

Fugles Mill Plant Materials Site

The Fugles Mill Plant Materials Evaluation Site consists of 40 acres where a variety of plants are grown and evaluated for their suitability in conservation plantings in southeastern Minnesota. The site was established on state forest land in Pleasant Grove Township of Olmsted County in 1985.

Not unlike an arboretum, the site is a place where farmers, sport and wildlife groups, teachers, students and other citizens can see and learn about different species and varieties of warm season grasses, cover crops, shrubs and trees used for conservation.

Visitors can see 148 12' by 60' - foot plots of 37 different warm season grasses, including:

- 7 varieties of Big Bluestem
- 4 varieties of Little Bluestem
- 14 varieties of Sideoats Grama
- 5 varieties of Indiangrass
- 3 varieties of Prairie Sandreed
- 4 other species and varieties
- 15 species of forbs for future evaluation
- 100 different tree species which are evaluated for adaptability to this region

A storage building/educational kiosk is on the site for storage of equipment and provides information for self-guided tours. The plant site is open to the public. Supporters of the site include the Olmsted SWCD, NRCS, Hiawatha Valley RC&D, and the MN DNR. Olmsted SWCD is responsible for the maintenance of the site.

