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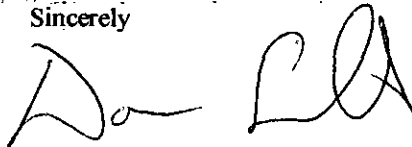
RE: Wildlife Preservation Fund Grant #02-052W
Prairie Reconstruction at Sugar Grove

Dear Ms. Baker,

The \$700 the Illinois Department of Natural Resources provided in grant #20-052W was used to purchase prairie forb and grass seeds. Eric Smith of the IDNR provided recommendations for the species composition of the seed mix and the seed supplier. The species planted included partridge pea, pale purple cone flower, butterfly weed, side oats gama grass, little blue stem, and purple prairie clover. The seeds were planted in 14 acres of the area known as Sugar Grove. This tract is dedicated as a buffer to a nature preserve in Funks Grove Illinois. The seed was mixed with other seeds that local volunteers had collected the previous fall. The combined seed was planted with a drill in April of 2002. The planting was mowed once during the early summer to try to suppress annual weed growth. Eric Smith and other representatives of the IDNR visited the site in September 2002 to evaluate the success of the planting. Their census found many prairie seedlings growing in the described area. The first year evaluation was very positive.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely



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