

Property at a glance

Location: BNA Corporate Center, Nashville, TN

Staff: AAA Lawn Industries

Category: Small site

Year site built: 1984

Acres of turf: 3

Acres of woody ornamentals: 2

Acres of display beds: 1,800 sq. ft.

Total paved area: 7 acres

Total man-hours/week: 50

Maintenance challenges

- ▶ Working around tenants and their vehicles
- ▶ Old irrigation system
- ▶ Maintaining mature plants with limited budget

On the job

- ▶ 4 full-time staff, 8 seasonal employees, 2 licensed pesticide applicators

BNA Corporate Center

A 2000 Grand Award Winner of the Professional Grounds Management Society for Small Site

It's rumored that AAA Lawn Industries employees who take care of the BNA Corporate Center whistle George Strait tunes while they're mowing and weeding. It probably has a lot to do with the fact that both AAA and BNA are located in Nashville, TN, where any cowpoke with a six-string and a dream can shoot for jukebox glory.

But the only string AAA employees play with is located at the end of a trimmer. And just because BNA is a small property doesn't mean they have time to sing in the sun. Extra care is taken to keep grass clippings out of 1,800 sq. ft. of flower beds. Crew members edge tree wells once a week, and clear curbs, sidewalks and patios with backpack blowers after they mow and edge the property. On the property's north side, they use weed eaters to attack a slope steeper than Clint Black's Stetson. There is plenty to prune on this property, including pfitzer junipers and creeping euonymus. Since the irrigation system is old, it needs to be constantly monitored.

The quality work at BNA is reflected in crisp edge lines and eye-pleasing mowing patterns. On a bright spring day, the Bradford pear trees are breathtaking, as are the Yoshino cherry trees and specimen Japanese maples. Color? The crew puts out over 10,000 annuals each spring.

Flower beds are meticulously weeded and groomed by a dedicated specialty crew.



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Japanese maples decorate a courtyard between the buildings where tenants can take a break from their hectic day. (Inset) A bright pansy and tulip display welcomes building tenants to work.

