



## PROJECT:

# BP Lima E-Pond

### NEED

As part of the remedy at the Lima Refinery, British Petroleum (BP) capped a former hazardous materials storage area (E-Pond). The remedy called for the creation of a prairie habitat on top of the soil cap. A previous native prairie seeding attempt at the site had been unsuccessful. Less than 5% of the site had prairie plants germinating the year after the initial planting.

### SOLUTION

Naturally Wallace Consulting (NWC), (formerly North American Wetland Engineering) worked with URS and BP staff to properly prepare the site. Grasses and forbs native to western Ohio were planted with Truax seed drill. Periodic mowing and spot herbicide application was implemented over the first two growing seasons so that prairie plants could become fully established.

NWC developed a plan to control cool season grasses and to manage the growth of cottonwood seedlings, teasel and other pioneer and invasive species. By implementing this plan, prairie species were established over 95% of the site and are thriving today as a low maintenance landscape and wildlife habitat.

### BENEFIT

The prairie restoration was fully successful in meeting the site remedy goal. The site has fulfilled the permitting requirements of the state of Ohio and BP has developed a walking trail alongside the prairie and river as an educational tool for native habitats. Prairie grasses and forbs are fully established at the site, which is used extensively by wildlife, including pollinating insects such as butterflies.

### LOCATION

Lima. Ohio

### PROJECT TYPE

Environmental Restoration

### COMPLETION DATE

2003

### PROJECT SIZE

18 acres

7.1 hectares

### ECOSYSTEM TYPE

Tallgrass Prairie

