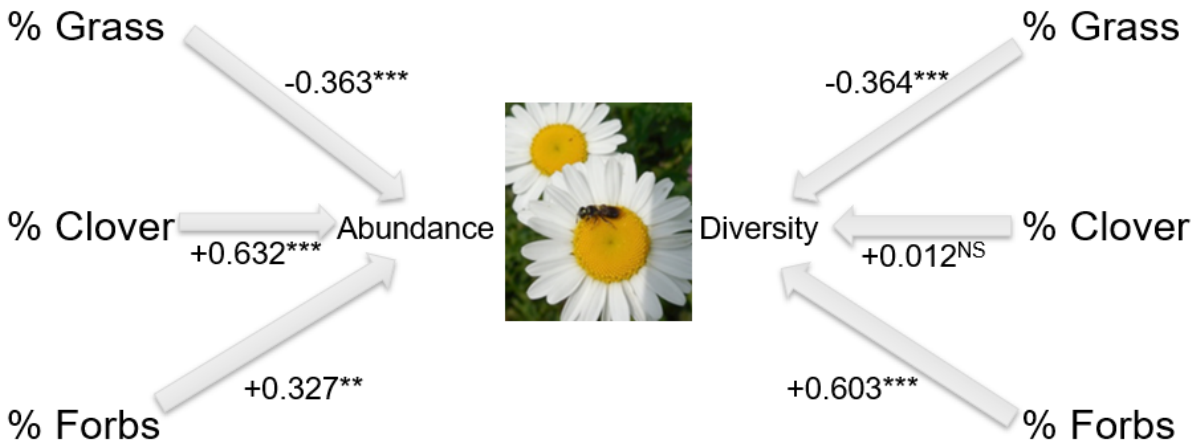




What Vegetation Types Optimize Pollinator Habitat on ROWs?



Clover has the biggest pay-off if you just want lots of flowers. The trouble with clover as a single best solution is that the bloom period is overly concentrated, and clover dominance is not positively related to pollinator resource diversity.

Forbs should be the goal. The more forbs in a system, the more blooms occur AND the more diverse the blooms will be. Achieving a balance of bloom quantity and bloom quality (diverse blooms!) has obvious and beneficial implications for host plant-insect associations, bloom phenology, and more.

Dominance by grasses, though they may be valuable for other reasons (e.g., songbird nesting habitat), work against maximizing pollen and nectar resources within a right-of-way.