

## Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Glenway Prairie & Wildflower Area

A former Dudgeon-Monroe resident started the prairie in a smaller area of the current site. Sandy Stark, current volunteer crew chief, agreed to take over when she moved into the neighborhood in 2007. Sandy also soon became Chair of the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association's Southwest Path Committee and in this role influenced the development of other prairies along the Path.

The initial small area was expanded with the help of the city and the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association. City Engineering helped remove weeds and afterwards hauled in black dirt. During that first year seedlings, known as 'plugs', were planted and these included prairie grasses, black and brown-eyed susans, coneflowers, prairie smoke, Jacob's ladder, creamy indigo, prairie blazing-star, joe-pye plant, and asters. During breaks, volunteers enjoyed chocolate chip cookies from the Saturday Market. Sandy usually provides these cookies during scheduled workdays.

Volunteers are from DMNA and other adjacent neighborhoods, but some Master Naturalists and other volunteers come from elsewhere and are welcome.



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