

# Revegetating with Biotic Soil Amendments



Wyoming Solid Waste  
& Recycling Association

The Goal:



Not just Germination





# Sustainable Revegetation





# Why Focus on Vegetation

A cross-section of a grassy area showing the root system of the grass growing in dark soil. The grass is green and dense, with many roots visible extending deep into the soil.

**Mulch is Temporary Vegetation is Permanent**

**The Goal:  
Establish PERMANENT  
Erosion Control**



Living in the soil are plant roots, bacteria, fungi, protozoa, algae, mites, nematodes, worms, ants, maggots, insects and grubs, and larger animals.

## science of soil

**soil is**

made of about **45%** minerals  
**25%** water  
**5%** organic matter **25%** air



## what's underneath



Healthy soil has amazing water-retention capacity.

Every

**1%**

increase in organic matter results in as much as

**25,000**

gal of available soil water per acre.



One teaspoon of healthy soil contains

**100 million-1 billion** individual bacteria

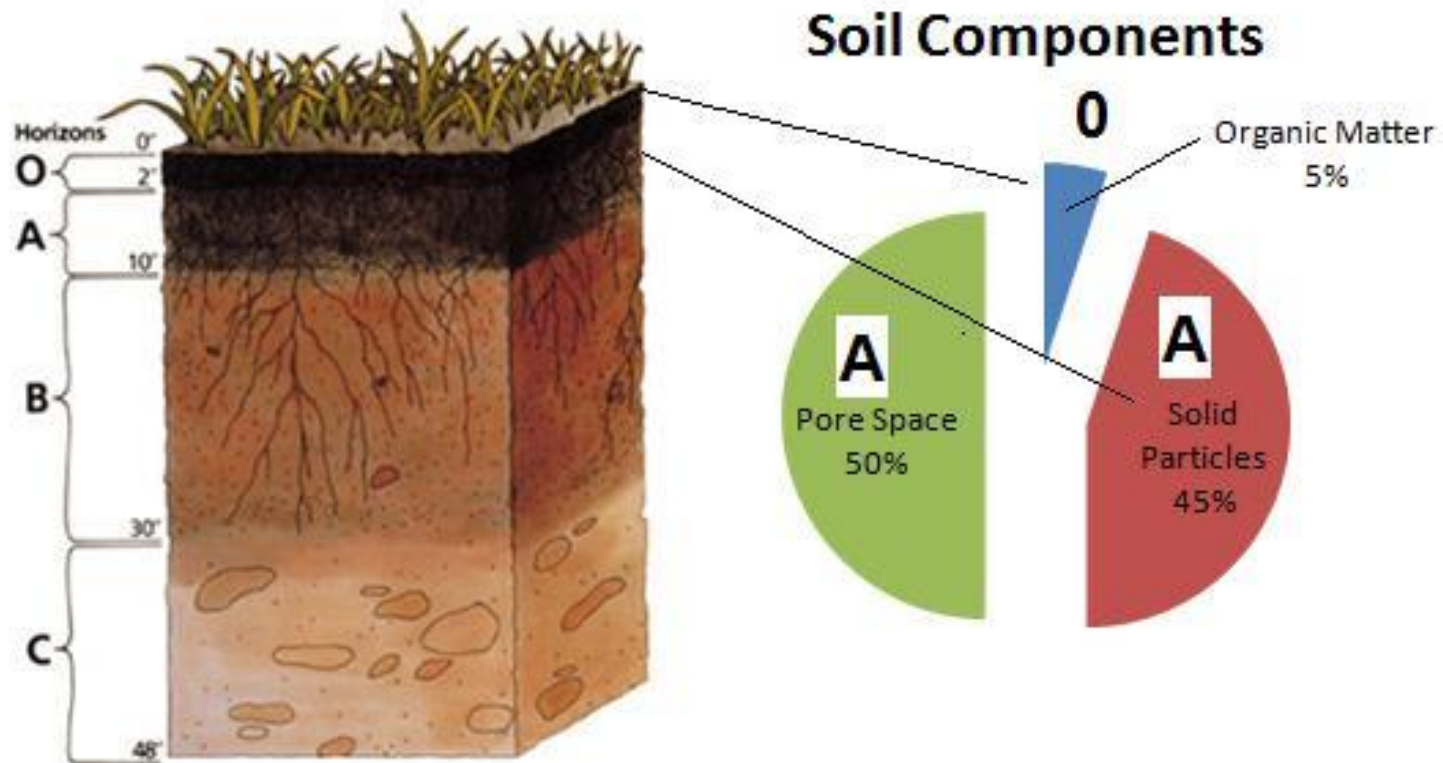


All of the soil microbes in **1 ac/ft** of soil weigh more than **2 cows**

Earthworm populations consume **2 tons** of dry matter per acre per year, partly digesting and mixing it with soil



If we're adding topsoil to add organic matter, but organic matter is less than 5% of topsoil?



O) **Organic matter**: Litter layer of plant residues in relatively undecomposed form.

A) **Surface soil**: Layer of mineral soil

B) **Subsoil**: This layer accumulates iron, clay, aluminum



Soil Amendments:  
What have we tried?  
What are we trying?





# Topsoil & Compost

10 trucks per acre loaded with 26 cubic yards of soil in each.



Conventional approach  
to restoration.

Biotic Approach



Add Only What's  
Needed!





# The Biotic Approach Asks...



Is importing topsoil really  
needed for establishing  
vegetation?

***WEIGHTED AVERAGE ITEM PRICE REPORT  
BY ITEM, REGION AND QUARTER***

ITEM	REGION	CALENDAR QUARTER	NUMBER OF OCCUR'S	TOTAL QUANTITY	TOTAL DOLLARS	AVERAGE AWARDED PRICE	AVERAGE OF LOW 3 BIDDERS
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TOPSOIL / CUYD							
1040-0101000K	0	2015Q1	4	3,469.00	\$138,045	\$39.79	\$40.05
		2015Q2	1	260.00	\$10,400	\$40.00	\$51.67
		2015Q4	7	1,192.00	\$74,159	\$62.21	\$65.45
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			12	4,921.00	\$222,604	\$45.24	\$46.81
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TEMPORARY MULCHING, COMPOST / ACRE							
0280-0104030R	0	2015Q3	1	2.00	\$19,600	\$9,800.00	\$10,666.67
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			1	2.00	\$19,600	\$9,800.00	\$10,666.67
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**Topsoil Prices:**

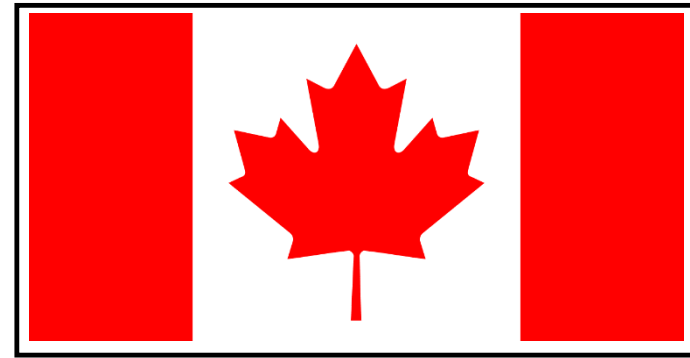
Average of low bids = \$46.81/CY

3 inches = \$18,738/Acre

4 inches = \$24,839/Acre







PROVINCIAL, Weighted Unit Price Averages  
Based on 2015, 2016 and 2017 Construction Prices  
tendered between August 01, 2015 and Nov 30, 2016

Item	Description	Unit	Avg. 3 low bids for Construction Year		
			2015	2016	2017
G300	Topsoil Placement	m2	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.78
G320	Topsoil (Supply and Place)	m2	\$ 9.65	\$ 12.17	\$ 21.14

Topsoil Supplied & Placed  
Price per Hectare:

