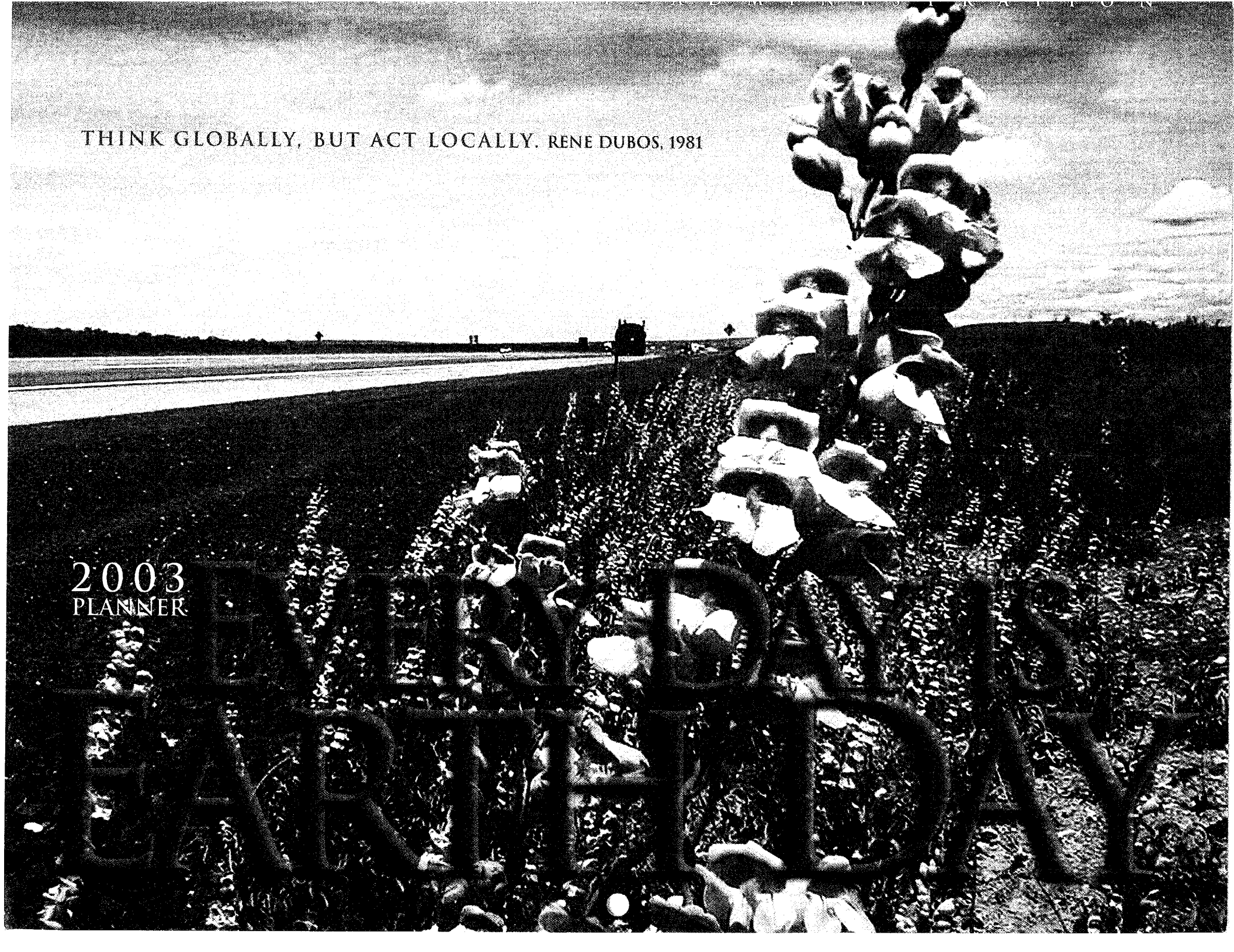


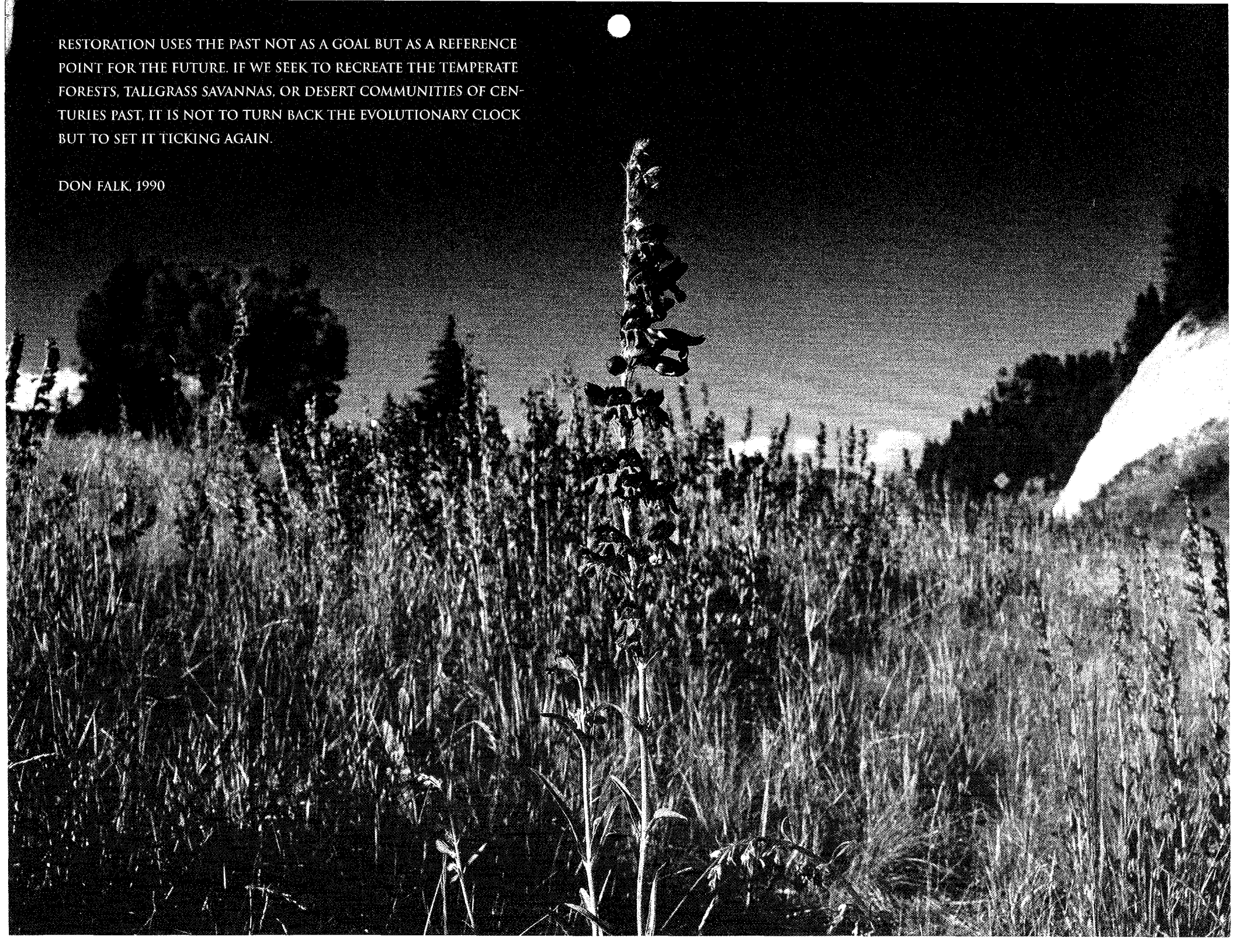
THINK GLOBALLY, BUT ACT LOCALLY. RENE DUBOS, 1981

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RESTORATION USES THE PAST NOT AS A GOAL BUT AS A REFERENCE POINT FOR THE FUTURE. IF WE SEEK TO RECREATE THE TEMPERATE FORESTS, TALLGRASS SAVANNAS, OR DESERT COMMUNITIES OF CENTURIES PAST, IT IS NOT TO TURN BACK THE EVOLUTIONARY CLOCK BUT TO SET IT TICKING AGAIN.

