

NORTH ATLANTIC LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION COOPERATIVE GRANT 2013 PROGRESS REPORT

Quarter: (circle one)

2013 1st

2013 2nd

2013 3rd

2013 4th

Grant Number and Title: **NALCC 2012-01 Extending Habitat Map into Canada**

Grant Receipt/Organization: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Project Leader: Dr. Mark Anderson

Were planned goals/objectives achieved last quarter? This project began January 2013

NALCC Conservation Need Addressed: Supporting a Standardization of Terrestrial and Wetland Habitat Classification and Mapping that Includes Characterization of Climate Sensitive Systems.

Progress Achieved: (For each Goal/Objective, list Planned and Actual Accomplishments)

This project is started in January 2013 and is jointly funded by a grant from the NALCC and a grant from the Northeast Climate Science Center (NECSC) through UMASS. Most of the expenses for the first year, including the contractual expenses, are being charged to the NECSC/UMASS grant as it has a shorter (one-year) time frame. We have made good progress in getting the data and contractors in place.

Summary of Progress: (Provide a paragraph describing progress, work to come, and timelines)

We communicated the objectives and background of the project to interested parties in Maritime Canada and have set up two contracts. The first is with the Atlantic Canada CSD for data on rare species and communities. The second is with the Nature Conservancy of Canada for species and composition information from provincial and commercial forest mapping. The contractors have helped us to compile a list of scientists for the steering committee.

Difficulties Encountered:

The principle investigator, Charles Ferree that went on medical leave in January, has successfully completed his treatments and is now recovering. We anticipate that he will return to work full time in mid-May. We delayed the introductory Web ex and discussion with the steering committee until he returns.

Activities Anticipated Next Quarter:

Goals for the upcoming Quarter include:

- Invite and establish the steering committee steering of Canadian Scientists.
- Host web ex for potential committee members and finalize team members
- Create 2-page information sheet on this projects
- Begin data collection.

Expected End Date:

January 2015

Costs:

Total NALCC-funded Expenses to date: \$110.90

Total Approved Budgeted NALCC Funds: \$95,238.00

Are you within the approved budget plan and categories? Yes

Signature:

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Mark Anderson

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The Nature Conservancy, Eastern Division

Date: April 29, 2013