2015 = \$96,500

2016 = \$121,700

2017 = \$211,400

\*70 mm depth





# Minnesota 2015

3/31/2016

AVERAGE BID PRICES FOR AWARDED PROJECTS  
ENGLISH UNITS - SPEC YEAR 16

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DOES NOT INCLUDE STATE AID PROJECTS  
ALL ITEMS BETWEEN 01/01/15 AND 12/31/15  
BY ITEM GROUP

18 CONTRACTS - AWARDED TOTAL: \$48,485,379

ITEM GROUP	ITEM NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNITS	QUANTITY	DOLLARS (000S)	AVERAGE PRICE	CONTRACT OCCURR.
2572	2572.501/00010	TEMPORARY FENCE	L F	3,243	\$6	\$1.87	2
	2572.502/00010	CLEAN ROOT CUTTING	L F	3,224	\$19	\$6.00	1
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2572					\$25		
2573	2573.502/00010	SILT FENCE, TYPE HI	L F	989	\$4	\$3.79	3
	2573.502/00030	SILT FENCE, TYPE SD	L F	137	\$1	\$8.00	1
	2573.502/00040	SILT FENCE, TYPE MS	L F	20,739	\$42	\$2.01	7
	2573.502/00050	SILT FENCE, TYPE TB	L F	437	\$3	\$7.00	1
	2573.530/00010	STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECTION	EACH	388	\$72	\$185.82	8
	2573.533/00015	SEDIMENT CONTROL LOG TYPE COMPOST	L F	75,370	\$166	\$2.20	7
	2573.535/00010	STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION EXIT	LS	5	\$9	\$1,700.00	5
	2573.550/00010	EROSION CONTROL SUPERVISOR	LS	3	\$12	\$4,066.67	3
	2573.560/00010	CULVERT END CONTROLS	EACH	113	\$18	\$154.96	6
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2573					\$326		
2574	2574.508/00011	FERTILIZER TYPE 1	LB	21,549	\$13	\$0.59	2
	2574.508/00012	FERTILIZER TYPE 2	LB	611	\$0	\$0.69	1
	2574.508/00013	FERTILIZER TYPE 3	LB	18,675	\$15	\$0.79	4
	2574.508/00014	FERTILIZER TYPE 4	LB	4,586	\$4	\$0.89	4
	2574.525/00020	ROOTING TOPSOIL BORROW	C Y	1,401	\$69	\$49.21	2
	2574.525/00040	FILTER TOPSOIL BORROW	C Y	1,940	\$100	\$51.69	3
	2574.575/00010	SUBSOILING	ACRE	33	\$15	\$462.01	3
	2574.578/00010	SOIL BED PREPARATION	ACRE	27	\$3	\$125.00	1
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2574					\$220		
2575	2575.501/00010	SEEDING	ACRE	98	\$17	\$176.14	6
	2575.502/22111	SEED MIXTURE 22-111	LB	3,754	\$10	\$2.75	2
	2575.502/25131	SEED MIXTURE 25-131	LB	90	\$0	\$2.34	1
	2575.502/25141	SEED MIXTURE 25-141					
	2575.502/25151	SEED MIXTURE 25-151					
	2575.502/33261	SEED MIXTURE 33-261					
	2575.502/34171	SEED MIXTURE 34-171					
	2575.502/34261	SEED MIXTURE 34-261					
	2575.502/35221	SEED MIXTURE 35-221					
	2575.502/35241	SEED MIXTURE 35-241					
	2575.502/36211	SEED MIXTURE 36-211					
	2575.502/36711	SEED MIXTURE 36-711					
	2575.505/00020	SODDING TYPE NATIVE					
	2575.511/00010	MULCH MATERIAL TYPE 1					
	2575.511/00030	MULCH MATERIAL TYPE 3					
	2575.519/00010	DISK ANCHORING					

Average Price = \$49.11/CY

3 inches = \$19,610/Acre

4 inches = \$26,146/Acre



## 2015-2016

[Caltrans](#) > [District 8](#) > [Cost Data](#) > **Results**

	Item No. / Description	Unit	Dist	Qty	Unit Price	Adj Price	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	04	270	\$50.00	\$46.56	\$13500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	02	250	\$63.00	\$58.67	\$15750.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	04	510	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$5.10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	06	52	\$74.00	\$68.91	\$3848.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">028604</a> - ROADWAY EXCAVATION (SELECTED MATERIAL) (TOPSOIL)	CY	05	44400	\$8.57	\$9.94	\$380508.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	11	550	\$60.00	\$69.62	\$33000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	02	250	\$63.44	\$73.61	\$15860.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">027919</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (MODIFIED)	CY	03	420	\$165.00	\$191.45	\$69300.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	04	640	\$80.00	\$87.33	\$51200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	02	2.4	\$2600.00	\$2838.15	\$6240.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	12	1500	\$65.00	\$70.95	\$97500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	03	2790	\$55.00	\$55.21	\$153450.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	05	1310	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$98250.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	02	150	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$11250.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	12	1130	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$40680.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	01	230	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$25300.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	05	390	\$51.00	\$51.00	\$19890.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	04	1350	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$108000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">210110</a> - IMPORTED TOPSOIL (CY)	CY	04	3.9	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$780.00

[uncheck all](#) | [check all](#)

SUMMARY	Unmodified	Adjusted		
Average Price/Unit: \$	205.84	<b>220.91</b>	Avg No. Units	2957
Std Dev. (of Unit Price): ±\$	566.10	<b>618.76</b>	Rows Selected	19
Weighted Avg.: \$	20.36	<b>22.00</b>	Rows Returned	19
Minimum Price/Unit: \$	0.01	0.01		
Maximum Price/Unit: \$	2,600.00	2,838.15		

- Adjusted prices are [adjusted](#) to today's dollars based on the [Caltrans Construction Cost Index](#)
- To remove a row from the calculations, uncheck the checkbox next to that row.
- To see additional information for a contract, click on that contract number.
- To see a trend graph of prices for an item, click on the item number.
- Red highlighted rows contain one-time use item codes. Do not reuse them!

Topsoil:

