



Libertyville Township Open Space Report 2020

2020 Accomplishments

- 6,850 plugs planted
- 1,775.53 gallons of herbicide solution applied
- 45.55 lbs. native seed sowed
- 620 lbs. cover crop sowed
- 46 lbs. native seed collected
- 167.81 acres prescribed burned
- 124.06 acres rough-cut mowed
- 48 individual volunteers
- 15 brush piles burned
- 11 volunteer workdays
- 1.1 acres cleared of invasives
- 0 seasonal employees



319 Grant

- Ongoing monitoring and maintenance
 - Biannual inspections
 - Mowing
 - Herbicide application
 - Address concerns



319 Grant

- New erosion issues addressed
 - Grading, blanket, seed, plugs



319 Grant

BEFORE



AFTER



Rt. 137 Wetland Restoration

Herbicide and prescribed burning contract



- Integrated Lakes Management
- *Phragmites australis*
- 2 applications
- 32 Acres sprayed

Rt. 137 Wetland Restoration

○ Future Plans:

- Continued clearing, debris pickup, brush burning
- Inhouse native seeding-early winter 2021
 - 30 acres, 1024.76 lbs., 34.15 lbs. per acre
- Inhouse herbicide
 - Continued control of phragmites, transition to reed canary grass
- Prescribed burn
 - Contractor-Spring 2021
- Monitoring for success and future needs

Rt. 137 Wetland Restoration- Beavers

- Lodges and dams
- Migration up stream
- Site meeting
- Partner with ComEd
- Beaver population reduction
- Begin to remove structures



Rt. 137 Clearing – A Continuation

- Further thinning of undergrowth, dead and diseased trees, and invasive species
- Increased light penetration through canopy to understory
- Promotes prairie/savanna vegetation establishment



Restoration Mowing

- Restoration mowing at Liberty Prairie, River, St. Mary's, Rt. 137, Oak Openings



Prescribed Burning

- 167.81 total acres burned
- 7 in-house burn days
- Phased out 2 outdated water tanks
 - Replaced with purpose-built setups
- Regular upgrades to fire equipment – PPE, tools, electronics, etc.



Donnelley Prairies and Oaks



- First time burned
- 101.42 acres



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St. Mary's

○ 21.89 acres



Oak Openings

● 36.8 acres



Old School Rd.

- First completed burn
- 7.7 acres

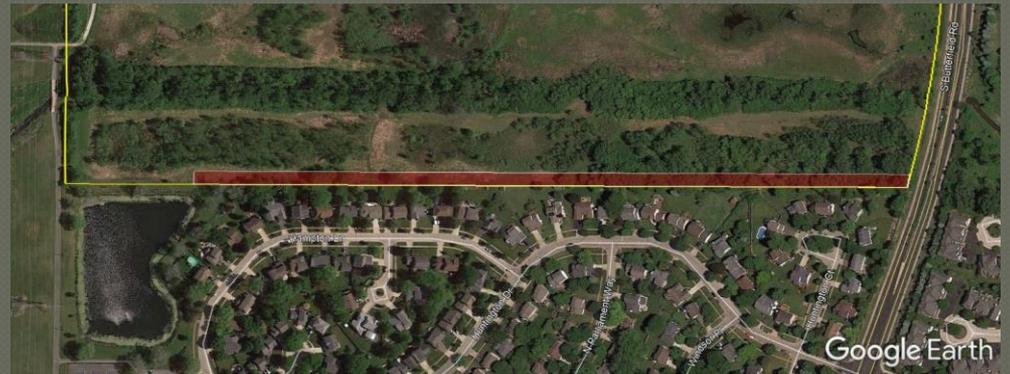


Tree Removal Project-Canterbury

- ◉ Dead, extreme lean, prepare for inhouse clearing project
- ◉ Cleat Cut, Inc. awarded bid
- ◉ Completed in one day
- ◉ Entire south property line



