

Planting 28 – Hog Barn Site Planting—Schafer Unit – Spring 1999

This small site (1 acre?) had old sheds and cement foundations when TNC acquired it in 1992 as part of the Heinkel purchase.

The portion that was planted in spring of 1999 is the most south west corner. The northwest corner has a crop of giant ragweed that comes up every year. The summer of 1999 the ragweed was sprayed with a broad-leaf herbicide. The eastern portion of the area is still covered with box elder trees.

The buildings were knocked down in 1993 and 1994 and the cement was removed in spring 1999. Some trees were removed between 1993 and 1999.

The portion that was planted in spring of 1999 had trees on the south edge by Naylor Rd, which were removed when bulldozer removed foundations and smoothed the earth.

The first seed was planted by hand by Youth Stewards in May of 1999. It was a dry mesic mix of Nachusa Grasslands seed harvested in 1998. The area was mowed at least twice in the summer of 1999.

The area was overseeded in Dec. of 1999 by the Schafer Unit stewards with another dry/mesic mix harvested in 1999.

2001--Seems to have failed, many weeds. We mowed some in 2000 and 2001.