Weighted average \$22/CY

3 inches = \$8,877/Acre

4 inches = \$11,691/Acre



# Michigan Top Soil 3 & 4 inch 2016

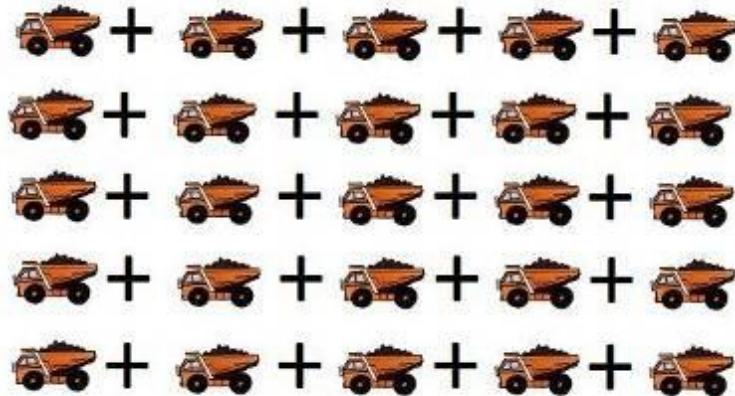
	Units	Conts	Average Qty	Total Qty	Total Dollars	Avg Award Price	Avg Low 3 Bidders
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	2	3,670.00	7,340.00	\$19,770.00	\$2.69	\$2.76
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	1	50.00	50.00	\$452.50	\$9.05	\$6.15
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	2	18,355.00	36,710.00	\$12,573.00	\$0.34	\$1.20
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	4	61,689.50	246,758.00	\$260,653.30	\$1.06	\$1.27
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	2	9,368.00	18,736.00	\$18,241.00	\$0.97	\$1.48
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	1	1,451.00	1,451.00	\$8,706.00	\$6.00	\$5.50
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	2	14,066.50	28,133.00	\$39,944.74	\$1.42	\$1.37
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	1	3,015.00	3,015.00	\$9,689.00	\$3.21	\$3.08
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	1	98,520.00	98,520.00	\$108,870.95	\$1.11	\$1.47
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	1	13.00	13.00	\$195.00	\$15.00	\$43.33
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	1	1,001.00	1,001.00	\$2,602.60	\$2.60	\$2.15
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	1	423.00	423.00	\$2,220.75	\$5.25	\$4.75
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	1	7,040.00	7,040.00	\$1,760.00	\$0.25	\$1.75
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	1	8,470.00	8,470.00	\$33,167.00	\$3.92	\$3.16
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	1	5,363.00	5,363.00	\$14,703.20	\$2.74	\$3.39
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	1	2,580.00	2,580.00	\$7,353.00	\$2.85	\$3.03
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 3 inch	Syd	32	8,978.57	465,603.00	\$540,902.04	\$1.16	\$5.36
	Units	Conts	Average Qty	Total Qty	Total Dollars	Avg Award Price	Avg Low 3 Bidders
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	2	213.50	427.00	\$4,052.00	\$9.49	\$15.17
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	1	981.00	981.00	\$3,924.00	\$4.00	\$3.18
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	1	5,500.00	5,500.00	\$7,975.00	\$1.45	\$1.30
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	1	165.00	165.00	\$1,815.00	\$11.00	\$10.50
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	1	1,100.00	1,100.00	\$4,675.00	\$4.25	\$6.00
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	4	498.00	1,992.00	\$6,812.00	\$3.42	\$5.00
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	4	2,360.00	9,440.00	\$32,837.50	\$3.48	\$3.79
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	1	2,550.00	2,550.00	\$2,550.00	\$1.00	\$3.00
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	1	20.00	20.00	\$220.00	\$11.00	\$10.00
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	1	690.00	690.00	\$4,229.70	\$6.13	\$6.37
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	2	9,357.00	18,714.00	\$64,551.00	\$3.45	\$3.16
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	1	428.00	428.00	\$1,891.76	\$4.42	\$7.81
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	1	4,890.00	4,890.00	\$14,670.00	\$3.00	\$3.33
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	2	759.00	1,518.00	\$6,559.00	\$4.32	\$4.93
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	2	32,078.00	64,156.00	\$12,756.22	\$0.20	\$1.58
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	4	3,005.25	12,021.00	\$44,740.28	\$3.72	\$4.03
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	1	45.00	45.00	\$675.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	1	5,325.00	5,325.00	\$22,631.25	\$4.25	\$4.42
Topsoil Surface, Furn, 4 inch	Syd	31	3,886.93	129,962.00	\$237,564.71	\$1.83	\$6.03

Toss the high & low  
Average the rest =  
\$3.02/SY 3inch = \$14,616/Acre  
\$4.72/SY 4inch = \$22,844/Acre



# Less Material = Less Time = Less Money

The Ontario Provincial Standard Specifies a Minimum of 5 cm (2 in) of topsoil. To achieve this requires the transport and management of 25 trucks per hectare (10/Acre) loaded with 20 m<sup>3</sup> (26 yd<sup>3</sup>) of soil.



Conventional  
approach to  
site restoration



**Biotic Soil Amendment  
Approach to Restoration**  
Add just what is needed



# Current Practices

- 
- Strip topsoil & stockpile
  - Compact the ground
  - Haul & Spread topsoil
  - Apply seed, fertilizer & erosion control,
  - Sometimes irrigate...





# What Happens to Soil During Construction?

- Organic matter, the soil's food bank, is lost.
- Porosity, crucial for air and water exchange, is reduced.
- Microbes essential for nutrient cycling are absent.



Standard topsoil handling degrades soil





Use existing equipment,  
Simpler mobilization,  
\$\$\$ Saved \$\$\$







- ✓ Standard Equipment
- ✓ Lower Operating Costs
- ✓ Contractor Profitability





Unique Mobilizations





Complicated Site Access

Use existing equipment for dual purpose





# Hydraulic options for remote access



Cannon Application



# Dillingham, AK



Pop. 2,143





- Poor Soils
- Low Organics
- Low Fertility
- Topsoil alternative

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- Surface Prep
- Biotic Soil Amendments









# Erosion Control: Bonded Fiber Matrix





MATERIALS	REASONS/BENEFIT	APPLICATION
Verdyol Biotic Earth Black	To build a complete soil structure / Obtain vegetative growth	3,000 pounds per acre
Custom grass seed blend	A combination of native seeds suited to environment / Obtain vegetative growth	2 pounds per thousand square feet
Fertilizer – 10-10-10-8.5	Matching a fertilizer to enhance deficient soil conditions / Obtain vegetative growth	500 pounds per acre



To Whom It May Concern;

My name is Troy Gray. I was the superintendent on the Dillingham Airport project. At the end of June 2014, my hydro seed crew applied Verdyol Biotic Black Earth for the first time. Application was slightly different than the mulch we normally use, but adjustments were minimal. Because of the small hydroseed applicator equipment we have, we had to make multiple loads to cover the area. That made us experts on the application. Based on the training by Alaska Garden & Pet, ease of use, lower cost of the Verdyol program compared to top soil, and results we obtained, I would suggest this product to anyone.

Troy Grey – Knik Construction









- Faster Establishment
- Project Closeout
- Permit termination
- No Maintenance





- Simple
- Proven
- Sustainable
- Cost Effective

 VERDYOL  
**Biotic Earth**<sup>TM</sup>  
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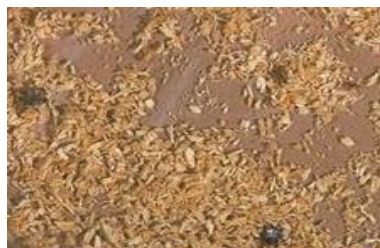




# Carbon:Nitrogen ratio

## About the Carbon:Nitrogen ratio

The carbon-nitrogen ratio is a useful way to compare soil amendments. This ratio is an indicator of the stability of the soil supplement. Lower ratios mean the supplement is very stable and will not draw down nutrients from the soil that plants need to grow. In general, carbon-nitrogen ratios of 30 to 1 or lower are best.



The high C:N ratio of soil amendments such as saw dust can limit the amount of soil nutrients (especially nitrogen) available for plants.

## How to use the ratio

Saw dust has a very high ratio (400 to 1). As a result, saw dust makes water and nutrients unavailable (or less available) for the plants.

By contrast, compost, with a 30 to 1 rating, is nearly ideal. A drawback, however, is that compost breaks down quickly in the soil.

Peat moss, at 50 to 1, is near compost on the carbon-nitrogen scale. It draws down nitrogen slightly, but not enough to hurt plants. Another advantage is that peat moss lasts for years in the soil.

## Common Carbon:Nitrogen Ratios

Material	C : N Ratio
Soil Humus	10 : 1
Tomato Leaves	13 : 1
Manure (Rotted)	20 : 1
Agrisol (Compost)	30 : 1
Sphagnum Peat Moss	50 : 1
Oak Leaves	65 : 1
Oat Straw	80 : 1
Pine Needles	225 : 1
Saw Dust	400 : 1

Prepared by Muhammad Marrush October 24, 2007

For more information visit: International Programs [www.aes.ucdavis.edu/IntProg/Default.htm](http://www.aes.ucdavis.edu/IntProg/Default.htm)

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# Laboratory Analysis:

Laboratory Number	Sample ID	Total Organic Carbon ** (%)	Total N ** ( % )	<u>C:N Ratio</u> **	Water pH
1	Biotic Earth	41.48	1.39	29.78	7.6
1 DUP	Biotic Earth DUP	41.25	1.49	27.67	7.7



 VERDYOL

# Biotic Earth™

AN ORGANIC APPROACH TO SOIL BUILDING

- 
- ✓ Clean
  - ✓ Consistent
  - ✓ Seed & Weed Free



# Seed Free Testing

No Germination = No Seed

- ✓ Peat Moss
- ✓ Straw Fiber
- ✓ Flax Fiber



## Idaho State Seed Lab

P. O. Box 790  
Boise, ID 83701-0790  
Laboratory Report Of Analysis

C.L. "Butch" Otter  
Governor

Celia R. Gould  
Director

ECB  
12320 NE 37th Street  
Vancouver, WA 98682

Account No.	Date Received	Date Completed	Lab Number
7533	12/08/17	12/27/17	S18-2057

### Information Provided by Sender

Variety	Biotic Earth
Kind	Mulch
Genus/Species	
Lot Number	1
Class	Service

Purity Analysis		Viability Analysis				
Component	Purity	Germ Date	Germ	Dormant	Hard	Viable
Mulch	-N-	-N-	-N-	-N-	-N-	-N-

### Other Determinations

No viable Noxious Weed Seed or Common Weed Seed present in sample provided: None Found, 0.00% germination in 20-30 Celsius and 15-25 Celsius alternating temperatures.

