

2020 PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: (circle one) 2020 1st 2020 2nd 2020 3rd 2020 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.

The objectives of this project are to increase pollinator habitat at the Slider Special Wildlife Habitat Area (Town Creek Site) in Green Ridge State Forest through reducing invasive species and cold season grasses and increasing the coverage of pollen and nectar plants. None of the potential 2nd quarter activities for 2020 were completed due to travel, spending and hiring restrictions associated with the Coronavirus Pandemic and a mandatory telework order applicable to most DNR personnel issued on 12 March.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? No

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments) All planned field activities were cancelled due to restrictions associated with the Coronavirus Pandemic. The minimal costs billed for the 2nd quarter were associated with reporting.

Difficulties Encountered: The Coronavirus Pandemic essentially stopped all field activities; no surveys were conducted and no site management was completed during the 2nd quarter.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter: At a minimum, we anticipate being able to complete bee and vegetation surveys in the 3rd quarter.

Expected End Date: 28 February 2021

Costs: \$54.29

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$3827.00

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$43,560.00

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature: 

Date: 5 August 2020