

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), 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 2nd quarter early and late spring bee surveys were completed, quarterly reports were completed, and the Foster Tract was burned and a portion of it seeded with a native seed mix for pollinators.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes; however we are still waiting for our renewal contract with WMI.

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments) Early and late spring bee surveys were completed, quarterly reports were completed, and the Foster Tract was burned and a portion of it seeded with a native seed mix for pollinators. We had planned on burning Unit H of the Furnace Tract but found state threatened *Lupinus perennis* growing in the unit. This was a fantastic find and a direct result of the 60-acre thinning/clearing project that occurred within the unit in 2019. Since burning *Lupinus* during the growing season is not recommended, the burn has been postponed until fall 2021.

Difficulties Encountered: We are still waiting for our renewal contract.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter: We will complete summer bee surveys and vegetation surveys. It is possible that we will burn Unit H within the Furnace Tract in the 3rd quarter if conditions permit, although a 4th quarter burn is more likely. Additional 3rd quarter management activities have not yet been determined.


Expected End Date: 28 February 2022

Costs: \$1818.69

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$15,706.44

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$29,690.00

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature: 

Date: 30 July 2021