

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 woodasters, 60 bee balms, 50 blood roots, 50 zigzag goldenrods, 75 sharp-leaved goldenrods, and 18 earl y meadow rue have been planted at the restoration site. Working young plants was accomplished with the assistance of a landowner who volunteered to support the project adjacent

More seeds will be collected this fall, with plans to grow more plant over the winter, and restore additional sites in the spring of 2009.



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



2008 Gudrun B. Keszöcze

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)

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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