

# 2020 PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: (circle one)      2020 1<sup>st</sup>      2020 2<sup>nd</sup>      2020 3<sup>rd</sup>      2020 4<sup>th</sup>

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.

The objectives of this project are to increase pollinator habitat at the Furnace and Foster Tracts of Pocomoke State Forest through increasing the acreage of early successional habitat, increasing the coverage of pollen and nectar plants, and removing less desirable species including planted loblolly pine, maple and sweet gum. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2020 we completed late summer bee surveys, vegetation transect surveys, and removed the electric fence in the March burn unit (installed to protect rare plants in the unit from deer browse (two of our vegetation transects are in this burn unit).

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the only activities we had planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter were survey activities, which were completed.

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments) We completed late summer bee surveys at both the Furnace and Foster Tracts as well as vegetation transect surveys (seven transects at the Furnace Tract and two at the Foster Tract). We also removed the electric fence in the burn unit where two of our vegetation transects are.

Difficulties Encountered: None, although no management activities were planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter: At a minimum we will complete fall bee surveys at both Tracts and plan future prescribed burn activities at the Furnace Tract; fall 2020 burns will depend on weather conditions and available staff; there are also additional restrictions for burns requiring more than 10 people which could prevent or delay some planned burned activities.


Expected End Date: 28 February 2021

Costs: \$1687.62

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$11,444.41

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$29,690.00

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature: 

Date: 28 OCT 2020