

FLNF Native Plant Program Development

FY08 Accomplishments

We are in our second 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 and other plant materials were collected in 2007. Seeds were germinated and grown in Cornell greenhouses over the winter of 2008, and the resulting young plants were placed in the ground at the first restoration site in the summer of 2008.

To date, seeds have been collected from many species, and 100 white wood asters, 60 bee balms, 50 bloodroots, 50 zigzag goldenrods, 75 sharp-leaved goldenrods, and 18 early meadow rues have been planted at the restoration site. Watering young plants was accomplished with the assistance of an adjacent landowner who volunteered to support the project.

More seeds will be collected this fall, with plans to grow more plants over the winter, and restore a different small site in the spring of 2009.



Jewelweed (Impatiens capensis) is one of many species for which seeds are being collected for this project. (Photo by Gudrun Keszöcze, SCA intern with the Green Mountain & Finger Lakes NF)



Prior to garlic mustard control and site restoration, there are few species in the understory (Photo by Leslie J. Mehrhoff of IPANE)

Year of Award: 2007

Project completion: 2010

Report number: 2 of 4

Expenditures:

- FY07 funding: \$11,000
- Expend: partner est. - \$3614
FLNF staff - \$1438
- Remaining: \$5948

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