Green Prairie Community is the newest residence hall at the University of Minnesota, Morris, and home to the first edible landscaping on campus. An edible landscape combines food-producing plants, shrubs, and trees in an aesthetically pleasing design that is productive and life-sustaining for humans, birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.

What’s growing at the Green Prairie Community?
1. Highbush Cranberry: Wentworth (Viburnum trilobum)
2. Glossy Black Chokeberry/Aronia Berry (Aronia melanocarpa elata)
3. Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry/Saskatoon/Juneberry (Amelanchier x grandiflora)
4. Cherries: Bali and Mesabi (Prunus)
5. Pears: Summer Crisp and Parker (Pyrus)
6. Apples: Early Season Triple Play—a clump of three early blooming varieties: State Fair, Wealthy, and Zestar!®— and Honey Crisp (Malus)
7. American Hazelnut (Corylus americana)

Enhance the beauty and productivity of outdoor spaces
• Savor freshly picked, highly nutritious fruits
• Enjoy local, hardy varieties not available in stores
Additional Minnesota hardy perennials for your edible landscape

- Apricots
- Blueberries (need acidic soil)
- Chokecherry
- Currants
- Grapes
- Hardy Kiwi
- Plums
- Spice Currents
- Bunch Onions
- Chives
- French Tarragon
- Mint
- Oregano
- Rhubarb
- Strawberries
- Thyme

Things to consider when planting perennials

- Mature size of shrubs and trees.
- Some perennials grow vigorously, spread, and can dominate plantings.
- Microclimate conditions—acidic versus alkaline soil, sun versus shade, moist versus dry.
- USDA hardiness zone for plant health and survival. Morris is in zone 4a. Find your zone at planthardiness.ars.usda.gov

Want more information?

Check out these books at your local library

- Edible Landscapes by Rosalind Creasy
- The Edible Landscape: Creating a Beautiful and Bountiful Garden with Vegetables, Fruits, and Flowers by Emily Tepe

Explore these websites

- Edible landscapes: rosalindcreasy.com
- Permaculture: pricoldclimate.org

More UMM Edibles

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