WHAT TO EXPECT (FROM A POLLINATOR PROJECT)

A PRESENTATION TO THE MICHIANA BOARD, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

Some other projects as examples...

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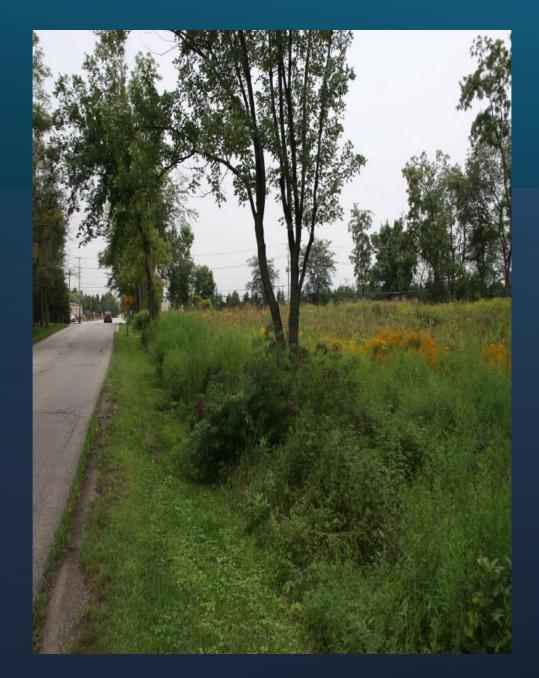


July 2007, 4 years later

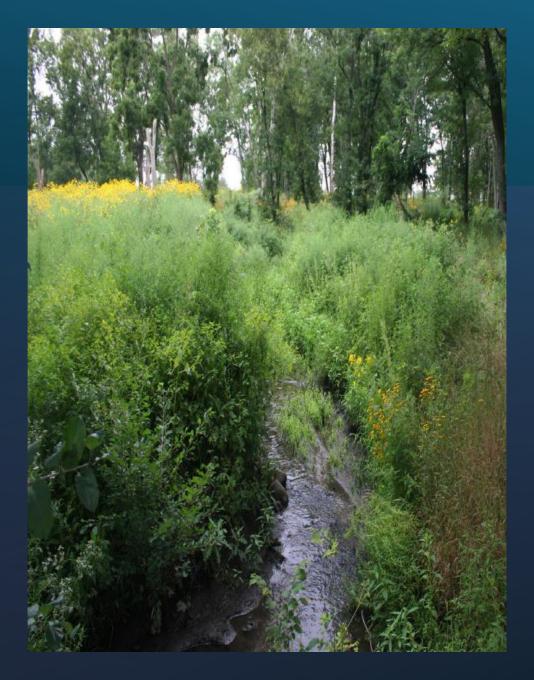


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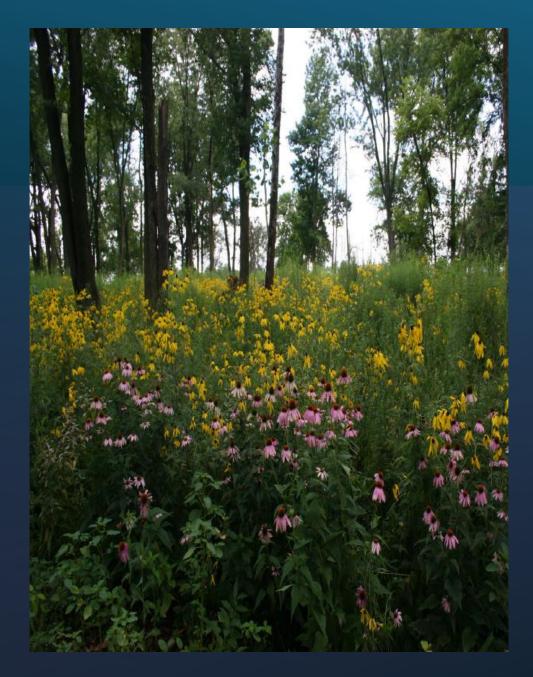


