

West Farms Land Trust: MONITORING REPORT

Location: ROVETTI TRACT

Date: AUGUST 9, 2015

Is site owned by WFLT? yes no Is site a conservation easement? yes no

1. Does signage indicate the WFLT's involvement? yes no not required
Are there hiking trails? yes no If so, are they marked properly? yes no
Are the boundaries marked adequately? yes no If not, please explain:

WE RECENTLY ORDERED NEW WLT SIGNS AND WILL BE PLACING THEM AT THE BRANAM ROAD ENTRANCE. THIS PROPERTY WAS SURVEYED AND MARKERS CAN BE FOUND WITH SOME EFFORT.

2. Have you read the gift of deed/easement? yes no
If so, have any of the property restrictions cited in the deed/easement been violated?
yes no If yes, please elaborate:

IT APPEARS THERE HAS BEEN SOME USAGE BY THE NEIGHBORS; HOWEVER THE PROPERTY APPEARS TO BE RELATIVELY UNTOUCHED.

3. Have there been unauthorized uses of the property? yes no
If yes, please note the location, extent, and if known, individual or group responsible.
(Unauthorized uses may include hunting, target practice, boundary encroachment, off-road vehicle use, dumping, excavation/filling, storage of trailers, or horse usage)

IT APPEARS BORDERS ARE BEING HONORED.

4. Has the site been severely impacted due to natural causes? yes no
Please note the location, nature, and effects of the change: flooding fire wind

SEDIMENTATION FROM BRANAM ROAD IS SLIGHTLY IMPACTING WETLANDS DOWNSTREAM A FEW HUNDRED YARDS.

5. Has a management/stewardship plan been prepared for this property? yes no
If not, what specific expertise would be the most valuable? Please explain.

THE SINGLE MOST CHALLENGE IS TO PROVIDE VISITOR ACCESS TO THIS PROPERTY. VISITORS HAVE "ON STREET" PARKING. THE PRACTICE WOULD BE DANGEROUS DUE TO THE ROAD'S BLIND SPOTS AND SMALL SHOULDERS.

6. Please indicate the current (C) or potential (P) uses for this property:

- a. rare or endangered species preservation
- b. scientific/educational research
- c. wildlife/habitat management (planting, selective cutting)
- d. passive recreational activities (hiking, picnicking)
- e. forestry (harvesting, reforestation, nursery)
- f. open space within a subdivision
- g. other

7. Which characteristics, if any, of this site should be mentioned for general public information? (If a brochure already exists, please attach recommendations for changing it.)

THE WATERFORD LAND TRUST WEB SITE ADEQUATELY DESCRIBES THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPERTY. ROCK LEDGES, MATURE FOREST AND A RUNNING BROOK OFFER OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY A VERY PICTURESQUE AND PEACEFUL AREA.

8. Other observations:

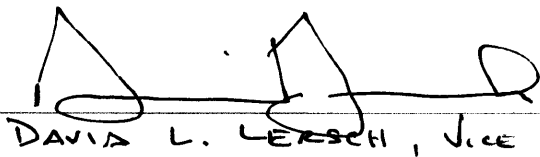
ACCOMPANIED ON THE WALK BY JOEL STOCKER, PRESIDENT AND JEFF SIMS, TREASURER, JOEL USED A NEWLY PURCHASED GARMIN GPS DEVICE WITH MAPPING CAPABILITIES TO RECORD/VERIFY PROPERTY BOUNDARIES. THIS DEVICE WILL HAVE ALL PROPERTIES INSTALLED AND WILL ENABLE USERS TO MORE ACCURATELY IDENTIFY BOUNDARIES AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES.

9. Recommended action:

THIS IS AN EXCEPTIONAL PROPERTY FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN STUDYING PLANTS AND ANIMALS, AS WELL AS ENJOYMENT OF CLIMBING AND HIKING THROUGH UNEVEN TERRAIN.

* AS A SIDE NOTE, APPROXIMATELY 2 WEEKS AFTER OUR WALK A NEIGHBOR AND HIS SON WALKED THE PROPERTY AND FOUND A DECEASED WHITE TAIL BUCK. THE DEER HAD PUNCTURE HOLES IN ITS NECK CHARACTERISTIC OF A KILL BY A BOBCAT OR LARGER CAT. THIS AREA IS HEAVILY INFESTED WITH COYOTES AND BY THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE DEER'S CARCASS WAS COMPLETELY DEVOURED.

Submitted by:



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Are you a trustee? yes no