

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), Pocomoke State Forest (PSF)

Project Leader: Jen Selfridge/Mike Schofield

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 and used as match.

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

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments) Habitat management at the Furnace and Foster Sites of PSF including a 60 acre site thinning/clearing project (Furnace Tract); prescribed fire (both Furnace and Foster Tracts), protecting important pollinator plants with fencing (Furnace Tract); removal of weedy species in sensitive areas Furnace Tract). Bee surveys were also conducted at each site on three occasions in the spring and early summer of the 2nd Quarter.

Difficulties Encountered: Prescribed fire was limited by weather conditions to some extent on the Furnace Tract.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter: Herbicide treatments to remove trees and invasive species at both sites; possibly a fall burn at the Furnace Tract although this may have to wait until the 4th Quarter. Bee surveys will continue at both sites. Vegetation surveys using the point intercept method will be conducted at both sites in August.


Expected End Date: 28 February 2020

Costs: \$0

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$635.75 (match)

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$20,110.00

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature: 

Date: 15 July 2019