

**NEW ENGLAND TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM
QUARTERLY PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT**

- A. PROJECT NUMBER AND TITLE:** NETC 21-3: Seed Production for NE Roadsides
- B. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S):** J. Kuzovkina, University of Connecticut
- C. WEB SITE ADDRESS (If one exists):** NA
- D. START DATE (Per NETC Agreement):** May 18, 2022
- E. END DATE (Per NETC Agreement):** June 30, 2024

F. ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE: August 20, 2024

*If different from the END DATE in paragraph E., the reason must be given. It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator to insure that the project, including review of the draft report by the Project Technical Committee and the printing of the Final Report, is completed prior to the Agreement End Date. Costs incurred after the Agreement End Date cannot be reimbursed. **Requests for extensions of the Agreement End Date must contain the reasons for the request and be submitted so as to arrive in the Coordinator's office at least 90 days prior to the Agreement End Date.***

G. PROJECT OBJECTIVES: The objective of this project is to increase native plantings and pollinator habitats with seed from local ecotypes along roadsides throughout New England. The proposed work is designed: 1) to promote ecotypic seed production for effective establishment of native plants on roadsides in New England and 2) to expand management practices that result in the proliferation of existing native plant communities along the roadsides in New England.

H. REPORT PERIOD: April 1, 2024-June 30, 2024

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS PERIOD:

Task 1: Current knowledge and practices (seed zones, seed mixes, BMP etc.)

- Completed a draft of the Final Report.

Task 2: Investigate local seed production opportunities

- Continued to work with the Northeast Seed Network. The most recent communications are included into the Draft of the Final Report of the Report for the TC. Incorporated the committee suggestions/edits into the Final Report.

Task 3: Establish and monitor roadside demonstration plots for training and research purposes.

- Incorporated the two rounds of the TC revisions into the Final Report. Inspected the demonstration sites in CT and MA on June 1. Discussed the establishment of the site in VT during the TC meeting on June 3.

J. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED (If any):

K. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ACTIVITIES: *List any reports, papers, presentations published/presented during the report period or anticipated for the next quarter. NA*

- Compiled the final Report as a reference manual.
- Conducted final edits the Factsheets.

L. STATUS BY TASK: *Show Work Task Number, description and % complete for each task including those completed, those underway, and those not started.*

Task1: Current knowledge and practices 100% complete

Task 2: Investigate local seed production opportunities 100% complete

Task 3: Establish and monitor roadside demonstration plots for training and research purposes 100% complete

Task 4: Draft Final Report and Technology Transfer Strategy and Toolbox 90% complete

Task 5: Deliverables: Final Report 80% complete

M. PERCENT COMPLETION OF TOTAL PROJECT: 90 %

N. ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT QUARTER:

- Revision of the Final report based on the TC comments
- Preparation of the webinar, poster and factsheet

O. FINANCIAL STATUS:

As of: June 30, 2024

Total Project Budget: \$ 200,000

Total Expenditures: \$ 200,000

Note: This report should not require more than 2-3 pages & should be e-mailed to the NETC Coordinator so as to arrive no later than ten (10) working days after the end of each calendar quarter.