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Adam Dattilo is a proud champion for threatened and endangered (T and E) plant species in the Tennessee Valley. “I see it as a great service to the people who live here,” says Dattilo, TVA’s only botanist. “Given the extent of our operations and the amount of land we manage, we’re in a position to play a leadership role in conserving resources that might otherwise die out.” He’s pioneered efforts to grow pollinators as well as T and E species in TVA’s power line corridors: “Our efforts to control the growth of trees and shrubs along transmission line rights-of-way can be extremely beneficial to leafy prairie clover, native wildflowers and other T and E plant species that require open prairie-like habitat.”



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