

# Huron Native Pollinator Garden on the Huron-Manistee National Forest

## 2009 Accomplishments

We created interpretive signs and species labels for native plants growing around the Mio Ranger District administrative site. We also purchased paver stone and woodchips for borders, to improve the aesthetic appearance of the site.

After initiation in 2008, the garden continued to develop in 2009. NFN3 funding bought \$50 of mulch. NFWW funding supported herbicide treatments after some weeding and mulching. Maintenance was performed on an as needed basis. Plants became large and healthy and supported many bees and butterflies. The garden also hosted the RFSS Hill's thistle after being rescued from a temporary admin-site parking lot for ARRA "stimulus" workers. Other NFN3 money originally for Mio Garden was moved to Huron Shores garden effort.

Sidewalk reconstruction did not occur until the end of the growing season. Several, but not all plants were temporarily moved until sidewalks were reconstructed. A few plants were replanted outside the garden, and will remain until snow melt in 2010.

This project is will continue as suitable native species are relocated to the site from adjacent lands in order to highlight the native biodiversity.



Figure 1: Butterfly weed with fritillary.

Year Awarded: initial award in 2008

Project completion: 2009

Report number: 2

Expenditures (through 10/2009):  
FY09 funding \$50, Expended \$50. Remaining \$0  
FY08 funding \$3000, Expended \$1427.87, Remaining \$0

Partners/Contractors/Coop: N/A.

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Figure 2: View of swamp milkweed, verbena, columbine, irises, pussy toes, and cardinal flower.



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