**Tests Requested:** Germination. No other tests requested.

WARRANTY: We warrant that the purity and germination test results reported on this form have been carried out in accordance with AOSA rules unless otherwise specified. Test results reflect the condition of the submitted sample and may not reflect the condition of the lot from which the sample was taken.

DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES: WE MAKE NO OTHER WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.



# Cordova, AK



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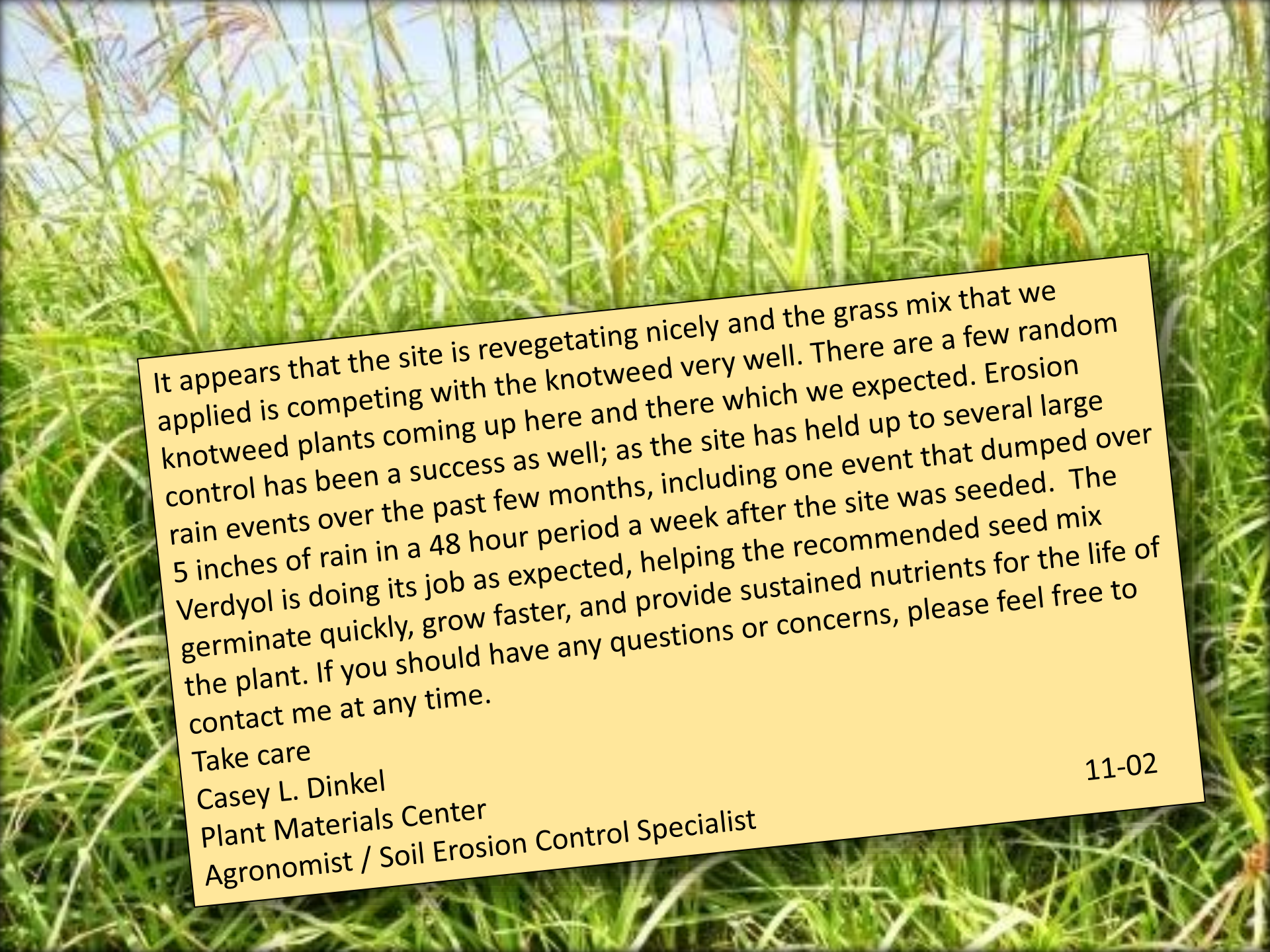
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It appears that the site is revegetating nicely and the grass mix that we applied is competing with the knotweed very well. There are a few random knotweed plants coming up here and there which we expected. Erosion control has been a success as well; as the site has held up to several large rain events over the past few months, including one event that dumped over 5 inches of rain in a 48 hour period a week after the site was seeded. The Verdyol is doing its job as expected, helping the recommended seed mix germinate quickly, grow faster, and provide sustained nutrients for the life of the plant. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Take care

Casey L. Dinkel

Plant Materials Center

Agronomist / Soil Erosion Control Specialist

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# Kenai Riverbank Stabilization







Shoreline armor.





Shoreline armor.