DON FALK, 1990



EARTH DAY 2003

Thirty-three years since the first Earth Day...how far have we come? This planner highlights the conservation efforts of State Departments of Transportation. Over the past 33 years they have responded to the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and more. The reasons for more environmentally-sensitive methods are not only regulatory, but economic, aesthetic, and safety. The benefits of these methods improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, decrease erosion, and add new tools to roadside managers' tool boxes. Untraditional partnerships have become the norm as budgets shrink, common ground issues emerge, and agency connections are made. Since the first Earth Day of April 22, 1970, thoughtful decisions that preserve and restore the environment have become common. And so transportation has become a proactive conservation partner. May every day on your roadside planner, be one of taking care of the land. This optimism is built on what we have learned from the past.

In the 1930's... "What is really desired, however, is attractive and useful roadsides which can be obtained by preserving or creating a natural or an

approach to natural conditions in keeping with the adjacent or surrounding country. And the significant thing about this is that to follow a natural development in outright economy in road maintenance." J. M. Bennett, Board of County Road Commissioners in Wayne County, Michigan. 1936

When this sentiment was expressed, the idea of roadsides being our nation's front yards was the rule of the day. The landscaping and high maintenance reflected a front yard look until the traveling public grew to expect it.

In the 50's...Perhaps underscoring the success and influence of agriculture during this period, roadsides were maintained using modified agricultural equipment and agricultural chemicals used in fields on the other side of the right-of-way fence. The high level of maintenance continued and highway users demanded it.

In the 70's...Due to Ladybird Johnson's hard work and the passage of the 1965 Beautification Act, more landscaping and attention to natural beauty became national policy. However during later energy crises, highway departments could not afford the

fuel necessary for high maintenance landscaping. This was a turning point towards more ecological solutions in roadside care. The public didn't understand and objected.

In the 90's...Due to the continued work of Ladybird Johnson, and an increased awareness of the public, the use and protection of native plants supported the ecological approach in landscaping and maintenance work. The public now lobbied on behalf of roadside conservation. The use of native plants became even more important when we learned about the threat of invasive species or weeds to our natural heritage. Protecting what remnants exist as well as restoring native vegetation was encouraged on roadsides everywhere. And the public was supportive.

In the 21st century, we the traveling public and roadside managers have come some distance since the first roads were built and our Nation's first Earth Day was held. Working with nature on rights-of-way is becoming better understood. We hope our grandchildren will see the results on many Earth Days to come. Thank you for your support on this conservation mission.

OUR DEMANDS UPON THE EARTH ARE DETERMINED BY OUR WAYS
OF LIVING WITH ONE ANOTHER; OUR REGARD FOR ONE ANOTHER
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WENDALL BERRY



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A black and white photograph of a landscape. In the foreground, there are several trees with bare branches, some of which are out of focus. A road or path runs horizontally across the middle ground, leading towards a dense forest in the background. The lighting is bright, creating high contrast between the dark trees and the lighter sky and road.


HOW SHORT A LIFETIME IS TO COMPLETE THE STUDY
OF THE CHARACTER AND THE BEAUTY OF THE PLANTS
USED IN THE COMPOSITION OF LANDSCAPES.