Tree Removal Project-Canterbury



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Other Tree Work

- Rt 137 contract (2)
- In-house removals
 - Wind/storm damage
 - Dead and dying trees
 - Tree pruning



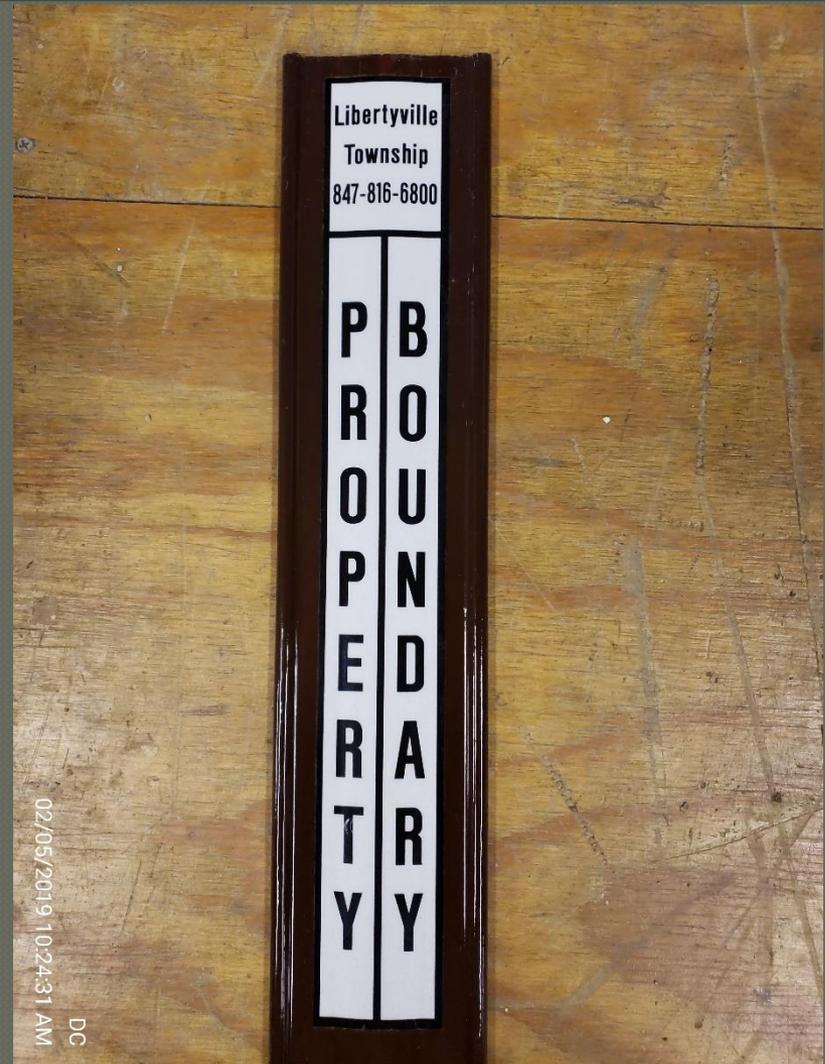
Conservation Easement Monitoring

- Annual monitoring visits on Township held conservation easements:
 - Bott, Brennan, Getz and Maxey
- Bleck Easement monitoring – Owner exercising reserved rights



Property Survey and Boundary Marking

- Annual project
- Rt. 137 Parcel
- Contracted with R.E. Decker
- Allows us to:
 - Identify encroachments
 - Accurately manage



Egidi Lane Drainage-Before



- Flooding and drainage concern
- Associated issues - erosion, ice, sediment
- Engineering services - Pearson Brown



Egidi Lane Drainage-Before



Egidi Lane Drainage Construction-During



- Contract awarded to Canyon Contracting, Inc.
- Redefined and graded channel, improved capacity of drainage structures
- Sediment removal deposited from upstream sources

Egidi Lane Drainage Construction-After



- Installed rip-rap
- Installed “trash rack”



