

Background:

The Laurel Hill Property Committee of the Rattlesnake Gutter Trust has a number of goals for 2013:

1. The boundaries of the Common Lands are complex (there are 49 corners). In 2012, 33 of those corners were found (or re-found), photographed, their gps coordinates recorded and many were marked with paint. 16 more corners need to be confirmed and their location and the boundaries between them marked. With the help of the LHA representatives, we hope to complete this process in 2013. This work will help both the Laurel Hill residents and RGT steward the Common Land.
2. With the help of Laurel Hill members, we hope to map the stone structures and stone walls on the Common Land. We hope to complete this during 2013. Owners and renters will receive that information, either as part of the brochure, or on a separate map.
3. Working with Laurel Hill members, we hope to complete the Laurel Hill Common Lands brochure which will be given to all land owners and renters in Laurel Hill (draft attached)
4. Working with Laurel Hill members, we hope to complete the Agreement of Conservancy Practices (draft on the next page)
5. And, of course, we will continue to do the annual monitoring of the Common Lands.

We anticipate being able to do all these in 2013 – with your help (and we do thank you).

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Agreement of Conservancy Practices: Laurel Hill Association and the Rattlesnake Gutter Trust

*In the section "Working Relationship between RGT and Laurel Hill Association" (Franklin Registry of Deeds, Book 2542, page 124-125) it says that the Association and RGT can enter an Agreement of Conservancy Practices which will bind both parties (article X, section 2)*

In order to simplify communication between the Board of Trustees of the Rattlesnake Gutter Trust (RGT) and the Board of Directors Laurel Hill Association (LHA), each Board will appoint at least 2 representatives to serve on the Laurel Hill/RGT Common Lands Committee. This committee will be responsible for implementing this Agreement and for bringing to their Boards any policy issues that may arise.

1. RGT will monitor the Common Lands annually to check that conservation values are being maintained and to renew boundary markings as necessary. An LHA representative will be invited (and encouraged) to participate.
2. In order to avoid conflicts between LHA and RGT over changes made in the Common Land, LHA will notify the RGT committee representatives when requests are received from residents to make changes on the Common Land. The request can then be discussed by the LHA and RGT representatives on the committee before a decision is made.
3. It is understood that moving stones within the stone structures on the Common Land is not allowed.
4. It is the responsibility of LHA to give each land owner and renter a copy of the Laurel Hill Common Lands flier. It will be the responsibility of the Laurel Hill/RGT Common Lands Committee to modify the flier to improve its usefulness.

This agreement can be modified by the vote of both Boards.

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for the Board of Directors of the Laurel Hill Association

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for the Board of Trustees of the Rattlesnake Gutter Trust

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