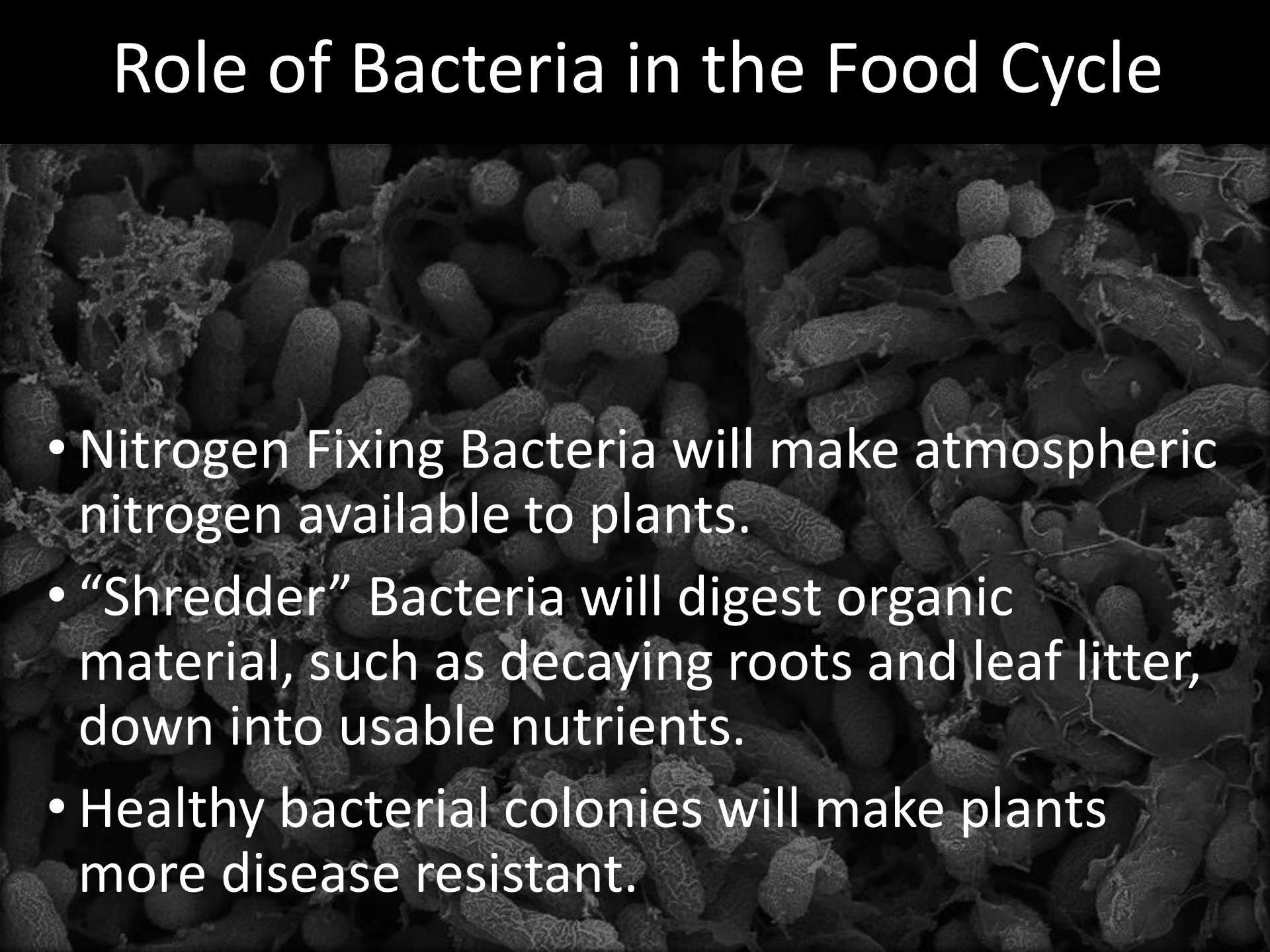








# Role of Bacteria in the Food Cycle

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- A black and white scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing a dense field of various bacterial cells. The cells exhibit diverse shapes, including rod-like, spherical, and elongated forms, some with visible surface textures or flagella. The background is dark, highlighting the intricate details of the microbial community.
- Nitrogen Fixing Bacteria will make atmospheric nitrogen available to plants.
  - “Shredder” Bacteria will digest organic material, such as decaying roots and leaf litter, down into usable nutrients.
  - Healthy bacterial colonies will make plants more disease resistant.



# Role of Mycorrhizae in the Food Cycle

- A fungus that aids in the absorption of nutrients by forming a symbiotic relationship with plant roots.
- 90% of plants form a relationship with mycorrhizae.
- They dramatically increase the area of root systems.
- Reintroduction of mycorrhizae can dramatically improve plant performance with less water and fertilizer.





# Biotic Benefits

Deeper Roots

Taller Plants

Greater Density



3.5 years

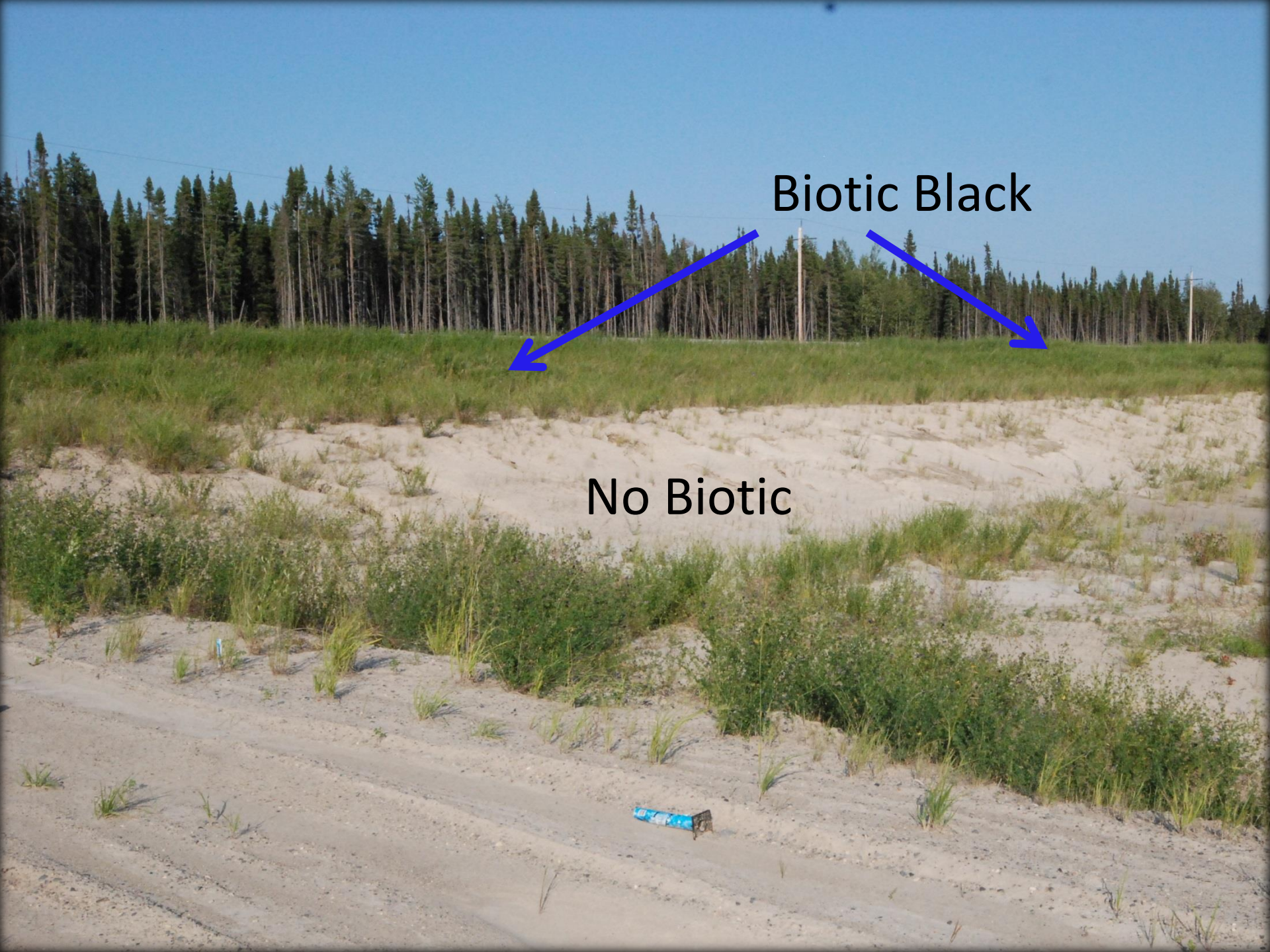




# Treated vs Untreated







Biotic Black

No Biotic



# What does success look like?







**Milner Ridge Project**







2 weeks later





**3 weeks later**





**7 weeks later**





**13 Weeks later**





**14 Months later**







8+ year case study



# 8+ year case study





# Microbial Community Analysis of Milner Ridge A and B Turf Grass Samples Using TRFLP

Prepared for Mark Myrowich (CEO) and Natalie Pienkowski

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**December 22, 2014**

Jae Min Park, Andrew Wojcik, and George Lazarovits



**Table 1:** Enumeration of bacteria, yeast, and mold in the turf samples.

Sample	Total Bacteria Count	Total Yeast Count	Total Mold Count
Milner Ridge A	17,975,000	4,825,000	112,500
Milner Ridge B	1,655,000	190,000	15,500



Biotic Earth Over Topsoil Test Site  
Side by Side  
100 degrees  
No extra irrigation



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			P1 (Weak Bray) ppm-P RATE	P2 (Strong Bray) ppm-P RATE					SOIL pH	BUFFER INDEX		K	Mg	Ca	H	Na
US 83	13818	0.8VL 45 	9L	50H	447VH	257M	5140VH	150L	7.8		29.6	3.9	7.2	86.8	0.0	2.2

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			P1 (Weak Bray) ppm-P RATE	NaHCO <sub>3</sub> -P ppm-P RATE					SOIL pH	BUFFER INDEX		K	Mg	Ca	H	Na
F1 TWR	10619	0.5VL 40	3VL	14H	363VH	256H	3446H	443H	7.6		22.2	4.2	9.5	77.6	0.0	8.7



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# Baffin Wind Farm

Kenedy Ranch Texas

202 Megawatts  
101 Turbines





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Existing Soil = .05% Organic Matter

