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### Capital Region PRISM Final RFP Report

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*Contract Number: 21-007*

*Contract Start Date: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

*Contract Completion Date: **DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 1:00 pm***

#### A. Reporting Period Progress Activities: (check all that apply)

- No activities occurred during the reporting period
- Progress was made during this reporting period.
- Project is on schedule and will be completed by the contract end date.
- Project deliverables were completed during this reporting period.
- Project is not on schedule: (Please provide details and indicate problems encountered and planned Solutions. Note any additional information related to the progress of the deliverables, finances, other details that will help the reviewer understand what progress is being made or if assistance is needed. Please use the space provided or attach an additional work sheet.)

#### B. Summary of Completed Project:

The Pine Hollow Arboretum (PHA) is pleased to report that we made significant progress on the design and coordination of the Invasive Species Boot Brush Station and educational programs which were funded through this contract. All materials associated with this project have been purchased, including: two PlayClean Go signs highlighting Garlic Mustard, Phragmites, Japanese Stilt Grass and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid which are common invasives found at the arboretum. In addition, two boot brushes and replacement pieces were also purchased using this grant money. One full boot brush station kit which included all construction materials was also acquired, as the Pine Hollow Arboretum already had the materials to create a second.

This past Fall the two boot brush stations were expected to be built; however, the Pine Hollow Arboretum went through a staffing change delaying this construction. Due to this, we were unable to construct the boot

brush stations before the ground froze this winter. When the ground thaws this Spring, the boot brush stations will be built in two different locations at the arboretum.

The Pine Hollow Arboretum hosted several successful volunteer sessions this past Summer and Fall. At each session over ten volunteers participated in helping to pull Japanese Stilt Grass and Garlic Mustard. These sessions were incredibly successful, and we felt that we were able to manage some of the Japanese Stilt Grass spread as we were also able to pull it before it went to seed. Below is a list of the dates our organization hosted these volunteer groups. These pulls were documented in IMaps Invasives.

- 6/11/2021 (Garlic Mustard)
- 6/23/2021 (Japanese Stilt Grass)
- 7/11/2021 (Japanese Stilt Grass)
- 7/26/2021 (Japanese Stilt Grass)
- 8/19/2021 (Japanese Stilt Grass)
- 8/26/2021 (Japanese Stilt Grass)

In addition, some of our volunteers took educational photos, showing the difference between stilt grass and a native grass to help our volunteer identify the species. We used these photos in several social media posts to bring awareness about this species to the public. Several tours were given throughout the Summer and Fall, where invasive species were highlighted, specifically when entering the backwoods area of the Arboretum where many species are prevalent.

Initiated during National Invasive Species Awareness Week, the PHA visitor kiosk is now home to many educational resources and signs highlighting several invasive species found around the arboretum. We have developed a small booklet for our visitors titled “Invasive Species at Pine Hollow Arboretum” which we encourage visitors to take with them while touring the grounds. Our hope is to raise awareness about these species and begin the process of educating the public on the importance of the issue and how to identify invasive species when out in nature.

**Pictures:**



National Invasive Species Awareness Week Kiosk Set-up



JSG Pull on 7/11/2021



JSG Pull on 7/11/2021



JSG Pull on 8/19/2021



JSG Pull 8/26/2021



JSG Pull 8/26/2021



Native Grass (left) and JSG (right)



Beechnut Foods Volunteer Day on 6/23/21 pulling JSG



C. Financial Status of the Project:

- No funds expended this reporting period
- Funds were expended this reporting period.

***Below is a list of funds and materials purchased using this grant money.***

**\$424.51:** Interpretive Sign (Hemlock Woolly Adelgid & Japanese Stilt Grass), Scrusher Brush and Scrusher Brush replacements.

**\$725.00:** Premium Kit- PlayClean Go Boot Brush Station (Garlic Mustard & Phragmites). This kit includes signage frame, wooden posts, scrusher brush and replacements and additional wood posts for the station.

**\$160.52:** Shipping Charge

**Total Spent: \$1,310.03**