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Advice Statement Questions

At a high level, what types of partners should be engaged in the Pollinator and Grasslands Project? What engagement methods would be the most effective?

Advise Statement:

The RRSC supports TVA's continued work to promote grasslands and pollinator habitat restoration. These are important aspects to a healthy environment, that also provide benefits such as continued food security, erosion control and stronger, diverse plant, animal and insect support systems. We understand that the southeast has lost most of its native grasslands that are vital to the region. We encourage TVA to reach out to other utilities, local power companies, federal, state and local agencies with jurisdiction over land management; special interest groups such as wildlife conservation entities, railroads, agricultural interests, etc., to engage them in this dialogue and work.**

Further, TVA should seek to form partnerships with advocacy groups, large land management agencies; share TVA's ROW best practices with local power companies and other utilities; help establish a unified approach that goes beyond just ROW management for other grassland restoration/conservation efforts; and prioritize those areas most in need of immediate action.

Possible methods could include: co-hosting informational webinars, meetings, cost-sharing reclamation activities, establishing an on-going working group, resource sharing website, presentations uploaded to YouTube, social media education and outreach, present at conferences, create promotional education materials such as a calendar and screen-saver downloads, DVD for county Agriculture Departments to share with the /students public, and include pollinator messaging in existing youth and other outreach efforts. ** Other suggestions from the meeting transcript will be shared with TVA staff.

**A comprehensive list of suggested groups will be provided to TVA staff from the meeting transcript.