Erosion of Tower Foundation:  
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# South Texas Windfarm







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# Soil Analysis Stockpiled material

✓ Very low organic matter

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												K	Mg	Ca	H	Na
TEST 1	15858	0.4VL 39	3VL	8M	298M	>800VH	9172VH		7.7		55.7	1.4	16.3	82.2	0.0	



Less than ½ percent OM



















# Soil Analysis Landfill Cap

✓ Low organic matter

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2B	18010	1.1L 52	5VL	27M	186L	570VH	6968VH	236L	7.6		41.0	1.2	11.4	84.9	0.0	2.5
2C	18011	0.9L 48	4VL	18L	189L	435H	6318VH	249L	7.9		36.7	1.3	9.8	86.0	0.0	3.0
2D	18012	1.0L 50	4VL	13L	151L	146L	5296VH	97L	7.9		28.4	1.4	4.2	93.0	0.0	1.5
AUSTIN	18013	1.1L 52	6VL	15L	288M	278L	8891VH	79VL	7.4		47.7	1.5	4.8	93.0	0.0	0.7



# Establish Vegetation in Hard Armor



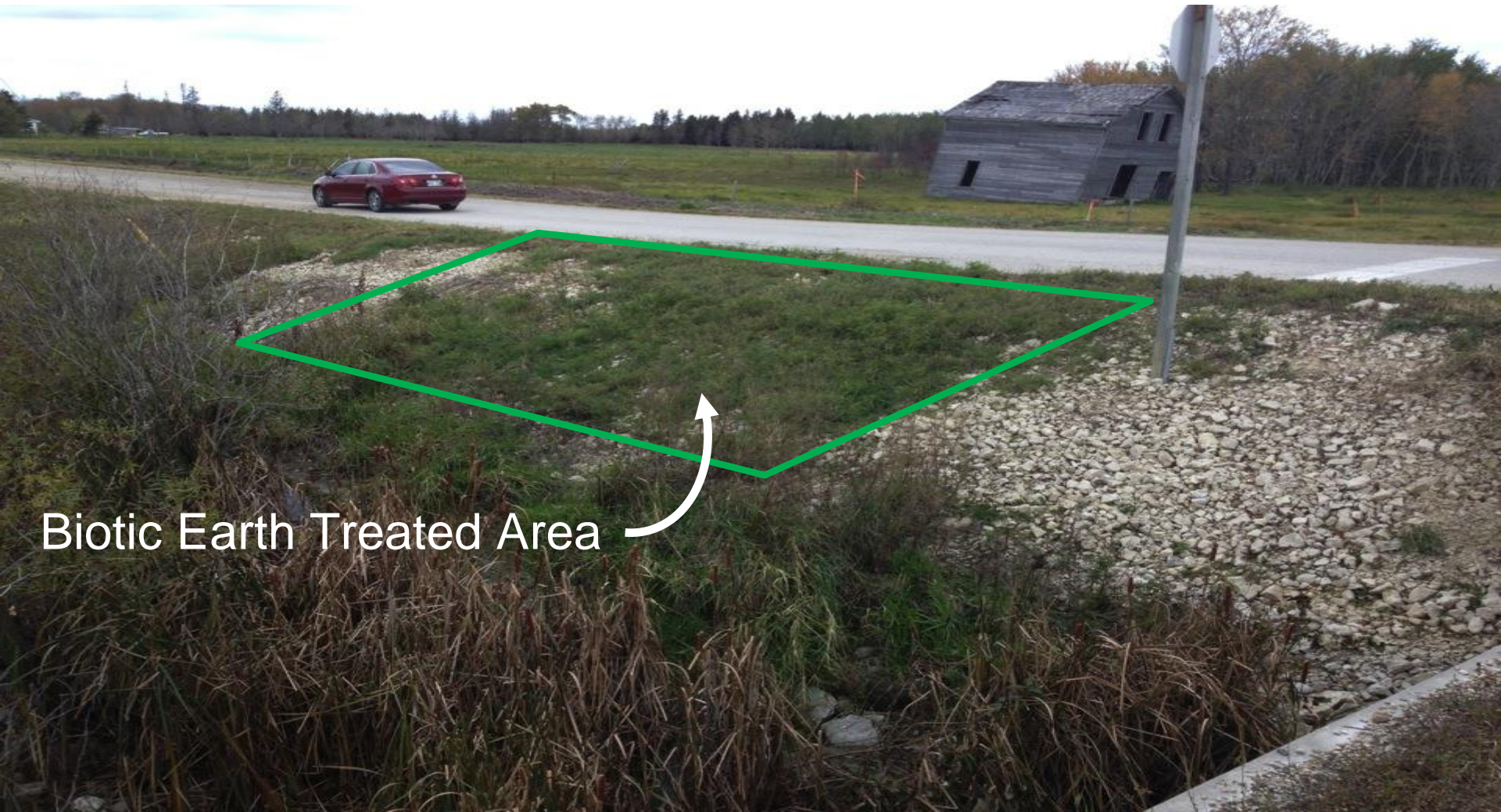


# Hand Application Directly Onto Riprap





# Vegetation Establishment



Biotic Earth Treated Area



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1 growing season



# Can you tell where the Biotic is?



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## Any Questions?





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FYI please see below draft District General Note and advise if you have any comments. Note that the red is just info for the project designers and not included in the plans.

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160-2 (Use Biotic Soil Amendments to the topsoil in areas that have steep or lengthy slopes that might be susceptible to erosion. This should also be used in other areas where it is known to be difficult to establish vegetation)

For certain locations as shown in the plans, use Biotic Soil Amendments to the topsoil as per the following specification.

Use a natural medium of organic soil amending materials, meeting the following requirements.

1. Free from roots, clods, hard clay, noxious weeds, tall grass, brush, sticks, stubble, or other litter and free draining and non-toxic.
2. Containing 40% by volume of thermally and mechanically processed straw, flexible flax fibers; 58% by volume of sphagnum peat moss or compost, 2% by volume of additional materials that provide plant derived valuable trace minerals, sugars, starches, proteins fiber and 16 amino acids including folic acid, vitamin A, and tricontanol growth stimulant/regulator; and mycorrhiza inoculants.
3. Total organic matter content of 93% or greater.
4. Application rate must meet manufacturer's recommendation.

Notify the engineer of the source of Biotic Soil Amendments at least 30 days prior to delivery of topsoil to the project. The engineer will confirm the Biotic Soil Amendments meet or exceed requirements before approval will be granted for its use. The cost of the Biotic Soil Amendments is subsidiary to Item 160 Topsoil.

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# Cordillera Ranch





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CORD	16610	4.7VH124	2VL	28M	494VH	286L	9509VH		6.8		52.7	2.4	4.5	90.0	3.0	
																

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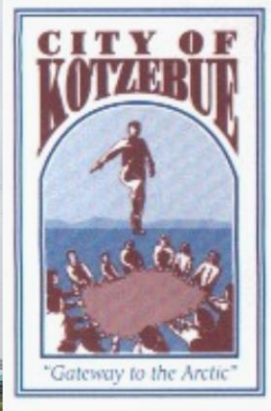




# Cordillera Ranch







# City Ball Park Construction



Installed September



# New Technologies: Biotic Soil Amendments







Mid October



April 21. Biotic Earth application.





April 21. Completed Biotic Earth application.





April 21. Hay mulching over Biotic Earth.





April 21. Hay mulching over Biotic Earth.





