

# 2022 PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: (circle one)      2022 1<sup>st</sup>      **2022 2<sup>nd</sup>**      2022 3<sup>rd</sup>      2022 4<sup>th</sup>

Grant Program, Number and Title: RCN, GSA 00047; Eastern Box Turtle Status Assessment, Conservation Plan, and Best Management Practices.

Organization: H. Patrick Roberts (Independent Contractor)

Project Leader: H. Patrick Roberts

Abstract: Please provide a short (1-2 paragraphs) abstract that addresses EACH of the following: the objectives of your project, accomplishments to date, future plans and timelines with an estimate for when the project will be completed.

The objective of this project is to develop a status assessment and conservation plan for the Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina carolina*) in the northeastern United States. This contract with the Wildlife Management Institute was executed at the very end of the first quarter of 2019. As a result of this delayed start, the timeline for the initial objectives of this project was shifted forward accordingly.

During the first quarter of 2022, Lori Erb (of MACHAC) and I held monthly Steering Committee calls in April, May, and June to discuss progress toward the overarching goals and objectives of the project as well as other relevant topics. I continued to develop and refine the regional CAN, which included completing a draft CAN document that outlines framework and methods. This draft was shared with Lori Erb, who will provide feedback in July. I also began development of the Status Assessment.

Next steps will be to (1) continue to develop and refine the CAN, (2) share the preliminary version of the CAN with Steering Committee, (3) continue to support the development of BMP materials, (5) continue to hold monthly conference calls, and (6) make progress on components of the Status Assessment. We expect to complete this project by February 2023.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes.

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments)

Planned and accomplished:

- Held monthly conference calls
- Completed a draft of the regional CAN
- Shared CAN draft with Lori Erb

Difficulties Encountered: None.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter:

- Continue to hold monthly conference calls
- Continue to support development of BMP materials
- Share draft of CAN with Steering Committee and incorporate any comments received

- Make progress on components of the Status Assessment

Expected End Date: February 28, 2023.

Costs:

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$59,933.61 (without match)

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$68,500

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes.

Signature: 

Date: 07/26/2022