

Allegheny National Forest Native Plant Program Banking on the Future

2006 Accomplishments

One of the goals of the Allegheny's Native Plant Program is developing readily available local ecotype native seed/plant sources not only for revegetation and restoration projects on the Allegheny but also for use by individuals and/or other agencies.

Original proposal for first year work included: field work to identify potential sources, partnerships/contracts with local growers for cultivation of five priority species.

Accomplishments for FY06 include: hosting a Native Plant Workshop, invitees were both Forest Service and outside participants. Mark Fiely Plant Specialist from Ernst seed company, Robert Karrfalt Director of National Seed Lab and April Moore were the presenters. Workshop elements included: What is a Native Plant Program; resources and opportunities, seed collection, cleaning, storage and propagation. General discussion of what is currently locally available and which species are needed occurred however, we did not finalize a top five list, this work will continue in FY2007. Partnership activities also included work with a local garden club that manages a city Woodland Garden. Exchange of information on the importance of using natives, seed/plant sources, and future seed exchange with the Allegheny was emphasized.

A major expenditure for FY2006 was for seed collecting, processing, drying and storage equipment. Some of which was purchased and shared with the Wayne National Forest.



Alan Hillyard working with local garden club..



Participants in Native Plant Workshop
August 22 -23, 2006

Year Awarded: FY2006

Project completion: FY2009

Report number: 1 of 3

Expenditures:

- FY06 funding \$45,000, expend. 41,600
- \$ 3,400 remaining

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