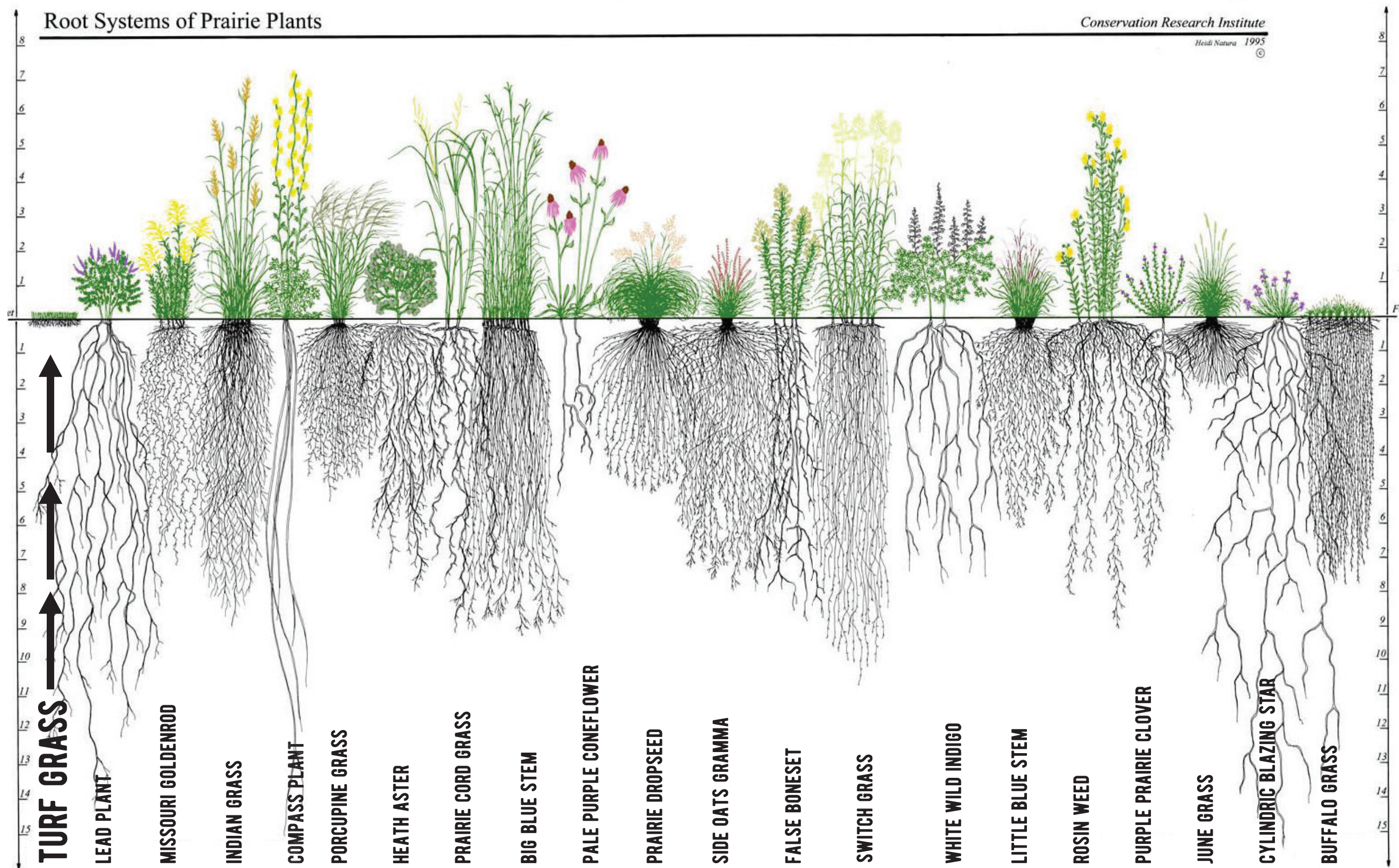


# NATIVE PLANTS OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS



**THE MCC NATIVE PLANT BERM WAS PLANTED IN THE SPRING OF 2023. OVER 2,000 PLUGS WERE SEEDED AND CARED FOR BY OUR HORTICULTURE STUDENTS IN THE SPRING GREENHOUSE CLASS.**

Native Plants are those that occur naturally in a region in which they evolved. They are very low maintenance, requiring little water as they are adapted to our local environment. Their flowers provide nectar for pollinators and shelter for mammals and birds, plus their nuts, seeds, and fruits are essential food for many forms of wildlife. Their roots can prevent soil erosion and help with water retention.



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