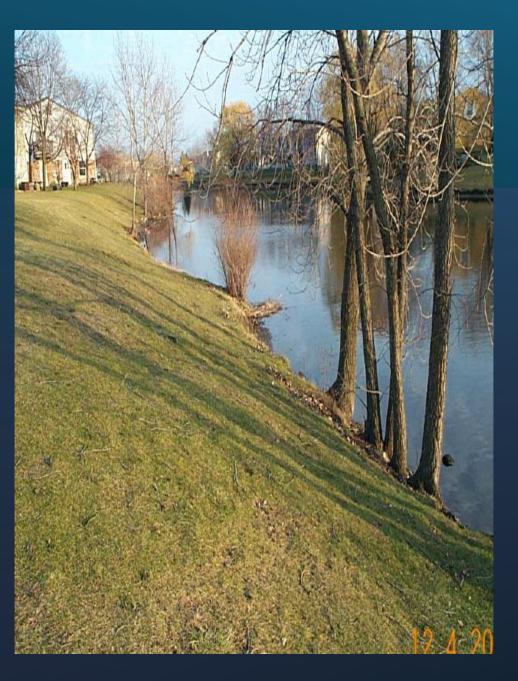


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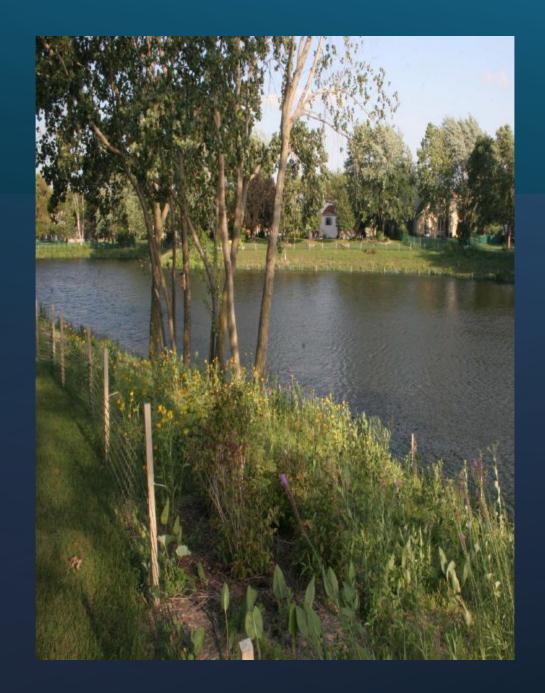


January 2004





2006, looking weedy and sparse one year later, much like the Michiana project. This is why it is SO IMPORTANT to have follow up stewardship.



The Michiana project



One year later, October 2023, after spraying and mowing



August 2024 – yet another mow and spray to continue managing poison hemlock and other invasives, including foxtail grass along the edge with the lawn.



December 2024, this was the culminating event that year, after spending the entire 2024 year on "warranty stewardship" (no charge to the township). 2025 essentially represents a YEAR ONE SEEDING! What we've seen on site this year is pretty typical. That being said, the area was seeded back in 2023 iand those seeds are still there and working on emerging – in addition to the seeding that occurred in Winter 2024.

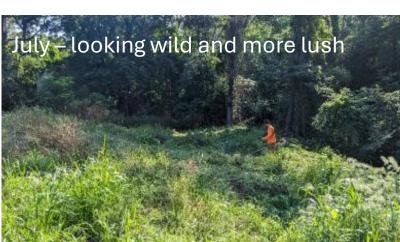


2025 in pictures!









August, 2025 September



THE ISSUES FOR THE MICHIANA PROJECT:

- FOR MANY YEARS IT WAS THE DUMPING GROUND FOR LANSCAPE WASTE THIS IS A TYPICAL OCCURRENCE. PIZZO CREW IS "TAKING IT BACK" FROM NEGLECT
- MANY, MANY INVASIVES MUGWORT, POISON HEMLOCK, TREE OF HEAVEN, GARLIC MUSTARD, MOTHERWORT
- BORDERING A LAWN AREA THAT RECEIVES FERTILIZER TREATMENTS AND OCCASIONAL PRE-EMERGENT WEED TREATMENT
- CHEMICALS FROM PAST DUMPING AND FROM LAWN TREATMENTS FERTILIZER MIGHT SEEM LIKE A
 GOOD IDEA, BUT IT ALSO FEEDS INVASIVE PLANTS. NATIVE PLANTS DO WELL WITH LESS NUTRIENTS
 IN THE LONG RUN

NEXT STEPS:

- CONTINUE WITH STEWARDSHIP TO HELP THE SEEDING AND PLUGGING ESTABLISH
- STEWARDSHIP FOR MICHIANA MEANS HERBICIDE TREATMENTS FOR THE INVASIVES, MOWING THE ANNUAL WEEDS, SPREADING SEED EVERY YEAR (COLLECTED FROM THE SITE AND OTHERS IN PIZZO'S PORTFOLIO OF LOCAL PROJECTS
- RETREATING TREE OF HEAVEN TO PREVENT RE-ESTABLISHMENT
- SOME TRAINING FOR THE MICHIANA CREW FOR ROUTINE CARE OF A NATIVE POLLINATOR GARDEN!

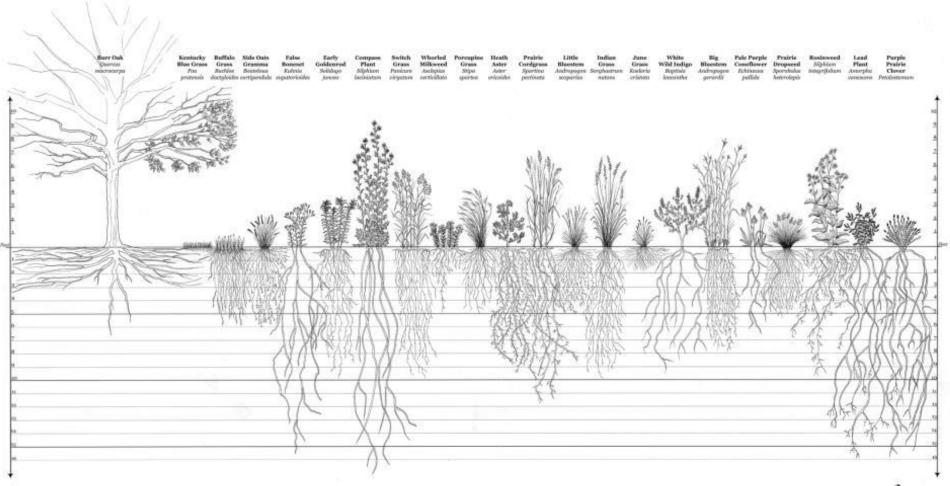
Keep your friends close but keep your enemies closer!



This is not about making good plants grow – its about making bad plants not grow ©

Good plants grow when bad plants are not present. ©







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