

## Planting 44 – Entrance Slope Planting/Coneflower Unit – Fall 1999

This tiny area was all brome grass and attempts in 1998 were not rigorous enough to convert it back to prairie so it was begun again in 1999. What we tried in 1998 was to herbicide it and then burn it and then plant it. However, the grass was so thick that the herbicide did not kill enough. Even though we mowed several times in the summer of 1998, nothing native was growing and many weeds were emerging.

So in the late summer of 1999 we mowed and herbicided again which seemed to work quite well. Then the new steward, Barb Baker, planted the area again in December of 1999. It snowed and rained afterward.

Summer 2001, we decided that the planting had failed due to the number and density of weeds still present and lack of natives. Mainly grass and red clover, but many other weeds, too.

We sprayed Garlon on July 5, 2001 to begin to start over. The temp. was 75 degrees and wind was light to medium and N, NW variable.