Egidi Lane Drainage Construction-Restoration



- Erosion control
- Site stabilization
- Sowed native seed, installed 3,200 native plugs

Egidi Lane Drainage Construction-Restoration



- Site protection
- Vegetation established
- Continued monitoring

St. Mary's Drainage-Before



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St. Mary's Drainage-Construction

- Engineering services Pearson Brown & Associates
- Contracted with Campanella and Sons Inc.
- Tree removals, haul roads, resource protection



St. Mary's Drainage-Construction



- Reconstruct berm to “original” conditions
 - 50 year rain event
- Re-define ditches

St. Mary's Drainage-Construction



- Added and shaped clay fill

- Compacted clay and respread topsoil



St. Mary's Drainage-Restoration

- Native seeding
- Hydromulch
- Erosion blanket

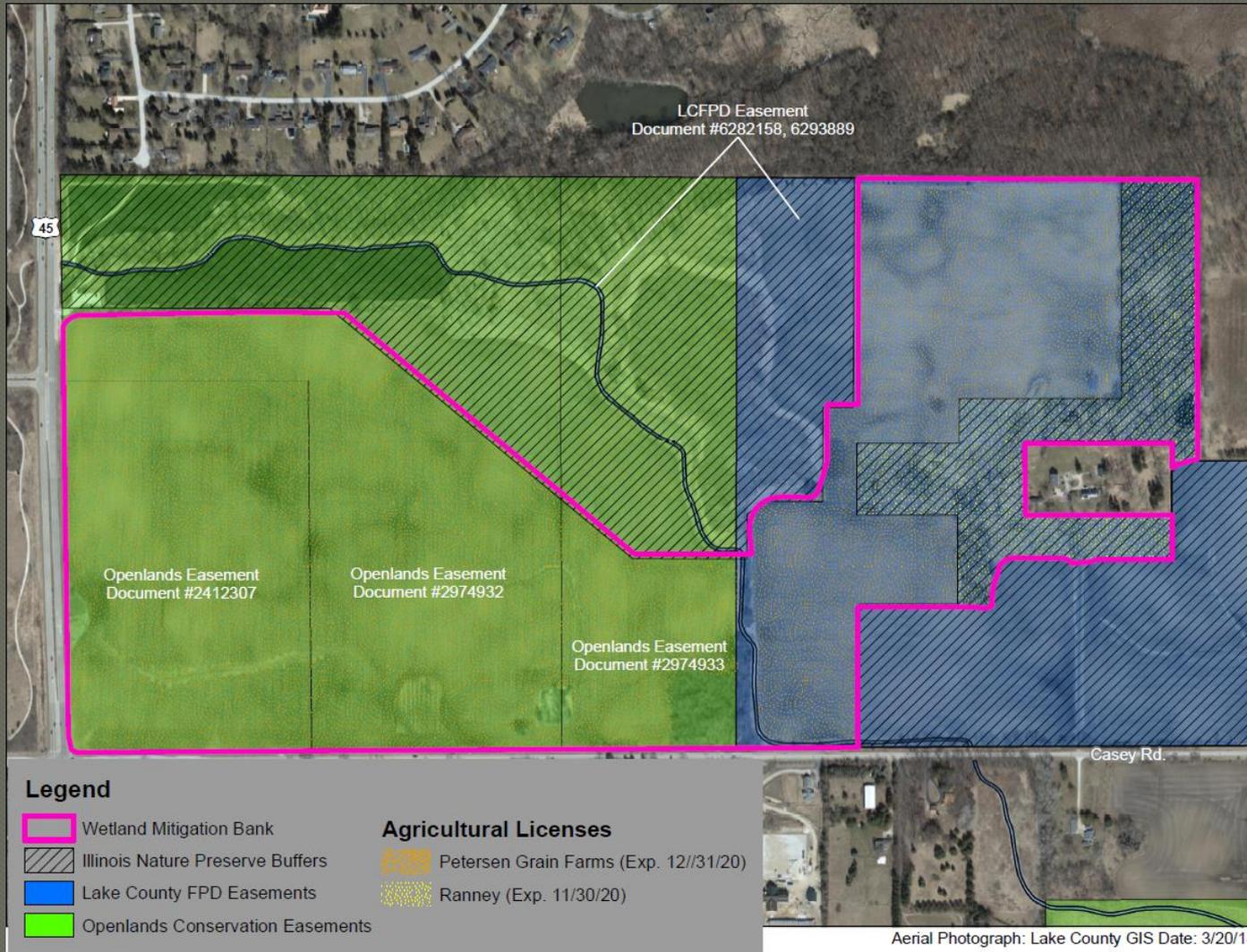


St. Mary's Drainage-Restoration



- Will monitor during large rain events
- Seeding success
- Identify future maintenance needs

Donnelley Mitigation Bank Planning



Open Space Bldg. Maintenance

- Fence repairs
- New heater install
- Garage door maintenance and install photo eyes
- Vent fan repair, add bay heaters to maintenance contract



Volunteer Herbicide Class

- Held on January 25th, 2020
- 11 participants
- Training allows the participants to apply herbicides to invasive plants during volunteer workdays



Volunteer Projects

- 319 Plug Planting
- Boy Scout Pack 72 Seed Collection
