



Hoosier National Forest

2014 Accomplishments

In 2014, the Hoosier National Forest performed several projects to promote native plant diversity.

After three years of controlling Japanese chaff flower at Mano Point, we seeded the 15 acres with shade tolerant forbs and grasses to compete with chaff flower and begin restoration of the site.



Young volunteers spread native seed during a NWTF work day at the Fleetwood Cemetery wildlife opening.

Two National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) interns worked on the Hoosier during the summer. They inter-seeded warm season grasses and forbs to rehabilitate bare soil along prescribed burn lines at the wildlife openings at Scotts and Maines Ponds. Likewise, they seeded at a wildlife opening at Sundance Lake where bare spots had been created during maintenance. Overtime, these plants will reproduce and increase diversity at these sites.



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Tell City District employees transplant native plants along hillside behind office. Native species planted included rattlesnake master, Indian grass, common milkweed, coreopsis, New England aster and much more.

Transplants from the native plant interpretive bed at the Tell City District office were used to expand plantings to a slope behind the office. Over time, the intent is to convert this mowed fescue slope to a native garden that supports pollinators and wildlife. This conversion will reduce mowing costs and the office's carbon footprint. Personnel also collected native seed from the Forest to incorporate into the plantings.

Year Project Initiated: 2014

Project completion: 2014

Report number: 1 of 1

Expenditures (through 10/2013):

2014 NFWF funds: \$4,500 for native seed purchase and personnel time to collect local native seed.

Partners/Contractors/Coop: National Wild Turkey Federation.

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