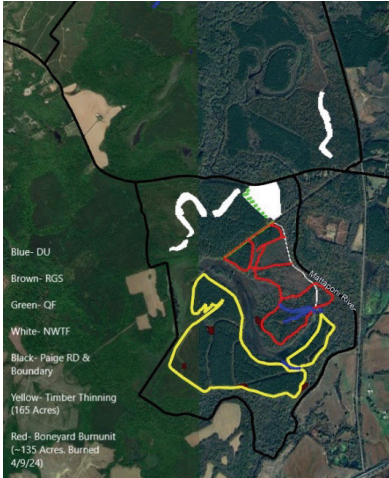


## Q2 2024 MID-ATLANTIC HABITAT SPOTLIGHTS



### Mattaponi WMA Woodford, Virginia

The James River Chapter (JRC) supported a 125-acre prescribed burn conducted by VA Dept of Wildlife Resources, utilizing 1000 drone-launched firestarters, purchased by the JRC for \$414, using Roy Lambertson Memorial Conservation Fund money. The goal of the Rx fire was to reduce the woody understory and mid-canopy to stimulate germination and growth of preferred grasses and forbs. JRC is also supporting 3 days of forestry mulching, expected to be done this Fall, which will provide some diversity in and around the 177 acres that was thinned this past Winter. Quail Forever is paying for an additional day of mowing; DU and NWTF have also supported habitat management.



### Upland Bird Hunt Chapter Pennsylvania

The Upland Bird Hunt Chapter gathered 30 volunteers on a cold, but sunny day in February to cut older Alder stems that had lost their habitat value. Later this Spring, new Alder whips will sprout from the cut stumps. These Alder thickets provide great cover for a variety of species. In addition, the volunteers created brush piles from the cut material to provide shelter on the ground.

The UBH Chapter also organized two planting days this Spring where 21 volunteers planted a variety of wildlife shrubs on a former water impoundment for a Marcellus well pad. This was a great collaboration of RGS volunteers, foresters from Collins Pine (the landowner) and Seneca Resources, who owns the well pad.

UBH's investment and volunteer hours for the planting and alder cutting are eligible to be used as match toward our NFWF Central Apps grant, freeing PA Drummer Funds to be invested in additional habitat work.



### Jersey Shore AWS Chapter New Jersey

The Jersey Shore AWS chapter and the NJ Fish and Wildlife team completed their fourth partnership in four years for habitat projects on NJ Wildlife Management areas, planting alders and persimmons at Prospertown Lake WMA. The Jersey Shore chapter is also continuing to support habitat management at Assunpink WMA, with 30 days of forest mulching to be completed later this year.

In addition to directly supporting habitat improvements, our Mid-Atlantic team (RGS staff and members) are advocating for forest management on all three National Forests in the Mid-Atlantic, including the Allegheny, the George Washington and Jefferson, and the Monongahela, by submitting supportive comments on proposed forest management and wildlife improvement projects.

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