MTRD NATURALIZED RIGHT-OF-WAY

August 11, 2021



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NATURAL REVEGETATION PROGRAM

REASONS FOR PROGRAM

- Improve water quality for storm water runoff
- Habitat for natural pollinators
- Aesthetics
- Less mowing
- Improved efficiency

LOCATIONS

- Ringwood Road East of Johnsburg Road
- Lincoln Road
- N. Pioneer Road
- S. Solon Road
- Miller Road
- Ringwood Road



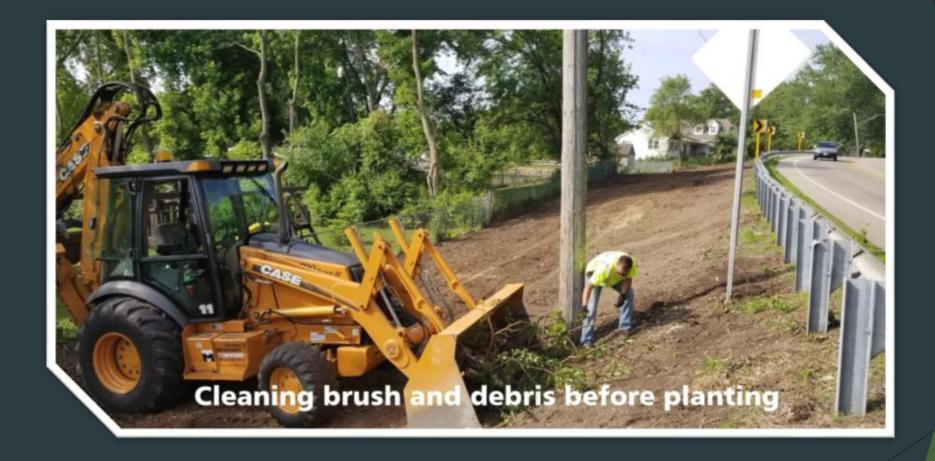
RINGWOOD ROAD

- ▶ Why was this area chosen?
- Hazardous conditions for residents in the area
- Clearing of existing vegetation on Ringwood Road in the Spring of 2018
- After photo shows results from the clearing process





RINGWOOD ROAD





RINGWOOD ROAD GROWTH PROGRESS

JUNE 2018 - seeded



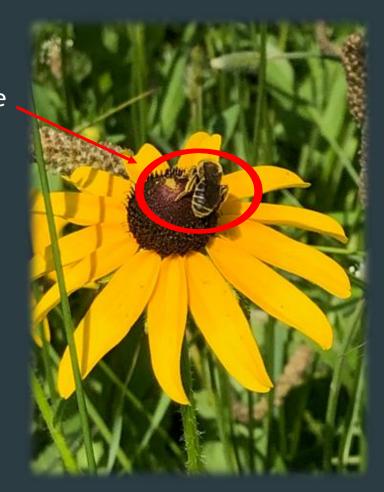
▶ JULY 2018 - after one month





NATURAL POLLINATORS

Honey Bee







Growth Progress 2019

Monarch Butterfly







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RINGWOOD ROAD MOWING NATURAL VEGETATION

October 2019 Before



October 2019 After





Mowing helps mitigate non-native plants and allows sunlight to native plants during the root establishment period.

RINGWOOD ROAD NATURAL VEGETATION

July 15, 2020





LINCOLN ROAD

- Sprayed to eliminate existing vegetation in the fall
- Area seeded with same technique used by MCCD
- Seeded using native plants and pollinators

Actual Seed





LINCOLN ROAD GROWTH PROGRESS 2019





LINCOLN ROAD MOWING NATURAL VEGETATION

October 2019 Before









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LINCOLN ROAD NATURAL VEGETATION

July 07, 2021





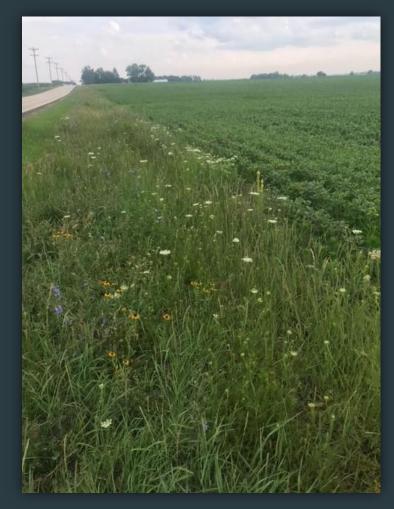


S. SOLON ROAD

August 6, 2020



S. SOLON ROAD AFTER SECOND MOWING 2021



Back slope of ditch left unmowed. This is the natural vegetation of the right-of-way.



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MILLER ROAD

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MILLER ROAD AFTER SECOND MOWING 2021

Back slope of ditch left unmowed. This is the natural vegetation of the right-of-way.





PIONEER ROAD 2020

August 6, 2020





PIONEER ROAD 2021

August 2, 2021





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IDENTIFYING UNMOWED AREAS



2' x 2' survey square



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