May 20. Four weeks growth (Biotic Earth)







June 7. Six weeks results (Biotic Earth)

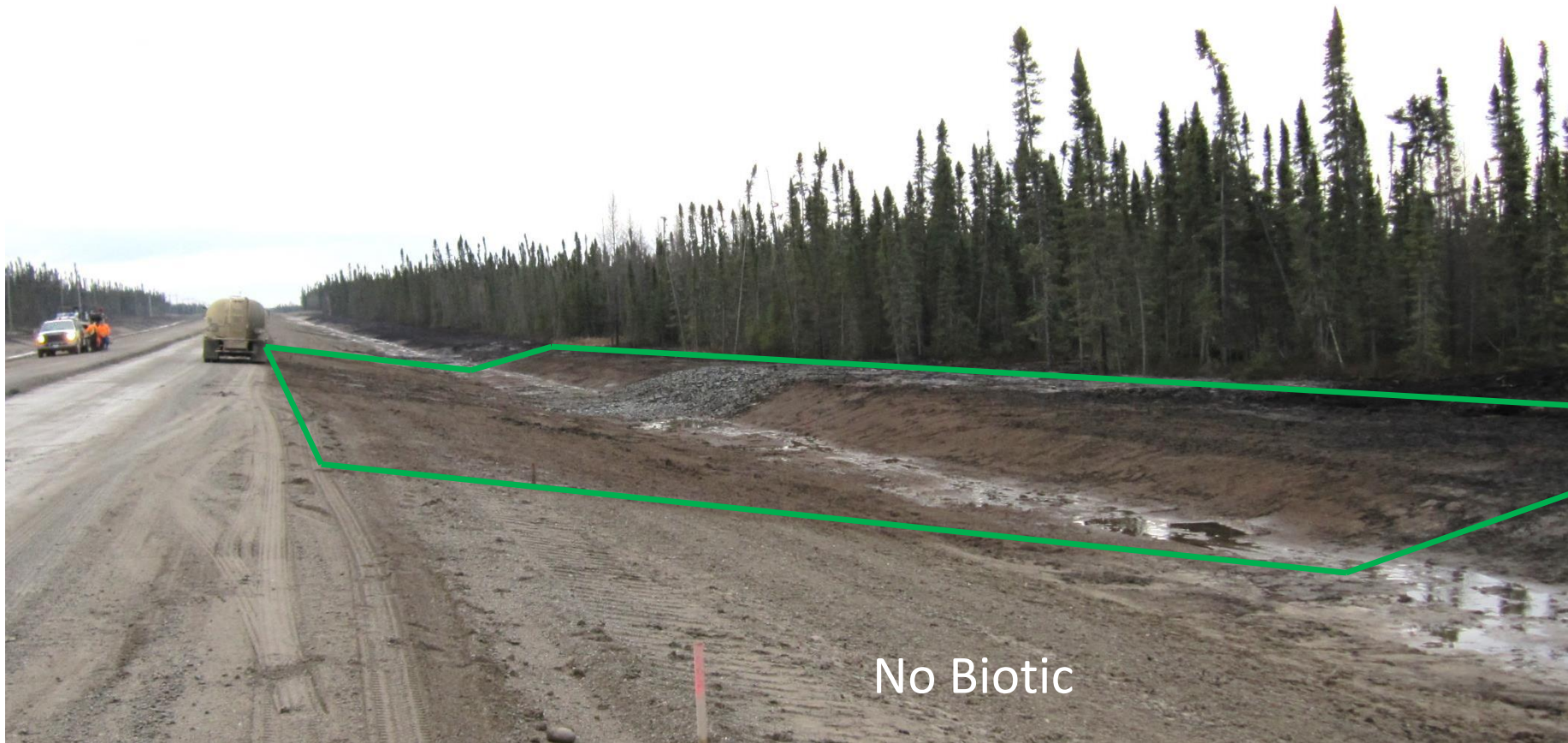




June 25. Eight weeks results (Biotic Earth)

