

2019 PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: (circle one) 2019 1st 2019 2nd 2019 3rd 2019 4th

Grant Program, Number and Title: RCN; GSA 00060 Habitat for Pollinators: Improving Management of Regionally Significant Xeric Grasslands, Barrens and Woodlands in the Northeast

Organization: Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Green Ridge State Forest (PSF)

Project Leader: Jen Selfridge/Mark Beals

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.

*During the 2nd Quarter of 2019 contracts were still being negotiated with WMI; Intra-Department Agreements were also being negotiated within Maryland DNR. Nothing was billed to the project during the quarter although some habitat management activities were completed; match will be calculated and added to the 3rd quarter report.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? N/A

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments) Habitat management at the Town Creek (Slider Special Wildlife Habitat Area) included mowing and treatment of invasive species, including hand pulling of thistle. Bee surveys were conducted on one occasion in late spring of the 2nd Quarter.

Difficulties Encountered: Some management work was postponed until the fall because the contract was still being negotiated.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter: Moving of certain areas within the SWHA; herbicide treatments to remove invasive species; possibly a fall burn to knock back autumn olive and bush honeysuckle although this may have to wait until the 4th Quarter. Bee surveys will continue in the summer months and vegetation surveys using the point intercept method will be conducted in August.

Expected End Date: 28 February 2020

Costs: \$0

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$0

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$31,780.00

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature: *Jennifer Seifried*

Date: *15 July 2019*