# GreenLine Synergy

Pre-vegetated Blankets: Providing Erosion Control While Preserving the Integrity, Stability & Beauty of the Native Plant Community

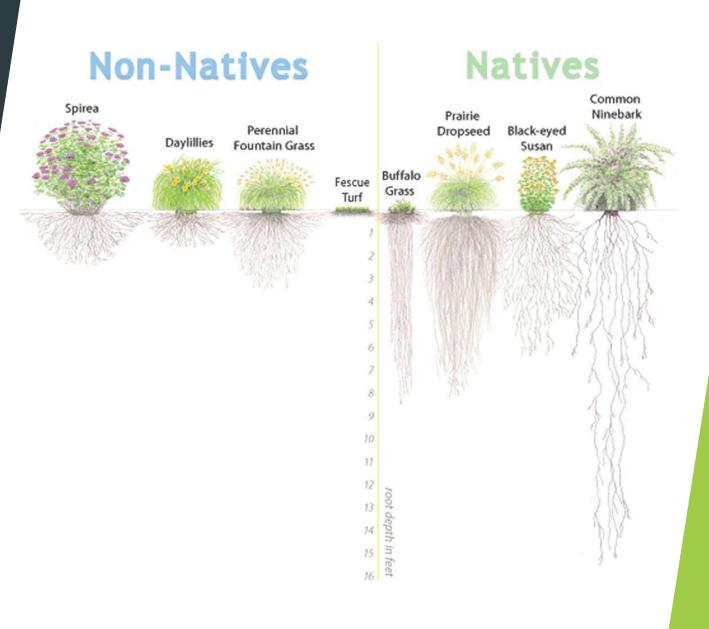
Process Patent Protected Pre-Vegetated Blankets

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# What is Pre-vegetated Blanket?

- Let's begin with the importance of native plants:
  - Mother Nature's erosion control system
  - Thrive in soils, moisture and weather of their native region
  - Improve soil stabilization due to extensive root systems
  - Larger root mass compared to trees/shrubs/ornamentals
- In its simplest form, should consist of:
  - Traditional erosion control blanket
  - Live native vegetative coverage
  - Established basal system





#### How is it grown?

- High-level overview:
  - Erosion control blanket/mat
  - Mixture of growing media, enzymes and fertilizer
  - Native seed mix
    - Ensure native to site
    - Pure live seed (PLS)
    - Appropriate for site conditions
- Consistency:
  - Process
  - Temperature
  - Irrigation

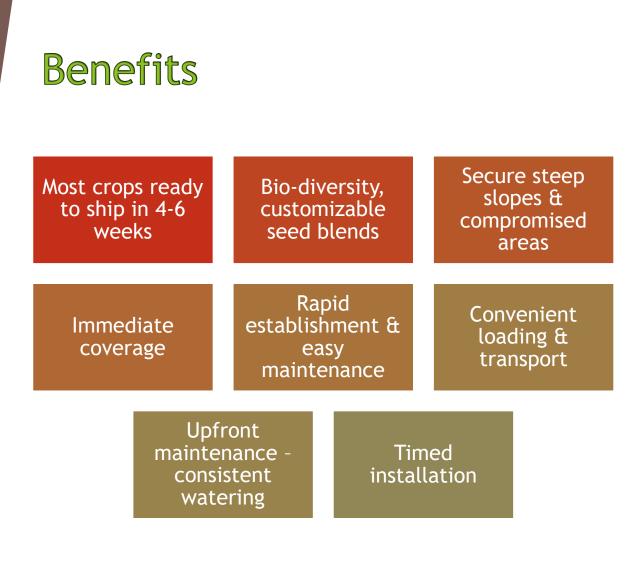
#### Types - Which one is right for my project?

#### There are various types on the market:

- Pre-seeded
- Pre-grown
- Monoculture

Pay attention to:

- Coverage rate
- If indicated as "site specific"
- How they are delivered
  - Rolled versions can cause damage to roots and shoots and if not installed right away, can overheat







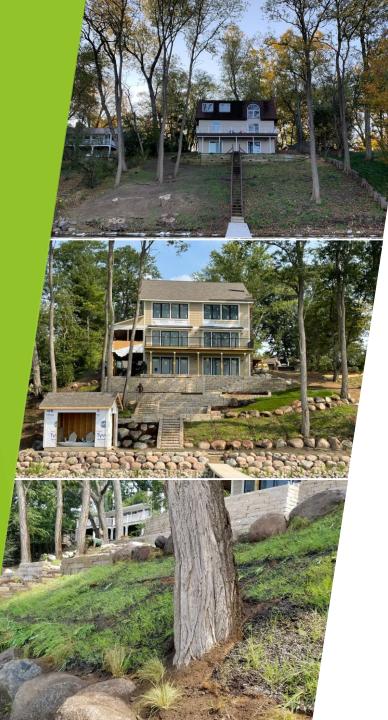
#### Are there limitations?

