

Volunteer Conservation Easement Monitoring Form

CONSERVATION EASEMENT NAME: _____

Property Location (address, town): _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Landowner/manager: _____

Volunteer monitor name: _____

Landowner/manager mailing address: _____

Volunteer monitor address: _____

phone: _____

phone: _____

e-mail: _____

e-mail: _____

SITE VISIT DETAILS

Date of Site Visit: _____

Weather and ground conditions at time of visit: _____

Reviewed conservation easement deed before visit?
 Yes No

Contacted landowner/manager before visit?
 Yes No

Met with landowner/manager during visit?
 Yes No

Landowner/manager participated in site walk?
 Yes No

Others present during site walk:

AREA WALKED

Walked boundaries: All Some None N/A

% of boundary walked: _____

Walked trails/woods roads: All Some None N/A

Walked interior: All Some None N/A

BOUNDARY CLARITY, ISSUES, AND POSTING

LINES:

Well defined Need improvement Not defined

CORNERS:

Well defined Need Improvement Not defined

LAND TRUST SIGNS:

Well defined Need Improvement Not defined

Describe the boundary condition including status of flagging/blazing, presence of conservation easement signs, posting against uses and any other issues found:

OBSERVATIONS AND QUESTIONS

Provide a detailed narrative of your visit (include description of specific areas or route inspected and summary of communication with the landowner/manager):

Did you observe evidence of any major natural alterations (flooding, fire, blowdowns, other)?

Yes No Describe: _____

Did you observe any evidence of human-caused alterations (new structures, trails, dredged ponds, agricultural use, timber harvest, trash dumping, soil erosion, signs, etc)?

Yes No Describe: _____

Did you observe or learn of any third party activities or plans (such as abutters, town, public users) that affect or have potential to affect the property?

Yes No Describe: _____

Is there anything staff/officials should double-check or consider further, in the even that it might apply to the conservation easement? :

Yes No Describe: _____

Any additional observations (such as significant ecological features, recommendations for next visit)?

Does the landowner have any questions or concerns? List questions and your responses.

Monitoring Field Map: Note directly on paper map the route walked, boundaries found/not found, natural and manmade changes, photos taken (photo number & orientation). Provide key for any symbols. Be sure notations are legible and reproducible by photocopier. Sign and date the map.

Photos: Include a print-out of photos numbered with date, time, and note of subject.

I have completed this Monitoring Field Form based on my personal site visit observations.

Signed _____ Date _____

Thank you very much for your work! Please estimate the support you have donated for this visit:

Field Time (hours): _____ Total Time (hours): _____ Mileage (round trip, miles): _____ Other: _____

Reviewed by _____ Date _____

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