

FOCB Stewardship Committee Annual Report

August 2021

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1. Glossy Buckthorn Grant
 - a. Contacted Crews worked over the winter months to help with controlling Glossy Buckthorn in the bog. We will continue to do this work as funding allows.
2. Bog Guardian Program
 - a. The program has proven to be effective to help manage invasive species around the Bog. We are always looking for volunteers to help execute the program and potentially lead the program in the future.
3. Mud Lake and Watts Lake
 - a. We have installed a small footbridge at the entrance to Mud Lake to help with access to the trails during wet periods of the year.
 - b. Dead ash trees and pruning around the sign have been done at the Watts Lake parking area.
4. Parsnip and Teasel
 - a. We will continue to survey existing populations and old ones with the help of committee members. Parsnip and Teasel have been managed with the help of volunteers and using contracted services.
5. Wildlife Monitoring
 - a. We received one Snap Shot trail camera from the DNR for wildlife monitoring at the bog. The camera has been placed near the outlet of Mud Lake and we look forward to sharing the info that the camera captures. Looking for a couple of volunteers that could help with this program.
 - b. Two Avian Acoustical Monitoring devices have been deployed on the eastern side of the bog. The devices were retrieved August 2021. We hope to have data analyzed by Winter of 2022 and based on data we will look at other locations that devices could be deployed for spring/summer of 2022.
 - c. We will be purchasing two trail cameras to monitor wildlife around the Bog at various locations.
6. Volunteer Workdays

- a. We held a workday on May 1 from 9-12 to do litter pick up along Cedar Sauk Road. We had a very small group but were able to accomplish the project.
- b. We are planning on holding another workday later this year to work on some projects at Watts Lake and other invasive species projects.

Submitted by Cory Gritzmacher, Stewardship Chair