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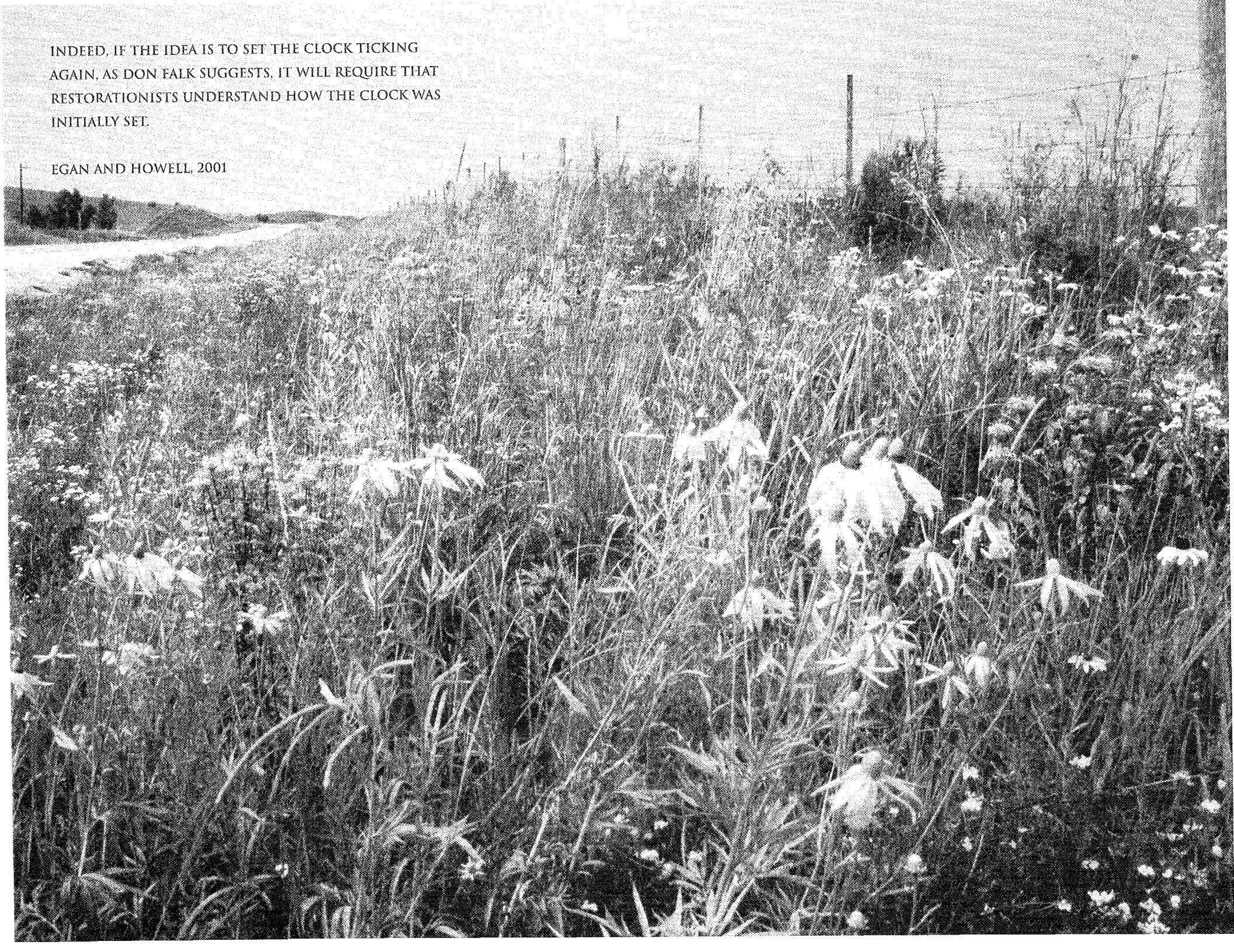
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EGAN AND HOWELL, 2001



SEPTEMBER 2003



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CONSERVATION IS NO SPORT
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MORRIS K. UDALL

