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Top: Before (Oct. 2004), the premature prairie that existed was a mixed meadow of grasses approximately 2 acres, competing with undesirable vegetation, never gaining its full potential. The area will be converted over the next three years, through mowing and selective control of weedy vegetation, to a natural, native Missouri landscape.

Bottom: (Jan. 2005), 30 committed volunteers participated in the seeding of the 2 acre prairie rehab project despite the wintry conditions.

Scott Woodbury (Shaw's Nature Reserve), Peter Hoch (Missouri Botanical Gardens), Craig Mannion, and Tony Finlay (employees of the City of Olivette) instructed a group of volunteers as they planted a mix of grasses and forbs in the Wildflower Prairie Area of Stacy Park. Other major contributors to the success of the prairie planting are Beckmann Brother's Nursery, Olivette Parks and Beautification Commission, Richard Clinebell, and other reputable suppliers of native seed to Missouri.