

Blue Ball

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- Meadow edges mowed routinely
- Meadows completely mowed annually
- Invasive plants controlled as needed
- Mulch and/or control only until desired native plants become established
- Slopes planted with colonizing shrubs that will become established in approximately five years



These photographs were taken at spots within the Blue Ball Project area in recent months. They are meant to illustrate the effect these maintenance strategies will have as they are implemented and become fully realized in the near future.



Some native species that will be found in the Blue Ball landscaping include:

Scientific Name

Viburnum
Clethra
Eupatorium
Fothergilla
Solidago
Diospyros
Echinacea
Schizachyrium
Aster Oblongifolius

Common Name

Witherod (Viburnum)
Sweet Shrub
Thoroughwort, Joe Pye Weed
Fothergilla
Goldenrod
Persimmon
Purple Coneflower
Little Blue Stem
Aromatic Aster



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