OCTOBER 2003



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TO ME, IN SUM, BEAUTIFICATION MEANS
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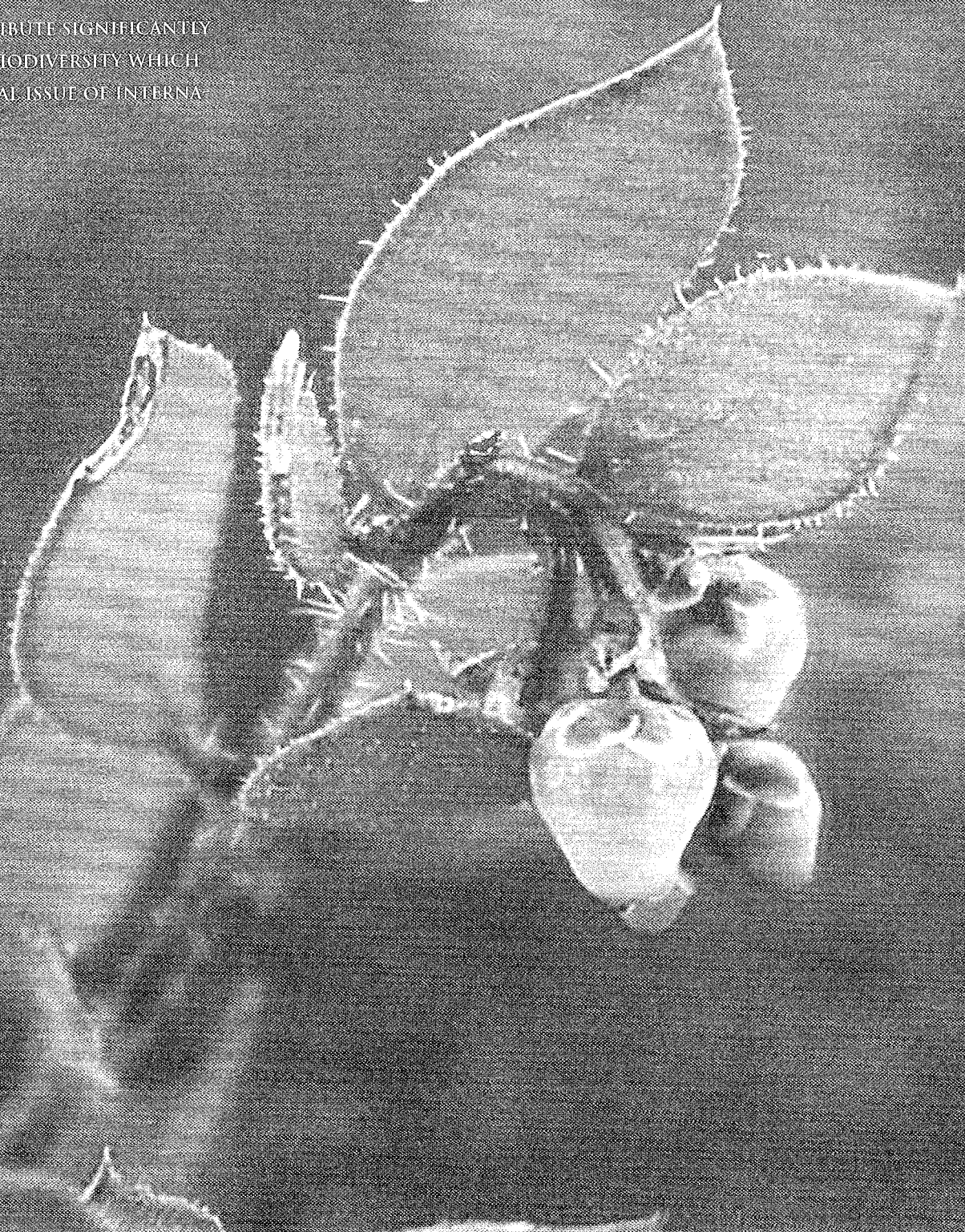
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NATURAL, AND INEVITABLE FOR ME TO TURN TO THE
MOVEMENT WE CALLED BEAUTIFICATION (WE NEVER
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INVASIVE PLANT IDENTIFICATION

