

Planting 16 – Schafer Wetlands – Spring 1994

This large area was first planted in the Spring of 1994 by hand scattering with mesic (much tallgrass in the north end of the planting) and wetland seed in more southern end.

This was after a burn (this field was taken out of crop production in 19____).

In subsequent years it has been over-seeded with wetlands seed:

In Spring of 1995 (wet seed stripper mix south of creek) and SW of Schafer Knob more wet seed stripper mix).

In Spring 1996 (mesic mix on the north end and wet mixes on west side of land just SW of Schafer Knob and wet mix straddling creek and into the willows.

In Spring 1998 (some Nachusa seed and some purchased from Genesis).

In Fall 1999 (Nachusa wetland seed mix).

A grant enabled us to remove the drainage tile this field in 19____. And later to re-create potholes in Fall of 1998 (see planting 17) and the neighbor, John Bivens, to create a pond (Fall 1998) which made the field even more wet.

Burn history: April 9, 1994, Spring 1996, Spring 1997, Spring 1998

Mowing history: occasionally we have mowed down the wild parsnip in this planting, north and south of the creek. ?Mowed the willows _____.

The area on Naylor Rd. and immediately east of the box elder thicket (pig pen area) has been over-seeded at least twice—once with Youth Stewards in the spring of 1998 and again spring of 1999, the seed was in the mesic to wetland range.

The willows along the creek have been expanding south. ?They were mowed once in _____.

More detailed seed list for the re-created potholes will be found in Planting History 17.

New weed was noticed in Fall of 1999, Phragmites grass among the willows and cattails just west of the lane and SW of Schafer Knob. The seed heads were removed off site (and burned in barrel).