian offerings in the catalog. Plants lending themselves to my wish list include:

- Amelanchier for flower, food and seasonal color
- Hamamelis for spring or fall bloom and never planting one besides
- Native holly for wet areas and and its red berry color in winter.



Inventory willing, Bur oak, Yellowwood, Cornus mas, and Chionathus (because we left a specimen behind in Plymouth) all would be welcome.

Management willing, mass plantings of echinacea and lobelia would be fun to try.

Although not offered in the catalog, a large plot of sunflowers is also on my wish list, for the enjoyment of wildlife as well as the caretakers.



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