

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), 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. During the 4th quarter an Rx burn was completed in Unit H (36.2 acres) of the Furnace Tract after the state threatened plant *Lupinus perennis* was discovered last year following the 2019 thinning/clearing project in which all of the loblolly pine was removed.

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Yes

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments) We completed an Rx burn in Unit H of the Furnace Tract covering 36.2 acres.

Difficulties Encountered: None

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter: Weather permitting we will mow a portion of Unit Z (Furnace Tract) where *Rubus sp.* competes with *L. perennis*, and girdle trees (mostly loblolly pine) also in Unit Z where *L. perennis* has been expanding into the forested edges. No management activities are planned for the Foster Tract during the 1st Quarter of 2022.

Expected End Date: 28 February 2022

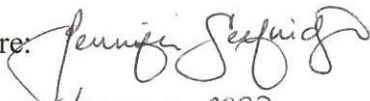
Costs: \$330.81

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: 28 January 2022