

Timeline

- October 2, 2025 – plants arrived and we began to install
 - Watered a few times before turning off irrigation for the season
- Refrained from mowing in fall or spring to let plants establish
- May 26, 2026 heavy weeding around meadow plants
- June 9, 2026 *Penstemon digitalis* is first to bloom
- Started seed collecting late summer
- Will mow by November

Insects observed

- Mason bee
- Two spotted bumble bee
- Green sweat bee
- Calico pennant dragonfly
- Great Black Wasp
- American Painted Lady Butterfly
- *Halictus ligatus*
- Monarch Butterfly
- Common eastern bumble bee
- Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
- Lots of our honey bees

Woodland Meadow Timeline

- March 2025 large disturbance from deer fence installation
- September 9, 2025 removed masses of Mile-a-Minute
- September 23, 2025 seeded cereal rye and covered with straw
- September 23, 2025 Planted wet meadow native mix
- Rye sprouted within a week
- October 7, 2025planted native trees and shrubs in meadow
- Rye overwintered well and produced seed by late spring
- No signs of native seed mix, hopeful we will see something next year.
- August 10, 2026 Light mile-a-minute removal
- Next step focusing on bittersweet and rose
- Potential for seeding again with rye

Plant List

- *Agastache foeniculum*
- *Adropogon gerardii*
- *Asclepias tuberosa*
- *Aster novae-angliae*
- *Chamaecrista fasciculata*
- *Echinacea pallida*
- *Filipendula rubra* 'Venusta'
- *Gaillardia aristata* 'Spintop Red'
- *Heliopsis helianthoides* 'Foreged in Fire'
- *Liatris spicata*
- *Monarda fistulosa*
- *Panicum virgatum*
- *Penstemon digistalis*
- *Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Goldstrum'
- *Schizachyrium scoparium*
- *Vernonia noveboracensis*
- *Pycnathemum muticum*
- *Solidago bicolor*

Seed Mix in woodland meadow

FACW Wetland Meadow Mix - ERNMX-122

	Botanical Name	Common Name
33.40%	Carex vulpinoidea, PA Ecotype	Fox Sedge, PA Ecotype
20.50%	Elymus virginicus, Madison-NY Ecotype	Virginia Wildrye, Madison-NY Ecotype
20.00%	Panicum rigidulum, PA Ecotype	Redtop Panicgrass, PA Ecotype
5.60%	Carex scoparia, PA Ecotype	Blunt Broom Sedge, PA Ecotype
5.00%	Carex lurida, PA Ecotype	Lurid Sedge, PA Ecotype
3.50%	Verbena hastata, PA Ecotype	Blue Vervain, PA Ecotype
3.00%	Juncus effusus	Soft Rush
2.10%	Asclepias incarnata, PA Ecotype	Swamp Milkweed, PA Ecotype
1.20%	Zizia aurea, PA Ecotype	Golden Alexanders, PA Ecotype
0.80%	Bidens cernua, PA Ecotype	Nodding Bur Marigold, PA Ecotype
0.70%	Eupatorium perfoliatum, PA Ecotype	Boneset, PA Ecotype
0.60%	Onoclea sensibilis	Sensitive Fern
0.50%	Alisma subcordatum, PA Ecotype	Mud Plantain, PA Ecotype
0.40%	Mimulus ringens, PA Ecotype	Square Stemmed Monkeyflower, PA Ecotype
0.40%	Scirpus cyperinus, PA Ecotype	Woolgrass, PA Ecotype
0.40%	Carex lupulina, PA Ecotype	Hop Sedge, PA Ecotype
0.40%	Helenium autumnale, PA Ecotype	Common Sneezeweed, PA Ecotype
0.30%	Aster umbellatus, PA Ecotype	Flat Topped White Aster, PA Ecotype
0.30%	Lobelia siphilitica, PA Ecotype	Great Blue Lobelia, PA Ecotype
0.30%	Carex crinita, PA Ecotype	Fringed Sedge, PA Ecotype
0.30%	Glyceria striata	Fowl Mannagrass
0.20%	Solidago rugosa, PA Ecotype	Wrinkleleaf Goldenrod, PA Ecotype
0.10%	Aster puniceus, PA Ecotype	Purplestem Aster, PA Ecotype

Some of Wakefield's favorite seed and plant sources

[Blue Stem Natives](#)

[Ernst seeds](#)

[North Creek Nurseries](#)

[Van Berkum Nursery](#)

[Earth Tones Native Plants](#)

[Native Plant Trust](#)

[Sylvan Nursery](#)

[Wild Seed Project](#)

[New England Wetland Plants](#)

