Welcome to Swann Mall, a contemplative open space with a naturalized landscape. Naturalized landscaping refers to the practice of purposefully bringing back native plants to an area. Once properly established, naturalized areas provide many environmental, social and economic benefits, such as reducing irrigation and maintenance demand and supporting local biodiversity.

For the university, naturalization also allows the campus landscape to be more representative of the land that we reside in: a unique junction between the foothills and the prairie. Non-invasive adapted plants are also selectively used in Swann Mall. Some of the more common species are introduced here:
SOME INVASIVE PLANTS ON CAMPUS

Invasive plants are non-native species that have been introduced, intentionally or unintentionally, and threaten our ecosystems. Some of the more common invasive plants are listed below:

**Dandelion**
- Not listed as noxious but a prolific seed producer with deep, penetrating taproots
- Bright yellow flowers that produce pappus, spheric seedheads to be disseminated & carried by wind
- Edible qualities

**Foxtail, varied species**
- Not listed as noxious weeds but fast spreading & able to grow in all soil types
- Has a shallow, fibrous root system; can be effectively picked
- Harmful to animals when digested

**Thistle, varied species**
- Many of them designated as prohibited noxious plants under Alberta Weed Control Act
- Aggressively spread with creeping root systems
- Commonly feature spiny leaves or stems

**Burdock, varied species**
- Designated as noxious under Alberta Weed Control Act
- Flower heads have curving hooks that stick to animal fur or skin
- Feature tall plants, large, heart shaped leaves, & purple flowers

SITE PLAN OF SWANN MALL

1. BIOSWALES
2. PROMENADE
3. TURF HILL, ART: Untitled (1975), by George Norris (aka the Prairie Chicken)
4. SEATING ISLANDS & BICYCLE RACKS
5. LINK TERRACE
6. PRAIRIE MEADOW: grasses & forbs
7. PLANTER WALL: wildrose & sandcherry
8. ARCADE WITH SEATING STEPS
9. NATIVE ASPEN GROVES
10. ART: Garden of Learning (1996) by Katie Ohe
11. FLAG POLE & SEATING ISLANDS
12. PATHWAY & STAIRS TO LOWER MURRAY FRASER HALL TERRACE: snowberry, cranberry & currant

*design has evolved over time