

# Local Genotypes for North Georgia

## 2012 Accomplishments

The project objective is to develop native grass and forb seed sources using locally collected material from the upper Piedmont in North Georgia. Additionally, this project continues to develop the availability of native plant materials.

In 2010 and 2011, the Forest issued a contract to collect seed from native grass and forb species on the Forests. In 2011, the Forest entered a Participating Agreement with State Botanical Garden of Georgia (SBG) to continue development of increase plots for native grasses and forbs. Part of this project will be to develop and document restoration techniques for North Georgia. Increase plots for 20 species have been started with species such as blazing star, goldenrod, and wild bergamot.

In areas identified for restoration with native species, site preparation and treatment continued in 2012. From initial projects in 2009, plugs of native warm season grass from local genotypes continue to be used in projects for converting abandon fields and wildlife openings. The initial work and partnerships has led to several new projects including restoration of longleaf pine forest.



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Year Awarded: 2010

Project completion: 2013

Report number: 3 of 4

Expenditures:  
FY12: \$18,000 NFWW

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Rock Spring Farms, State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Marshfield Forest Service

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