

2021 PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: (circle one) 2021 1st 2021 2nd 2021 3rd 2021 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 (GRSF)

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. In 2021 we will conduct 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 follow the original timeline. During the 1st quarter annual budget reports and quarterly reports were completed.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes; plans for the 1st quarter were determined to be minimal and limited to reporting and renewing contracts. The contract renewals are in-progress.

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments) Quarterly reports and annual budget reports were completed.

Difficulties Encountered: Contract renewals were delayed but are in-progress.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter: We will determine and implement spring management for unit 8B (mowing or herbicide treatment) and conduct spring bee surveys.

Expected End Date: 28 February 2022

Costs: \$638.81

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$7869.78

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$43,560.00

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature: 

Date: 7 May 2021