- Not the answer for every site
- Not recommended for use in areas:
  - Constantly under water
  - Severe slopes that are impossible to access

#### Where can it be used?

- Steep slope
- Drainage swale or channel
- DOT roadside
- Retention basin
- Rain garden
- Green-roof
- Shoreline
- Streambank
- Wetland
- Woodland
- Prairies
- Many more!





### Residential Example -Silver Lake, WI



Shoreline restoration and landscape design centered on erosion control



Site vegetation was sparse and unkept

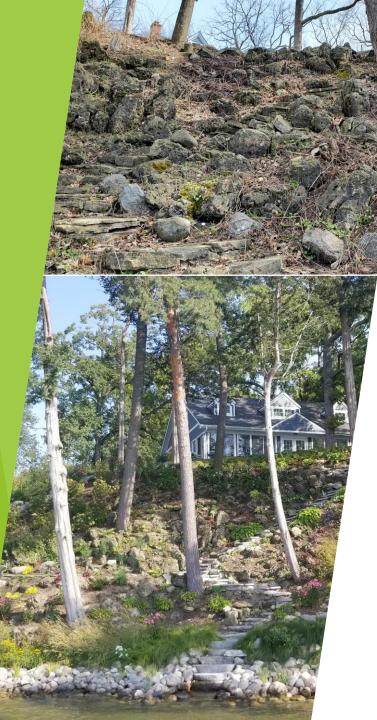


Seed mix was a low growing prairie for clay soils



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Just installed 2021



#### Steep Slope Example -Twin Lakes, WI

- Private residence situated on a steep slope on Lake Elizabeth - contracted for shoreline restoration and landscaping design and install
- Seed mixes were a low growing meadow for dry soils and a woodland edge/savanna mix
- ▶ 2,202 SF
- Natives selected for site conditions/geographic location

#### Steep Slope Example - Twin Lakes, WI

- Installed in 2020, fully robust first year
- Not only beautiful, but secures the slope
- Adding pre-vegetated blanket/native plants preserve the integrity of region-specific native species





#### DOT Example - Madison, WI Metro Area



Contracted to grow 3 separate types of blanket engineered for retention basins



Site conditions - salt residue, pollution, winter exposure, added aesthetic features



Concentrated or peak flow areas



Training and education for installation



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- ▶ 10,863 SF
- They let blanket sit in the sun and it didn't look good after rain events
- Reassured them it would bounce back that's a plus about an established basal system
- Installation was done in 2017 visited site in 2021 and it is healthy and flourishing

#### Municipality Example - Antioch, IL

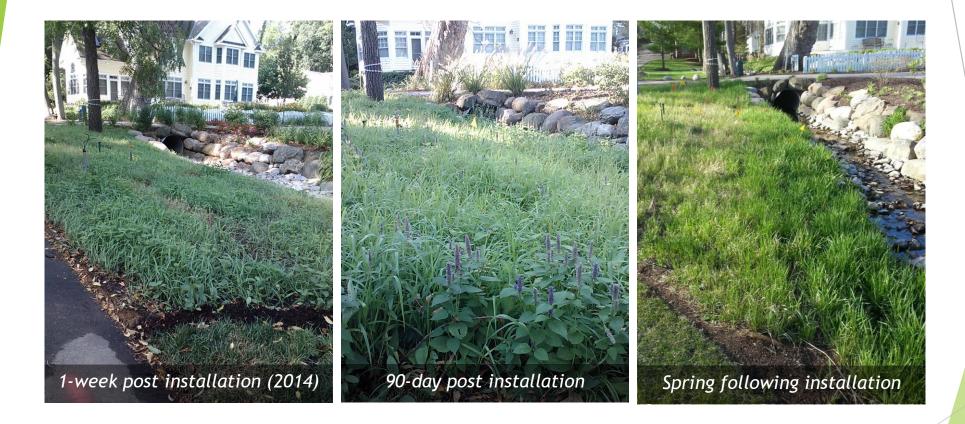






- Sports Complex/Park
- Goal of easy maintenance, sustainable, wildlife friendly and aesthetically inviting spaces
- 3 seed types for specific areas
  - ► High diversity prairie
  - Mesic prairie
  - Diversity meadow
- ▶ 14,570 SF
- Installed in 2021 excited to see what it looks like this year

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#### Maintenance







PROPER WATERING

PRESCRIBED BURN YEAR 2 OR 3 MOWING NATIVE VEGETATION TO SELECT FOR GRASS SPECIES

## **Questions**?

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