

Native Plant Program Development on the Finger Lakes National Forest

2010 Accomplishments

We are in our fourth year of a multi-year contract with Cornell Plantations to collect and multiply plant materials to use in restoring small sites formerly infested with non-native invasive plants and simultaneously develop skills to carry out at least some aspects of this native plant program independently in the future. Seeds were germinated and grown in Cornell greenhouses over the winter of 2009 and 2010, and the resulting young plants were placed in the ground at our second restoration site in the summer of 2010.

A contractor sprayed NNIS from a designated site, and FS staff and volunteers worked with staff from Cornell Plantations to plant native species in their place. A total of 788 plugs were planted. Species planted include roundleaf goldenrod; whorled wood aster; three types of wildrye; white turtlehead; scarlet beebalm; great blue lobelia; early meadow rue; swamp rose, purple flowering raspberry, fringed loosestrife, red columbine; woodmint; golden Alexanders; and early-leaf brome grass.



Figure 1. A temporary nursery was set up at the district office to house native plants for use at the restoration site (photo by Rebecca Wright).



Figure 2. Contractor, volunteers, and staff prepare to plant native species in the treated portion of the site (Photo by Rebecca Wright).

Year Awarded: initial award in 2007; supplemental award in 2009

Project completion: 2010

Report number: 4 of 4

Expenditures (through 09/30/2010):

Award : \$11,000 (\$9562 contract & \$1438 FL staff)

•FY07 used: \$550 contract & \$1024 FL staff

•FY08 used: \$3064 contract & \$414 FL staff

•FY09 used: \$1075 contract (FL staff separate fund)

▪FY10 used: \$4873

▪Salary & travel (separate funds): approx. \$3500

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Cornell Plantations; local volunteers

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