

Native Plant/Pollinator Gardens at Administrative Sites on the Ottawa National Forest

2009 Accomplishments

As part of the Eastern Region project to develop native plant and pollinator gardens at administrative sites, the Ottawa National Forest Botany Program worked on several gardens. At the Bergland Cultural/Heritage Center, a former Ranger Station operated as a cultural center under partnership, we continued establishment and maintenance in the approx. 450 sq. ft. garden. Center volunteers did most of the work: weeding, watering, mulching, and adding new species. The Ottawa provided an interpretive sign and individual labels by species. We held a garden dedication event in early summer and a garden interpretive event in September.

A new shade garden was constructed at the Ontonagon District Office, and an interpretive sign installed. At the Kenton District Office, the existing garden was moved to a more suitable location and a sign added.

A large garden (over 3 acres) with seed production beds is planned for an area at the J.W. Toumey Nursery, co-located on the Ottawa. In 2009, a site design was completed by a contract landscape architect. Site clearing and planting will begin in 2010.

At the Forest Visitor Center/District office complex, a rain garden is being developed to treat runoff from roofs and pavement. 2009 work included seed collection; awarding contract to grower to raise 2300 seedlings; tree clearing; and dozer work to shape the basin. Planting is scheduled for spring 2010.



Figure 1. Garden presentation, Bergland Cultural/Historical Center



Figure 2. Retaining wall placed for shade garden at Ontonagon Ranger District



Figure 3. Cleared and shaped basin for rain garden at Forest Visitor Center/ District Office Complex

Year Awarded: 2008; project continuation and fire transfer return funds awarded in 2009

Project completion: 2009-2010 (varies by site)

Report number: 2 of 3

Expenditures:
FY09 funding \$31,050. In-kind contributions by Bergland volunteers and Ontonagon District staff.

Partners/Contractors/Cooperators: Friends of Bergland; R. Larrin; Toumey Nursery; Region 9 Technical Services Team; Krueger and Stienfest, Inc.; Ottawa C&M Crew; Northern Native Plantscapes.

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