Tell City Ranger District Pollinator Garden – Hoosier National Forest

2008 Accomplishments

Background

As part of an Eastern Region FY08 Native Plant Funding proposal, the Hoosier National Forest began the creation of a native plant pollinator garden at the Tell City Ranger District.

The initial proposal was for the establishment of the garden at the Rickenbaugh House in the Indian/Celina Lakes Recreation Area. After further analysis and discussion, the Forest moved the site location to the Tell City Ranger District. This action provides better access for visitors and alleviated possible conflicts with managerial goals of the Rickenbaugh House national historic site.

After clearing grass sod from an area adjacent to parking areas next to the district office and inter-agency fire center, Forest personnel placed native plant container stock in roughly one-half of the garden. Transplanting of other species from a pre-existing native plant seed nursery occurred later in the year. Lastly, placement of smaller plug-sized native plants occurred in the remaining garden. All of the species selected for inclusion in the garden are native to southern Indiana and readily used by local pollinator species. The bulk of the species are "prairie-like" plants that typically occur in barrens communities found on the Hoosier National Forest.

FY2008 Accomplishments
- Purchased all necessary native plants and transplanted in the garden
- Interpretive signs designed and purchased
- Plant species' labels designed and purchased

Future Requirements
- Mounting of large interpretive sign and species' labels
- Future transplanting of species from native seed nursery
- Collection of seed from the garden

Year Awarded: FY 2008
Project completion: (2009)
Report number: (1 of 1)

Expenditures:
- FY08 funding: $8,000

Contractors (plant material):
JFNew Native Plant Nursery
Spence Restoration Nursery

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