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BWSR Pilot Seed Mixes

**PILOT SEED MIXES:**

These new “Pilot” seed mixes have been developed for a variety of restoration, conservation and stormwater uses. Goals were to meet the needs of common project types and to create direction for emerging topics such as biofuels, buffers, conservation grazing, and pollinators. All of the mixes were developed for specific functions and incorporate pollinator habitat to the extent possible. The mixes will remain as pilot mixes for a couple years until we understand how they are performing before we work to make them official state mixes. In many cases these mixes should be considered starting points for developing site specific mixes.

Note: Oats cover crop is included as a component of these seed mixes with the exception of some wetland mixes where cover species are not necessary. Winter wheat (at a similar rate to oats) may be selected in some cases where germination is needed later in the fall, followed by further green‐up the following spring (oats will not come back the follow spring unless it re‐establishes from seed).

Finalized **Low Growing Solar Array Moist Soils South and West**

Function: Pollinator Planting Area: S & W Specialization:

Intent: Low growing native vegetation establishment for under solar panels in south and west MN

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| Scientific Name Common Name Seeds/ sq ft  **Cover** | | | | Rate (lb/ac) | % Mix (by sqft) | % Mix (by wt) |  |
|  | Avena sativa | Oats\* (See Cover crop note) | 11.13 | 37.88 |  |  | |
|  |  | Total Guild: | 11.13 | 37.88 | 10.11% | 93.3% | |
| **Forb** | Allium stellatum | Prairie Wild Onion | 0.73 | 0.18 |  |  | |
|  | Anemone canadesis | Canada Anemone | 0.18 | 0.06 |  |  | |
|  | Asclepias incarnata | Marsh Milkweed | 0.43 | 0.24 |  |  | |
|  | Euthamia graminifolia | Grass‐leaved Goldenrod | 1.4 | 0.01 |  |  | |
|  | Galium boreale | Northern Bedstraw | 0.26 | 0.01 |  |  | |
|  | Lobelia siphilitica | Great Lobelia | 2.9 | 0.02 |  |  | |
|  | Phlox pilosa | Prairie Phlox | 0.08 | 0.01 |  |  | |
|  | Potentilla arguta | Prairie Cinquefoil | 0.1 | 0.00 |  |  | |
|  | Pycnanthemum virginianum | Virginia Mountain Mint | 0.85 | 0.01 |  |  | |
|  | Ratibida columnifera | Prairie Coneflower | 1.58 | 0.10 |  |  | |
|  | Rudbeckia hirta | Black‐eyed Susan | 1.58 | 0.05 |  |  | |
|  | Sisyrinchium campestre | Field Blue‐eyed Grass | 0.52 | 0.03 |  |  | |

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| Symphyotrichum laeve | Smooth Aster | 0.63 | 0.03 |
| Symphyotrichum puniceum | Red‐stemmed Aster | 5 | 0.17 |
| Zizia aurea | Golden Alexanders | 1 | 0.25 |

Total Guild: 17.24 1.17 15.66% 2.9%

**Graminoid**

Calamagrostis canadensis Bluejoint 5 0.05

Glyceria striata Fowl Manna Grass 3.3 0.10

Leersia oryzoides Rice Cut Grass 3.1 0.25

Poa palustris Fowl Bluegrass 20 0.42

**Legume**

Total Guild: 31.4 0.82 28.53% 2.0%

Astragalus canadensis Canada Milk Vetch 0.4 0.06

Dalea candida White Prairie Clover 1.7 0.24

Total Guild: 2.1 0.30 1.91% 0.8%

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| **Sedge** |  | | | | | |
|  | Carex scoparia | Lance‐fruited Oval sedge | 2.1 | 0.07 |  |  |
|  | Carex stipata | Common Fox Sedge | 2.1 | 0.17 |  |  |
|  | Carex vulpinoidea | Brown Fox Sedge | 4 | 0.11 |  |  |
|  | Scirpus cyperinus | Woolgrass | 40 | 0.06 |  |  |
|  |  | Total Guild: | 48.2 | 0.41 | 43.79% | 1.0% |
|  |  | Total Seed Mix: | 110.07 | 40.58 |  |  |