

2022 PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: (circle one) 2022 1st 2022 2nd 2022 3rd 2022 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 undesirable species including planted loblolly pine, maple and sweet gum.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes, vegetation monitoring was conducted at the Furnace Tract in Units G and Z. Unit E was not surveyed as there have not been any recent management activities. The Foster Tract was not surveyed for the same reason.

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments) n/a

Difficulties Encountered: None

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter: Unit N has been given high priority for burning in the 4th quarter at the expense of DNR Forestry, weather permitting. We may also remove trees in preparation to extend the perimeter of the electric fence in Unit Z to include Unit N if we are able to carry out a prescribed burn in Unit N; this would also occur in the 4th Quarter. The only additional activities planned for the 4th quarter are reporting.

Expected End Date: 31 December 2022

Costs: \$0

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$19,719.94

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$29,690.00

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature: 

Date: 10.26.2022