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**MPL'S BIODIVERSITY TARGET
INDUSTRY-LEADING INITIATIVE**

MPL's target is to apply sustainable landscapes to ~10,000 acres of compatible rights of way by the end of 2025.

BENEFITS

NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

MPL's new right-of-way management strategy is a more sustainable and conservation friendly way to maintain our pipeline corridors while improving biodiversity and enhancing habitat for pollinators and wildlife.

Other benefits include:

- Creating sustainable, healthy ecosystems.
- Longer-term control of incompatible vegetation.
- Aligning with industry best management practices.
- Minimizing disturbance for landowners and rights of way.
- Improving plant and animal biodiversity.
- Developing low-growing, stable plant communities that resist future tree invasion.

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**MAKING A
DIFFERENCE—
together**

Marathon Pipe Line LLC (MPL) is harnessing nature-based solutions to operate its pipelines safely while improving biodiversity and enhancing habitat for pollinators and wildlife.

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES

NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

Right-of-way vegetation maintenance is performed for public safety and leak detection. The U.S. Department of Transportation safety regulations require us to conduct inspections to detect ground surface conditions on our easement at least 26 times per year. It's a requirement we meet—and exceed. Historically, maintenance has been limited to routine mowing and tree clearing on specific time-bound cycles.

FINDING A BETTER WAY

With an estimated 12 million acres of pipeline rights of way and facilities across the U.S., MPL is harnessing nature-based solutions—utilizing Integrated Vegetation Management¹ (IVM) and Integrated Habitat Management (IHM)² plans—through stakeholder partnership and technology. Together, these industry best management practices allow MPL to operate its pipelines safely while enhancing habitat for pollinators and wildlife, reducing impact to operations and promoting long-term environmental health.

¹Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM): A flexible, adaptive process of managing plant communities using a variety of methods to strategically promote and protect compatible vegetation while aligning with the intended purpose of the land.

²Integrated Habitat Management (IHM): A process which adheres to IVM principles with the added intention to improve habitat by promoting biodiversity, connecting wildlife corridors to address habitat fragmentation, and providing habitat for migratory insects, birds and various wildlife species.

SAFETY FIRST: FOCUS ON HERBICIDES

The products selected by MPL have been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In addition:

- A small amount of herbicide is used.
- 96% of the mixture applied is water.
- Products used are formulated to control plants. They are applied selectively to target vegetation which is incompatible with the intended use of the right of way.
- Products have livestock grazing tolerances which means they are approved for use around animals.
- Only trained and licensed application crews will apply these products.

A CUSTOM APPROACH

MPL assesses the unique needs across its operating footprint to ensure long-term success of its sustainable landscapes management strategy:

VEGETATION ASSESSMENT

- A variety of factors help MPL determine the best approach to take when it comes to managing incompatible vegetation on your property. We conduct formal vegetation assessments to set goals specific to location, land use, habitat, plant species, and other criteria.
- MPL has partnered with natural resource experts from Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Inc. to incorporate this habitat management approach into our ongoing pipeline maintenance program and measure our success.

METHODS USED BY MPL

MPL is selectively targeting incompatible vegetation on its rights of way as part of its commitment to maintaining safe access, reliability, and regulatory compliance while bolstering environmental stewardship. This is accomplished in a variety of ways:

MANAGEMENT APPROACHES



Conservation Mowing – Adjusting schedules and mower height throughout the year to avoid ground nesting birds and crucial migration windows for wildlife.



Targeted or Selective Herbicide Treatments – Products will be used to target incompatible plant species on the right of way while reducing impacts to compatible vegetation that supports pollinators and wildlife.



Enhanced Planting – Planting pollinator or food plot seed mixes to increase biodiversity on the right of way while increasing competition for non-desired or incompatible plants.



Hand Clearing – Manually clearing woody vegetation and/or spot application of products reduces disturbance in the area.

WHAT TO EXPECT PRODUCT APPLICATION

- Applications will primarily be performed via UTV or backpack, depending on the right-of-way location and terrain.
- To minimize exposure, people and animals should stay away from treated areas until the material is dry (typically in 30 min-1 hr).
- The products are quickly absorbed.
- Buffers will be used around water and wells (25-30').
- Plant symptomology is typically visible within a week of application.
- Treated vegetation stops growing and will begin to turn brown.