

2019 PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: (circle one)

2019 1st

2019 2nd

2019 3rd

2019 4th

Grant Program, Number and Title: ***GSA 00067 RCN Pollinator, Albany Pine Bush***

Organization: Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission

Project Leader: Neil Gifford and Amanda Dillon

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.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes, objectives to complete pre-mowing bee and vegetation sampling and secure a contractor for the mowing treatments.

2nd Quarter 2019 Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments)

- Finalized vegetation protocol for 5 APB sites (>100 acres), including 3 treatment sites and 2 controls.
- Completed bee sampling at all sites, using colored bee bowls.
- Completed Karner blue butterfly surveys at three (Antelope, Bivy, Draperies) of the five sites per agreement.

3rd Quarter 2019 Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments)

- Completed vegetation sampling at all five sites
- Completed 5 bee sampling events at all five sites, final survey on 9/18/19
- Completed second brood Karner blue butterfly surveys at three sites (Alleycat, Bivy, Draperies)
- Secure contractor for mowing treatment sites (*see map below - sites 1, 3 & 4 are RCN project sites*)
 - Request for proposals released June, 27, 2019 on the NYS Contract Reporter
 - RFP closed July 26, 2019; 6 bids received and reviewed
 - Bid awarded July 30, 2019 to The Tree Doctor, Inc.

Activities Anticipated 4th Quarter 2019:

- Finish pinning and labeling bee specimens
- Begin identification of bee specimens
- Finish data entry of vegetation data
- Mow treatment sites - Begin October 15 and be completed by December 20, 2019

Difficulties Encountered:

None

Expected End Date: October 2022

Costs:

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): 0 Direct dollars, 3,704.96 in salary match.

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$35,000 direct.

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature:



Date: 03 October, 2019

