



Native Plant & Pollinator Gardens Manistee National Forest

2010 Accomplishments

Lumberman's Monument is the most heavily visited administrative site of the Huron National Forest. Given that the site already has interpretive programs for nature observation, it was the logical site for an administrative-site native pollinator garden for the Huron Shores ranger districts.

Four garden beds were planted with several species of potential nectaring plants for butterflies. Among these, *Asclepias tuberosa* and *A. incarnata* are potential host plants for monarch butterflies.

A large monarch butterfly-themed sign was erected in front of one of the plantings.



Figure 2. Garden bed near the Lumberman's Monument visitor center – in bloom: *Rudbeckia hirta*, *Asclepias incarnata*, & *Echinacea purpurea*



Figure 1. View of Monarch sign at Lumberman's Monument

Year Awarded: initial award in 2009

Project completion: 2010

Report number: 1 of 1

Expenditures (through 10/2010): \$8400
FY10 funding \$5000

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