

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. After meeting with the Green Ridge Forest Manager earlier this summer, we have decided to significantly scale back his involvement in the management portion of the project. This is due to several issues including limitations imposed by COVID-19, problems with existing equipment, and issues that have prevented us from obtaining new equipment necessary to carry out the original management objectives. We will still be conducting bee and vegetation surveys and will continue managing the 2-acre pollinator meadow (8B). We will also manage the surrounding units if time and staff permit but will not likely follow the original timeline. During the 4th Quarter we reviewed and coordinated moth survey protocols and plans for 2021 but no active management activities were conducted. DNR Forest Service management activities were and continue to be severely restricted due to COVID-19 teleworking requirements, and only timber operations are currently permitted.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes; plans for the 4th Quarter were limited to reviewing moth survey protocols and coordinating moth surveys for 2021.

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments) Moth survey plans for 2021 were reviewed/coordinated; quarterly reports were completed.

Difficulties Encountered: Management activities continue to be precluded due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter: We will re-evaluate management options if current restrictions are lifted, but currently there are no specific activities planned for the 1st Quarter of 2021 due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.


Expected End Date: 28 February 2021

Costs: \$807.64

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$7230.97

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$43,560.00

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature: 

Date: 4 Feb 2021