

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), Green Ridge State Forest (GRSF)

Project Leader: Jen Selfridge/Jesse Morgan

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 Slider Special Wildlife Habitat Area (Town Creek Site) in Green Ridge State Forest through reducing invasive species and cold season grasses and increasing the coverage of pollen and nectar plants. In 2021 we will conduct bee and vegetation surveys and would like to continue managing the 2-acre pollinator meadow (Unit 8B). We also plan to manage the surrounding units if time and staff permit but will not follow the original timeline.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes. During the 4th quarter the pollinator meadow (8B) was mowed, as was Unit 8A and the northern half of Unit 8C.

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments) Mowing of Units 8A, 8B (the pollinator meadow) and 8C. It is noteworthy that Leonard's Skipper, an S2 species, was collected in the meadow during the 3rd Quarter fall bee sampling period (it was identified during the 4th Quarter). This represents a new occurrence for this rare butterfly.

Difficulties Encountered: None.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter: None; the pollinator meadow will be monitored for invasives and mowed before the dominant VA Wildrye goes to seed, but this will not occur until later in the spring.

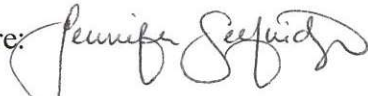
Expected End Date: 28 February 2022

Costs: \$457.77

Total life to date expenses (include this quarter): \$10,837.97

Total Approved Budgeted Funds: \$43,560.00

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature: 

Date: 28 January 2022