 - St. Mary's Rd. Open Space
- DaVita Brush Clearing
 - Oak Openings



Eagle Scout Projects-Planning

- Habitat improvement

- Nicholas Psimaras

- American Kestrel Boxes

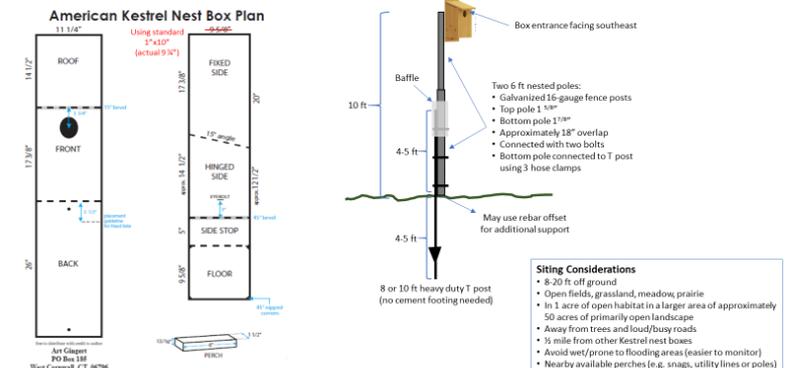
- Nolan Johnson

- Habitat Improvement

- Charlie Coury



Box and Mounting Plans



Additional Assistance Provided

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



FOOD PANTRY & GROUNDS



Office & Planning



- Annual site management plans & presentation
- Identify budgeting needs
- Request for quotes / draft contracts
- Reporting
 - Illinois Nature Preserve Commission
 - Open Space/MS4 monthly reports
 - Grants
- Seasonal employee management
- Scheduling of maintenance
- Annual ball field permits
- Rx burning & clearing planning
- Daily logs
- NBWW and DRWW committee members

2021 Preview

- Spring
 - Rt. 137 wetland restoration-Prescribed burn & turn over to inhouse maintenance
 - Annual turf herbicide application
 - Egidi & St. Mary's drainage project monitoring
 - Continue 319 Grant monitoring & maintenance
 - Prescribed burn at Atkinson Rd., Canterbury & inhouse sites
- Summer
 - Continue Casey Road Restoration Phase I (Donnelley) maintenance
 - Continue 319 Grant monitoring & maintenance
 - Egidi & St. Mary's drainage project monitoring
- Fall
 - Inhouse prescribed burns
- Winter
 - Rt. 137 wetland seeding, debris removal and continued clearing

Thanks!

- Residents and Neighbors
- Volunteers
 - Especially Dale, Mike, Ted, & Xenia

Questions?