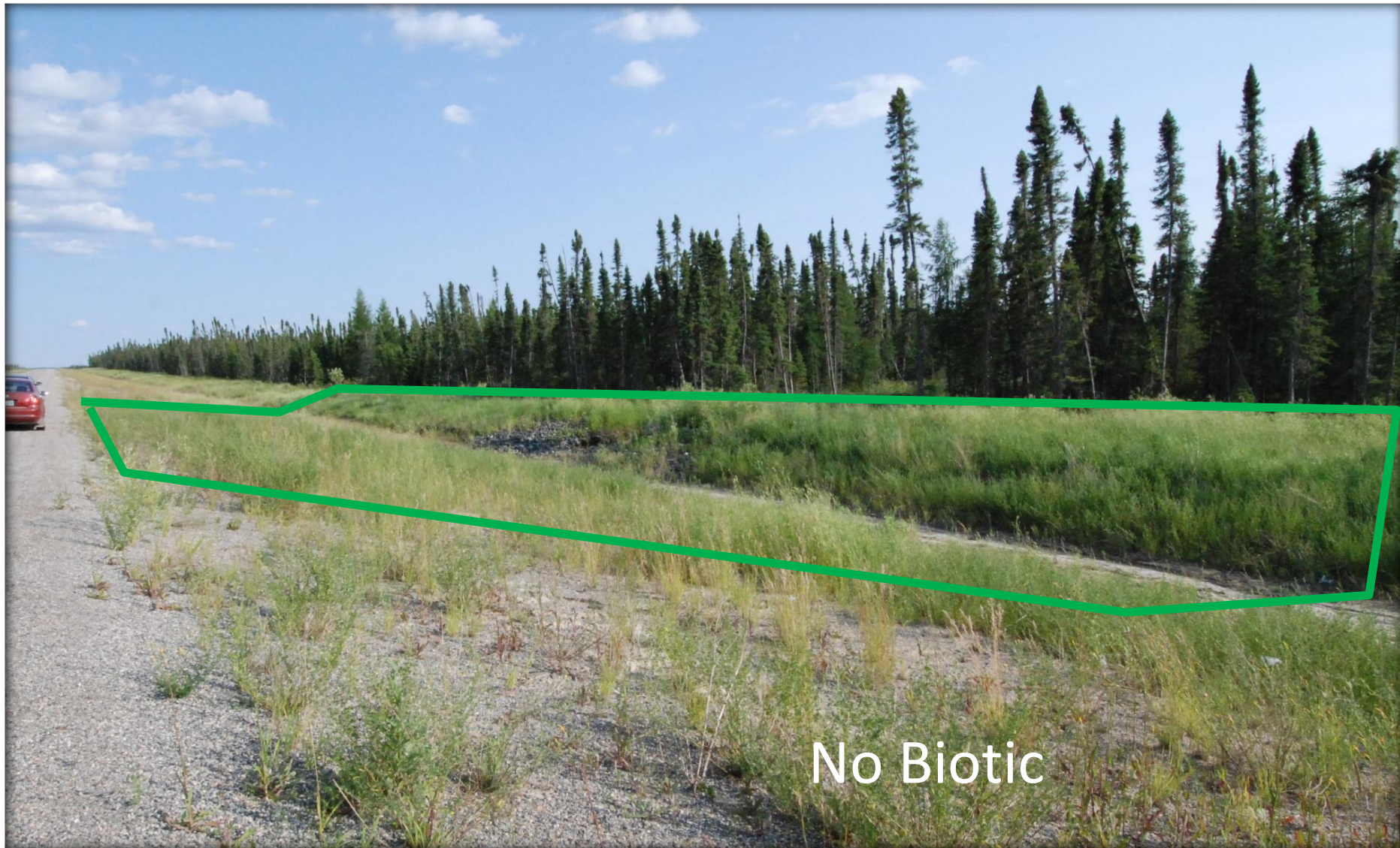


# Test Plot Northern Manitoba





# 3.5 years later

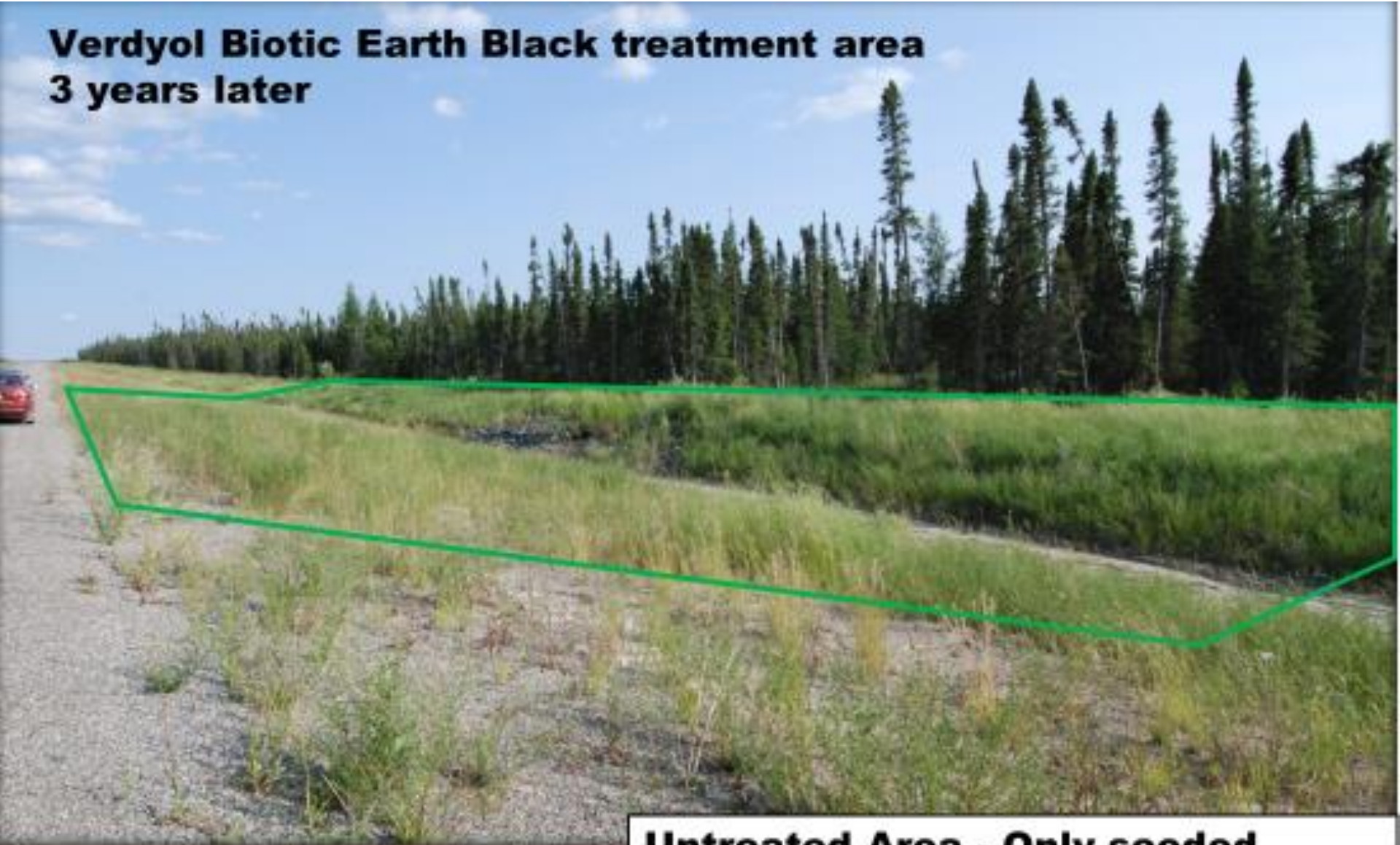


No Biotic



# Test Plot Northern Manitoba

**Verdyol Biotic Earth Black treatment area  
3 years later**



**Untreated Area - Only seeded**



3 years after application



Biotic Ends Here







After one year of drought





# Wind erosion?



Ensure Effective  
Erosion Control





Straw Mulch Blown Away



# Cordova, AK



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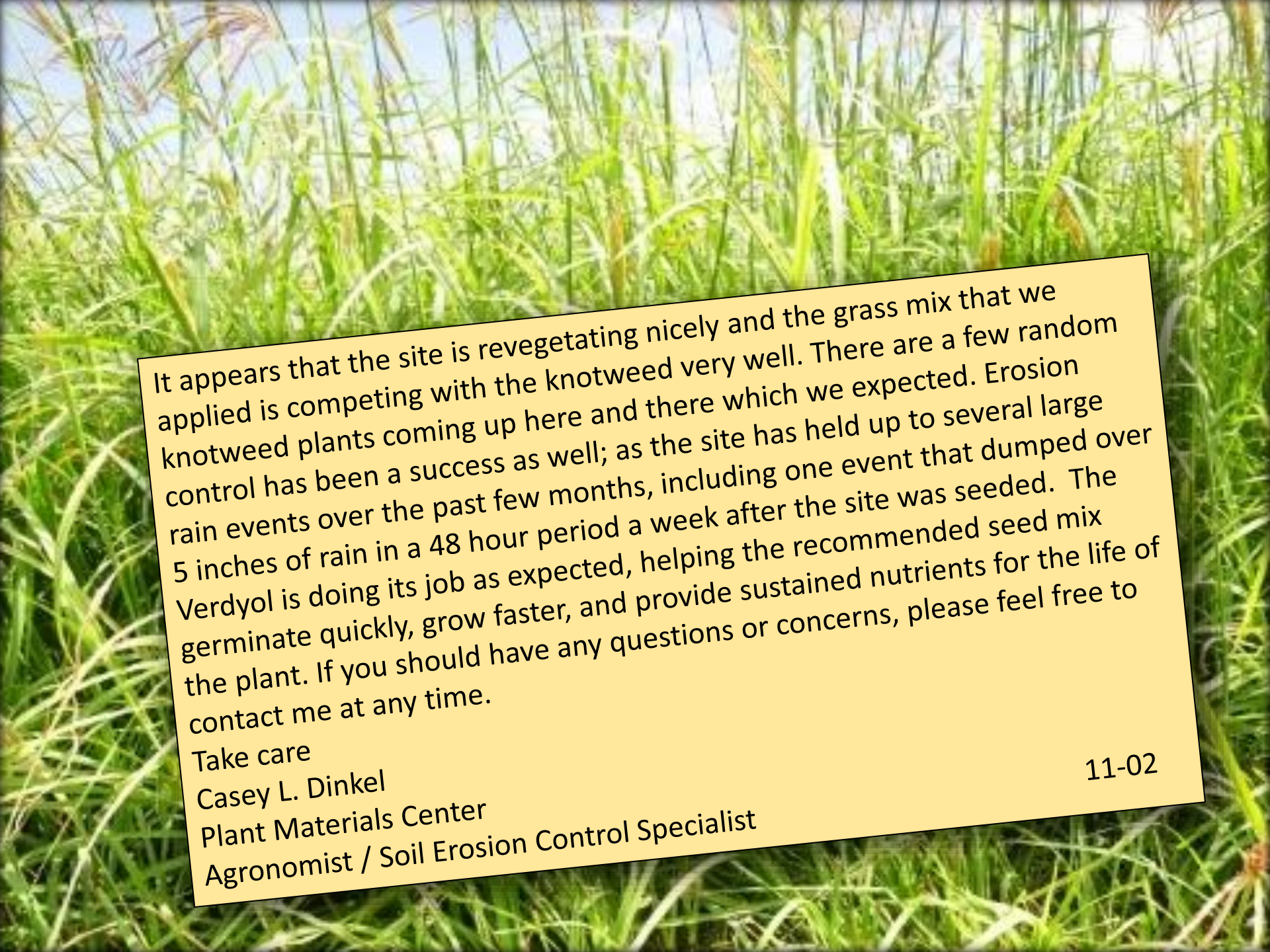
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It appears that the site is revegetating nicely and the grass mix that we applied is competing with the knotweed very well. There are a few random knotweed plants coming up here and there which we expected. Erosion control has been a success as well; as the site has held up to several large rain events over the past few months, including one event that dumped over 5 inches of rain in a 48 hour period a week after the site was seeded. The Verdyol is doing its job as expected, helping the recommended seed mix germinate quickly, grow faster, and provide sustained nutrients for the life of the plant. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Take care

Casey L. Dinkel

Plant Materials Center

Agronomist / Soil Erosion Control Specialist

11-02





Complicated Crews



# Biotic Soil Amendments

For site restoration

