



## Michigan Technical Note

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#### **Availability of Conservation Plant Releases from Rose Lake Plant Materials Center**

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#### CONSERVATION PLANT RELEASES FROM ROSE LAKE PLANT MATERIALS CENTER

The USDA-NRCS Plant Materials Program encourages use of plants to address the nation's most important resource concerns through a network of Plant Materials Centers (PMC) serving all 50 states and territories. To date, the program has released over 500 conservation plants, many being grown by commercial growers for conservation use today.

Serving the Great Lakes Region by releasing conservation plants and through the development and transfer of plant technology is Rose Lake Plant Materials Center in East Lansing, Michigan. Rose Lake PMC is one of 27 Centers nationwide.

Rose Lake PMC collects, assembles, selects, and releases plants to be used for conservation purposes. The typical development process for plant releases is represented diagrammatically in Figure 1 from the National Plant Materials Manual. (Development and transfer of plant technology, the other major PMC product, is also represented in Figure 1.)

The NRCS Plant Materials Program recognizes five release types. Four of these types (cultivar, tested, selected, and source-identified) that have been released by Rose Lake PMC are shown in Table 1.

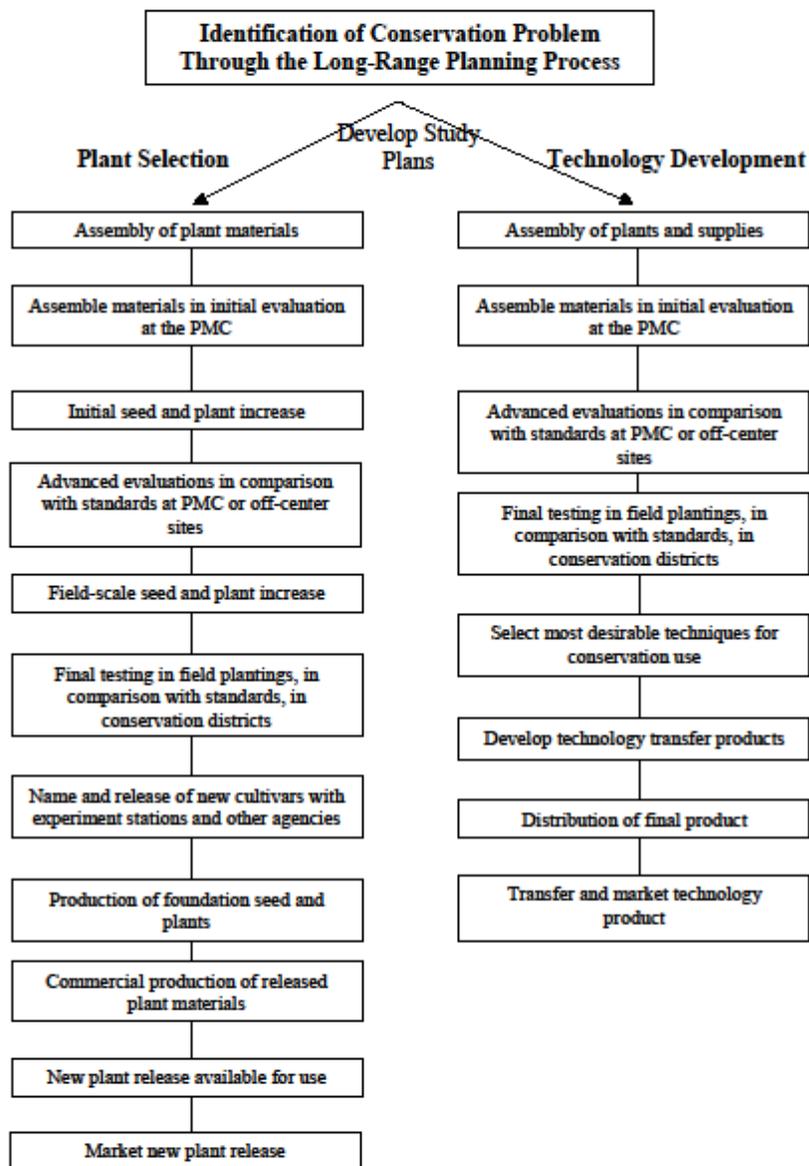
None of the releases from Rose Lake PMC have been altered using genetic engineering techniques. Some have been selected to maximize genetic diversity. Preference is given to releasing plant materials that are native to the Rose Lake PMC service area. All releases are evaluated to ensure that they are not weedy, invasive, or harmful to the environment. Recent releases have been noticed in Native Plants Journal or publications of the American Society of Agronomy (see references section).

Rose Lake PMC does not sell releases. Rather, in consideration for a user fee paid to the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, approved commercial seed or nursery growers may receive small quantities of seed or nursery stock for increase purposes which they in turn may sell. The application for approval to become a commercial grower of Rose Lake PMC releases is available from Rose Lake PMC.

