2019 PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: (circle one)

2020 1st

2020 2nd

2020 3rd

2020 4th

<u>Grant Program, Number and Title</u>: RCN; GSA 00070; Communication & Project Support for Xeric Habitats for Pollinators

Organization: Strategic Stewardship Initiative

Project Leader: Elizabeth Crisfield

<u>Abstract</u>: 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.

This winter, I continued coordination with the bee and vegetation monitoring teams to ensure we are ready for the monitoring season and on-track to begin organizing data for the analysis phase. I also made sure all sites had equipment needed for the bee monitoring. I assisted John Heilferty in keeping track of budget requests. I also worked with Helen Poulos and Drew Barton to make a plan for acquiring data from the sites, organizing the data, and performing preliminary analysis.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter?

Yes.

<u>Progress Achieved</u>: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments)

- 1. Coordination: Communications with sites have been ongoing, primarily with respect to monitoring.
- 2. Best Management Practices: no work on this subject this quarter
- 3. Data Management: worked with Helen and Drew to refine methods, data fields, approach.

Difficulties Encountered:

None

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter:

In the 2^{nd} quarter I will:

- Work with Helen Poulos and Drew Barton to refine manager questions to guide analysis
- Work with Clare Maffei to clean up 2018 data and upload to Discover Life
- Prepare a report of bee monitoring results when Bee team completes 2019 identifications (delayed because COVID precautions prevent Clare from visiting with Sam to confer.)
- Coordinate bee monitoring at sites (as possible given COVID-related monitoring restrictions)
- Update the Project website

Expected End Date: December 2020 (this contract); expected to continue in 2021

Costs:

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$3,951.01 total (1,382.86 match, 2,568.15 invoiced)

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$40,500 total (\$14,175 match, \$26,325 invoiced)

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Match Note – On this invoice I am matching the reimbursable costs along with my hourly work so as not to generate unmatched expenses.

Signature:

Date: April 25, 2020

Elizabeth Rusfield