Sedges Make Sense for Green Infrastructure

Roots
Branching, fibrous roots help hold soil, reduce and filter runoff, and increase water infiltration.

Alternatives
Shorter selections are smart alternatives to traditional turf grass, reducing the need for mowing, fertilizing, and watering.

Groundcover
Many can serve as ground covers or base layers for mixed plantings, out-competing weeds and reducing maintenance.

Wildlife
Native sedges serve as food and shelter for pollinators, birds, and other wildlife

Weed-resistant
Some sedges spread and build a vegetative, weed-resistant layer to stabilize sites.

Bioretention
Selections adapted to both wet and dry conditions are excellent for bioretention and other stormwater applications.

Dry Shade
Others perform in dry shade where plantings are often hard to establish.

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