

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONSERVATION NEEDS GRANT QUARTERLY REPORT

Grant Number: 2007-01

Grant Title: Creation of Regional Habitat Cover Maps: Application of the NE Terrestrial Habitat Classification System

Grant Receipt: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Contact Name: Mark Anderson

Report #- 3 (October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008)

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? Very nearly—see “Progress Achieved”

Regional Conservation Need Addressed: Creation of Regional Habitat Cover Maps

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

Goal 1 (from last quarterly report): Finish a draft map for High Allegheny Ecoregion and circulate for review—we are putting finishing touches on draft habitat map for HAL right now, will circulate for review next week

Goal 2: Try out methods developed for HAL in a larger region in the Central Appalachians and the rest of the SW part of the 13-state Northeast—we are assembling data, building models & spatial datasets that will be used in the new analysis in this larger region

Goal 3: Maintain contacts with steering committee and interested partners as we move along—we have vetted mapping methodology with & incorporated input from steering committee through the quarter

Difficulties Encountered: Myriad—nothing that can’t be dealt with

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter:

Goal 1: Final HAL map: get steering committee approval of look & of underlying methods

Goal 2: Draft map of habitats/ecological systems in large SW region

Goal 3 (same as last quarter): Maintain contacts with steering committee and interested partners as we move along

Costs:

Are you within the approved budget plan? Yes

Are you within approved budget categories? Yes

Signature: Charles Ferree, Landscape Ecologist

Date: 1/21/09