

# UTILITY RIGHTS- OFF-WAYSITES

## FAST FACTS

Many utility companies and oil and gas operators recognize a unique opportunity to go a step beyond basic reclamation standards by using native species indigenous to the area being restored. In doing so, they are affirming the industry's commitment to environmental stewardship.



In the years after disturbance, affected areas can become biodiverse ecosystems with improved ecological function, greater wildlife populations, less erosion, and improved water and soil quality.

For example, a multiple-mile stretch of pipeline in the Marcellus and Utica shale plays may pass through wetlands, over steep mountain slopes, across rivers, and through agricultural areas and state game lands. These areas should be reclaimed with vegetation best matching the intended use of the land, the biodiversity that existed before disturbance, and with practices that best address such issues as erosion control, habitat fragmentation, and other environmental concerns.

We can design a biodiverse native seed mix to mitigate the environmental impact and aid in ensuring regulatory compliance. We routinely work with landscape architects, environmental departments, consulting engineers, and contractors seeding a project.

*For Upland Meadow Sites Establishment Guide, see p. 23;*  
*Disturbed Sites & Steep Slopes Establishment Guide, see p. 36;*  
*Wetland Sites Establishment Guide, see p. 42;*  
*Riparian Sites Establishment Guide, see p. 33.*



This former well pad is bringing ecological value back to the landscape.



A pipeline seeded with a mix of native grasses, forbs, and legumes.