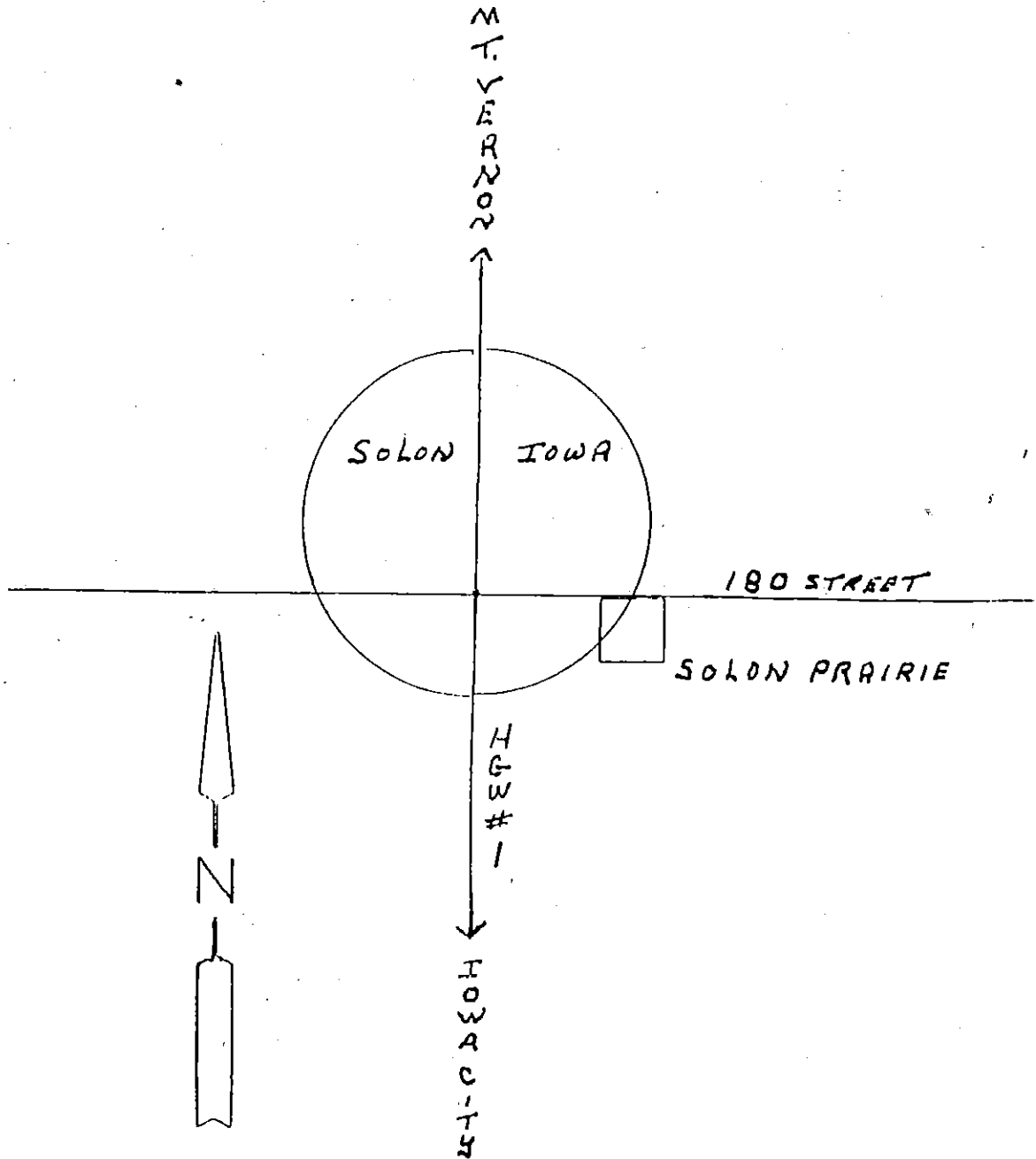


SOLON PRAIRIE



Owned by: Johnson County
Managed by: Johnson County Conservation Board

PROGRESS ON THE SOLON PRAIRIE

In 1983 Aaron Basten, Solon, Iowa with assistance from Paul Christiansen completed a prairie species list on this area. Much of the credit for this area being in public ownership and being preserved must go to Aaron Basten who worked hard and played an important role in the Solon Gun Club members' decision to give the property to the county.

This prairie has been under a prairie management plan since 1984 by the Johnson County Conservation Board. The Board has constructed a parking lot and installed an identification sign at the area. The area has received several burns since management was started on this area. Over the past several years native grass seeds were planted on disturbed portions of the prairie and some native forbs have been moved into the area by hand transplanting.

2.8 ACRES

Solon Prairie Plant Inventory Continued.

| <u>Common Name</u> | <u>Scientific Name</u> |
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| Forbs | |
| Roundheaded bush clover | Lespedeza capitata |
| Gayfeather | Liatris pycnostachya |
| Water horehound | Lycopus americanus |
| Wing-angled loosestrife | Lythrum alatum |
| Pale-spike lobelia | Lobelia spicata |
| Fringed loosestrife | Lysemachia ciliata |
| Wild bergamot | Monarda fistulosa |
| Slender evening primrose | Oenothera rhombipelola |
| Common evening primrose | O. biennis |
| Anguefoil | Pantintillia simplex |
| Meadow parship | Pastinaca sativa |
| Plantain | Plantago rupelii |
| Mountain mint | Pycnanthemum virginceanum |
| Selfheal | Prunella vulgaris |
| Smart weed | Polygonum sp. |
| Clammy ground cherry | Physalis heterophylla |
| Prairie phlox | Phlox pilosa |
| Grayheaded coneflower | Ratibida pinnata |
| Blackeyed Susan | Rudbeckia hirta |
| Prairie roses | Rosa carolina blanda complex |
| Liver bulrush | Scirpus atrovirens |
| Meadow sweet | Spiraea alba |
| Whole leaf rosinweed | Silphium integrifolium |
| Cup plant | Silphium perfoliatum |
| Canada goldenrod | Solidago canadensis |
| Late goldenrod | S. gigantea |
| Spiderwort | Tradescantia bracteata |
| Blue vervain | Verbena hastata |
| Western ironweed | Vernonia fasciculata |

66 species of grass, forbs and sedges in inventory to date.

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