

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? No management activities were planned for the 2nd Quarter of 2022 with the exception of installing temporary deer exclosures and electric fence around flowering lupine plants in Units H and Z.

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

Difficulties Encountered: None

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter: We will conduct vegetation monitoring at the Furnace Tract. Unit N will be burned in the 3rd or 4th quarter 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 occur in the 3rd or 4th Quarter.

Expected End Date: 28 February 2022

Costs: \$0

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$18,328.84

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$29,690.00

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature:



Date:

8 August 2022