

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



RINGWOOD ROAD MOWING NATURAL VEGETATION

► October 2019 Before



► October 2019 After



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



► October 2019 After



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.

MILLER ROAD

► August 6, 2020



MILLER ROAD AFTER SECOND MOWING 2021

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PIONEER ROAD 2020

► August 6, 2020



PIONEER ROAD 2021

► August 2, 2021



IDENTIFYING UNMOWED AREAS



2' x 2' survey square



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