Lumberman's Monument Native Pollinator Garden on the Huron-Manistee National Forest

2009 Accomplishments

Lumberman's Monument is the most heavily visited administrative site of the Huron National Forest. Given that the site already has interpretive programs for nature observation, it was the logical site for an administrative-site native pollinator garden for the Huron Shores ranger districts.

Because this garden is expected to be large and is located at a distance away from the Mio District where the botanists are staffed, we enlisted the help of experienced volunteer master gardeners through the losco County Extension Service. We initiated a cost share cooperative agreement that obligated \$3400 of NFN3 money into FY2010.

The first garden bed contained many native and nonnative species. The volunteers weeded the garden bed, removed the non-native cultivars, and applied mulch. They purchased several native species plugs from a native plant grower and planted them this fall.

This winter, we will hold meetings that will outline where the plans of the next planting beds for spring



Figure 2: View of first garden near the visitor center.

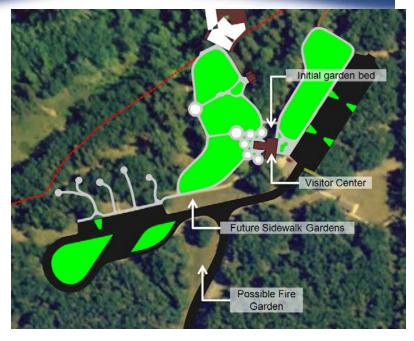


Figure 1: Layout of the Lumberman's Monument, highlighting garden locations

Year Awarded: initial award in 2009

Project completion: 2009

Report number: 1

Expenditures (through 10/2009):

FY09 funding \$3400, Expended ~\$3400. Remaining \$0

Partners/Contractors/Coop: losco County Extension Service and the Sunrise Side Master Gardeners

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