

Land Steward Report – March, 2019 (Covers Fall/Winter 2018-19)

1. We sowed the bare area in the Prairie (from the water line project) in November. We put down a total of 52 native grass and flower species. These were mostly medium to tall species. The seeds were paid for by the school district. (Most native seeds require a 2-3 month period of cold damp weather to break their dormancy, so November to February are prime times to sow.)
2. We sowed the Northern half of the Oak Savanna in December. We sowed 40 species, all of them relatively short (about 2-1/2' or less, though some will have flower heads above this). A grant from the Wildflower Association of Michigan (from 2016, we had to do extra clearing first) paid for this.
3. Estimated the cost to follow-up in the water line area in 2019-20. This came to \$2739, for planting trees, shrubs and grasses in the area where they cut out trees; to replace destroyed signs; and for maintenance of the damaged areas. The school district agreed to send this amount to TNC for our checking account.
4. The large brush pile east of the Prairies was chipped in January.
5. Designed a 6' wide by 77' long buffer strip for the shoreline near the OHAC parking lot (below, left). Applied for a grant from WAM to cover this, but did not get the grant. Wrote and will soon submit (due 4/15) an \$835 grant proposal to the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office to cover it.
6. Ordered nine Spicebush plants for the area above the new Oak/Hickory Woods Rain Garden. This, and the prior purchases for the Rain Garden/Erosion Control project, were covered by a 2018 grant from the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office. They will be planted in May.
7. Also ordered ten Leadplants for the Prairie and Oak Savanna. This was inspired by the Tall-Grass Prairie "Roots" banner (below, right) ordered by the school, which shows Big Bluestem and Leadplant roots as examples of the root depths of native prairie plants.
8. Hoping to do burns in the Prairie area, Oak Savanna (Southern half) and the area West of the berm in April/May. We need a work day to clear debris out of North Prairie area first (March)

