

ROW Habitat Working Group Meeting

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Bringing Industry Leaders Together





U.S. EPA Registration Requirements

- \$250-350MM & 10-12 years
- <u>></u> 6 divisions within EPA review submitted data package
 - Risk Assessment, Cancer Assessment, Reproduction and Developmental Toxicity, Metabolism Assessment, Mechanism of Toxicity, and Hazard ID Assessment
- Registration review every 8-15 years
 - Human & ecological health
 - Acute & chronic toxicity for larva and adult bees



Registered Compounds

- Aminopyralid
- Triclopyr
- Picloram
- Clopyralid
- Fluroxypyr

- Glyphosate
- Metsulfuron methyl
- Imazapyr
- Aminocylcopyrachlor
- Indaziflam

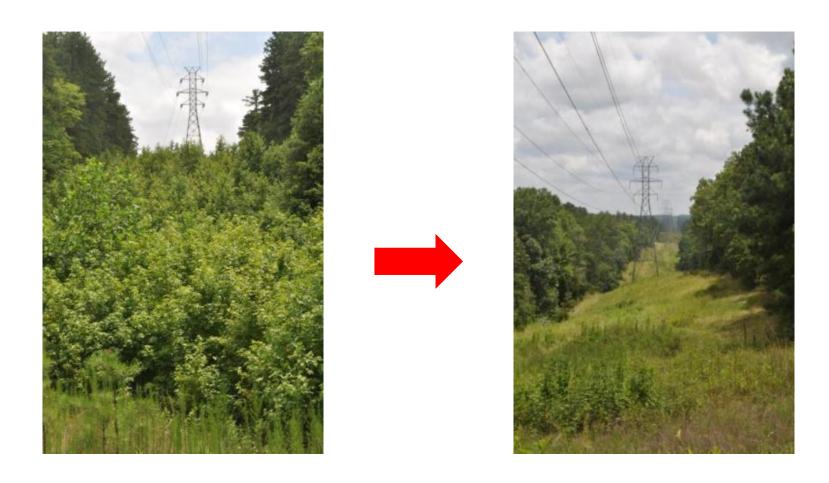


Understand Product Attributes

	Uses				Controls			
Product	Terrestrial	Aquatic	Cut Surface	Basal Bark	Grasses	Broadleaves	Brush & Vines	Residual Control
Accord® XRT II	•		•		•	•	•	
Capstone®	•		•			•	•	•
Garlon® XRT	•		•	•		•	•	
Garlon® 3A	•	•	•			•	•	
Garlon® 4 Ultra	•		•	•		•	•	
Graslan® L	•		•			•	•	•
Freelexx®	•	•				•	•	
Milestone®	•		•	•		•	•	•
Opensight®	•				•	•	•	•
Pathfinder® II	•		•	•			•	
Pathway [®]	•		•				•	
Rodeo®	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Tordon® 22K	•			•		•	•	•
Transline®	•					•	•	•
Vastlan®	•	•	•			•	•	
Vista® XRT	•					•	•	



Control Woody & Invasive Plants





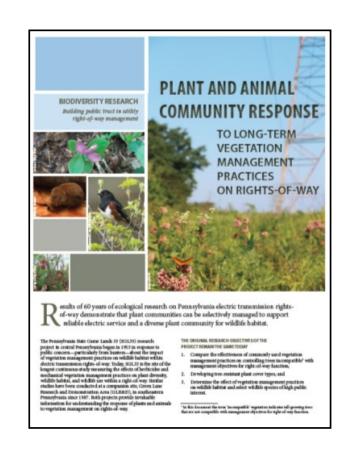






Biodiversity Research

- Initiated > 60 years ago
- PA region
- State Gamelands 33 (SGL 33) initiated 1953 and Green Lane Research & Demonstration Area (GLR&D) initiated 1987
- Led by Penn State University
- 6 VM practices evaluated



Bee Research

- Treatments using a selective herbicide application supported the highest number & diversity of bees
- Discovered two specimens of the Golden Bumble Bee (Bombus fervidus)
- Indicates that IVM, which may include the use of selective herbicide application, is compatible with supporting native bees



Photo: Carl Engstrom

Impacts of VM Practices on Plant Communities

- Can be changed with <u>appropriate</u> use of herbicides and application methods
- Practices using selective herbicides result in diverse vegetation which provides forage and habitat for wildlife
- Can be created which inhibit tree establishment resulting in reduced maintenance costs
- Mow only resulted in least plant species diversity and high number of incompatible tree species

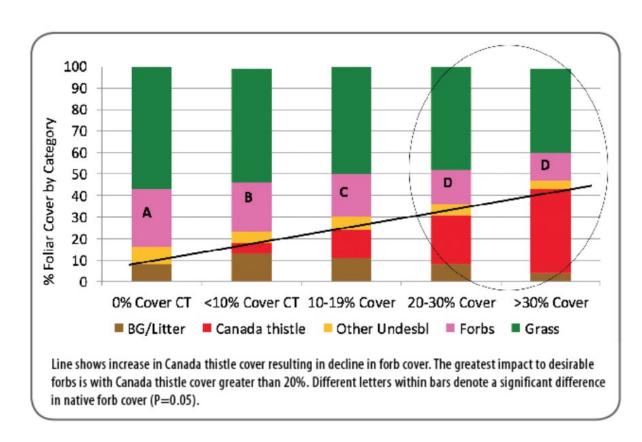


Impacts of VM Practices on Butterflies

- Flowering herbaceous plants occurring within the ROW provide excellent habitat for butterflies
- Excluding hand-cutting all herbicide and mowing + herbicide treatments provide habitat for diverse butterfly populations
- Using herbicides on the ROW did not have a detrimental impact on butterfly species or the total butterfly population



Impact of Canada Thistle Cover on Plant Community Structure



Source: Impact of Canada Thistle Cover on Plant Community Structure in Early Stage Praire Restoration by Byron B. Sleugh, Mary B. Halstvedt, Roger L. Becker, and Paul Bockenstedt. For information go to bit.ly/CanadaThistleImpact

Thank You

https://sites.psu.edu/transmissionlineecology/

https://www.vegetationmgmt.com

