An Outline on Preparation and Management

of Large Scale Natural Landscapes

Tasks are listed in order of management application. Time frames are for the general Mid-Atlantic region – please consult your local extension or NCDRS office for assistance regarding your specific area.

Preparation

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| TASK | TIME FRAME | MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTIONS |
| Spray | April-Oct | To clear site of weed competition, spray glyphosphate\*\* |
| Till | April-Sept | To clear site of weed competition, till soil\*\* |
| Prep | Sept-Oct | Fertilize in fall (if necessary) | soil pH test kit: collect samples, send out |
| Till | Mar-May | To prepare site for seeding |
| Seed | Apr-early June | Seed in seed mix after carefully preparing soil, if using |
| Prep | Apr-early June | Tamp down seed to ensure good soil/seed contact, irrigate |
| Plant | Apr-early June | Plant Landscape Plugs™ into prepared soil |

\*\*For preparation and clearing of your site, a combined tactic of spray or tilling may be applied or one could be chosen over the other, depending on area weed pressure and site-specific goals.

Maintenance Schedule – First Year after Initial Planting

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| TASK | TIME FRAME | MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTIONS |
| Spray | mid Apr-  mid May  early Aug-early Sept | Selectively spray targeted weeds during periods of active growth and likely weed invasion, broadcast sprays may be planned if weeds anticipated during initial scouting and site plan are opposite of what was planted |
| Mow | Begin April  End by Oct | Mow every six weeks during active growing season to allow perennials to establish and knock back annual weeds and prevent them from going to seed. Perform for first year for meadow establishment. |

Maintenance Schedule – Subsequent Years as Landscape Matures

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| TASK | TIME FRAME | MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTIONS |
| Mow | Jan- early Mar | To clear the previous year's growth and/or to prepare for a burn- can be mown or trimmed with string trimmer to about 8” off the ground. Depending on weather and snow cover. |
| Burn | Mid Feb – early April | Burn after mowing for weed management and to rejuvenate native perennials. Should be rotated every 3-5 years, depending on project. Requires fire permit in most areas, depending on weather. |
| Spray | Apr-May  Aug-Sept | Selectively spray targeted perennial weeds and tree saplings during periods of active growth and likely weed invasion, for both cool season and warm season weeds and trees. |