Rose Lake PMC releases are available to the public for purchase from approved commercial seed or nursery growers. Sources for purchase of Rose Lake PMC plant releases are shown in Table 2. (These commercial growers received seed or nursery stock from Rose Lake PMC as described in the previous paragraph. Listing of these commercial growers does not imply endorsement by USDA-NRCS or bias against those not listed.) Rose Lake PMC plant releases may also be available from other sources.

Figure 1. Typical Process for Plant Materials Product Development.

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(190-V-NPMM, Fourth Edition, July 2010)

Table 1. Rose Lake Plant Materials Center Plant Releases by Release Type as Described by USDA-NRCS Plant Materials Program.

Release Type and Description	Release Name
Cultivar: An assemblage of cultivated plants clearly distinguished by characters (morphological, physiological, cytological, chemical, other) and when reproduced (sexually or asexually) retains these characters.	'Affinity' Northern White Cedar
	'Imperial' Carolina Poplar
	'Indigo' Silky Dogwood
	'Lancer' Perennial Pea
	'Magenta' Hybrid Crabapple
	'Roselow' Sargent's Crabapple
Tested: The progeny of plants whose parentage has been tested and has proven genetic superiority or possesses distinctive traits for which the heritability is stable as defined by the certifying agency; seed or plants must be produced to ensure genetic purity and identity from either rigidly controlled and isolated natural stands or individual plants, or seed fields or orchards.	Alcona Germplasm
	Dillenius' Tick-Trefoil
	Grant Germplasm
	Panicledleaf Tick-Trefoil
	Icy Blue Germplasm Canada Wildrye
Selected: The progeny of phenotypically selected plants of untested parentage that have promise but not proof of genetic superiority or distinctive traits, produced to ensure genetic purity and identity from either rigidly controlled and isolated stands or individual plants, or seed fields or orchards.	Marion Germplasm
	Dillenius' Tick-Trefoil
	Riverbend Germplasm Silky Willow
	Koch Germplasm Prairie Sandreed
	Leelanau Germplasm
	Highbush Cranberry
Source-Identified: Seed, seedlings, or other propagating materials collected from natural stands, seed production areas, seed fields, or orchards where no selection or testing of the parent population has been made; produced to ensure genetic purity and identity from either rigidly defined natural stands, seed production areas, seed fields, or orchards. Source identified releases within the Plant Materials Program will generally not be used because of a lack of performance information.	Prairie View Indiana Germplasm Big Bluestem
	Prairie View Indiana Germplasm Indiangrass
	Prairie View Indiana Germplasm Little Bluestem
	Vintage Germplasm
	Common Elderberry
	Southlow Michigan Germplasm Big Bluestem
	Southlow Michigan Germplasm Indiangrass
	Southlow Michigan Germplasm Little Bluestem
	Southlow Michigan Germplasm Switchgrass

Table 2. Commercial Growers of Plant Materials Released by Rose Lake Plant Materials Center.

	Affinity Northern White Cedar	Alcona Germplasm Dillenius' Tick-Trefoil	Grant Germplasm Puncileaf Tick-Trefoil	Icy Blue Germplasm Canada Wildrye	Imperial Carolina Poplar	Indigo Silky Dogwood	Koch Germplasm Prairie Sandreed	Lancer Perennial Pea	Leelanau Germplasm Highbush Cranberry	Magenta Hybrid Crabapple	Marion Germplasm Dillenius' Tick-Trefoil	Prairie View Indiana Germplasm Big Bluestem	Prairie View Indiana Germplasm Indiangrass	Prairie View Indiana Germplasm Little Bluestem	Riverbend Germplasm Silky Willow	Roselow Sargent's Crabapple	Southlow Michigan Germplasm Big Bluestem	Southlow Michigan Germplasm Indiangrass	Southlow Michigan Germplasm Little Bluestem	Southlow Michigan Germplasm Svirchgrass	Vintage Germplasm Common Elderberry
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Table 2 (cont'd). Commercial Growers of Plant Materials Released by Rose Lake Plant Materials Center.

	'Affinity Northern White Cedar	Alcona Germplasm Dillenioides 'Tick-Trefoil	Grant Germplasm Panicledleaf Tick-Trefoil	Icy Blue Germplasm Canada Wildrye	'Imperial' Carolina Poplar	'Indigo' Silky Dogwood	Koch Germplasm Prairie Sandreed	'Lancer' Perennial Pea	Leelanau Germplasm Highbush Cranberry	'Magenta' Hybrid Crabapple	Marion Germplasm Dillenioides 'Tick-Trefoil	Prairie View Indiana Germplasm Big Bluestem	Prairie View Indiana Germplasm Indiangrass	Prairie View Indiana Germplasm Little Bluestem	Riverbend Germplasm Silky Willow	'Roslow' Sargent's Crabapple	Southlow Michigan Germplasm Big Bluestem	Southlow Michigan Germplasm Indiangrass	Southlow Michigan Germplasm Little Bluestem	Southlow Michigan Germplasm Switchgrass	Vintage Germplasm Common Elderberry
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