

2022 PROGRESS REPORT

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

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 July, August, and September 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 incorporating feedback from Lori and sharing and presenting the CAN framework and some preliminary results to the Steering Committee. I also contributed to the completion of the xeric habitat BMP draft and continued to develop the Status Assessment.

Next steps will be to (1) complete a near-final draft of the CAN, (2) continue to support the development of BMP materials, (3) continue to hold monthly conference calls, and (4) complete major 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
- Shared CAN draft with Steering Committee
- Supported development of xeric habitat BMPs

Difficulties Encountered: None.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter:

- Continue to hold monthly conference calls
- Complete draft of CAN
- Make progress toward completing major components of the Status Assessment

Expected End Date: February 28, 2023.

Costs:

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$64,214.56 (without match)

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$68,500

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

Signature: 

Date: 10/31/2022