AILANTHUS ALTISSIMA: SPRAY

Ailanthus is also called "Tree of Heaven", "Shumac", and "Chinese Sumac". It is an aggressive and invasive tree that is native to China. It was brought to this country in the 1700's and has become a serious plant pest because it colonizes areas extremely quickly and crowds out native plants. Ailanthus trees grow rapidly and can reach a height of over 60 feet. Ailanthus spreads by seed and underground roots called rhizomes. Cutting an Ailanthus will cause it to send up numerous shoots from the stump and from the rhizomes. Herbicides must be used to control this plant.

- Edges of leaves are smooth with 1 or 2 teeth at base.
- Tree has a pale yellow fall color that does not last long.
- Strong, objectionable odor from leaves and stems.



- Twisted papery seeds are green or pink in summer. They dry up into twisted clusters in fall. Seeds can persist over winter.
- Mature trees have smooth gray bark.
- Shield-shaped leaf scars.



SUMAC SP.: DO NOT SPRAY

There are several species of Sumac shrub/small trees in Maryland. Sumac is often confused with the invasive Ailanthus. They are similar in appearance, but not even related. The Sumac is a desirable native plant that has ornamental value in its texture and fall color. Avoid spraying or cutting Sumac when the intended target is Ailanthus. Note the physical differences between the two:



- Sumac has large red clusters of berries in pyramidal spikes.
- Staghorn sumac has fuzzy stems; Smooth sumac has smooth stems.
- Sumac's orange-red fall color can last for weeks.
- Sumac leaves have small teeth along the edges.
- Horseshoe-shaped leaf scars are distinctive.



For more information:

Call Ben Hall, Landscape
Operations Division

1-800-446-5962,
Maryland State Highway
Administration

ROADSIDE VEGETATION CONTACTS

State contacts are found in environmental, landscape, erosion, and maintenance units. Listed also are environmental contacts in the State offices of the FHWA known as Divisions.

Front cover photo:
IDAHO LUPINES

Idaho's objective is to promote the use of native species and preserve the natural and sensitive ecosystems in Idaho. The establishment of native and regionally specific species not only aids in decreasing the ability of noxious weeds invading newly disturbed construction sites, but also helps in restoring natural habitats and increasing diversity. These plants establish in disturbed soils during long periods of drought and fit Idaho's integrated vegetation management program nice. They also add to the scenic and natural beauty along Idaho's highways.

Inside front cover: - COLORADO

CDOT is involved in an ongoing State-wide effort to focus on native grasses and wildflowers by developing seed mixes for use on its many highway construction projects. Utilizing a variety of resources, CDOT's landscape architects determine appropriate site-specific native species to be required on each project. This site-specific approach is crucial to success in Colorado where the terrain varies from Great Plains to Rocky Mountains with precipitation from 8 to 50 inches annually.

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Roadside Vegetation Management: What was once the FHWA Wildflower Program has evolved to a holistic roadside program. We cannot preserve or plant native wildflowers/grasses without considering other issues like design, erosion control, landscaping, environmental services, or maintenance practices. They are all tied together and must work together.

If it is green and growing on highway rights-of-way, we are interested as a technical resource. Because invasive plants do not respect political boundaries and threaten biodiversity, we are also interested in partnerships with our neighbors. Roadside rights-of-way account for more than 10 million acres of land in the United States. This land requires care that assures water quality, improves erosion control, protects wildlife habitat, reduces mowing and spraying, enhances natural beauty, controls noxious weeds, and protects our natural heritage..... all objectives of integrated vegetation management.

The FHWA Roadside Vegetation Management Program serves as a resource for the care of this land. For further information contact:

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