Property: Cheyette Conservation Restriction

Year of this Report: 2014

Owner: name, address, phone, email if relevant (Also name of local contact if relevant.): Frederic Cheyette

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Date owner invited to monitoring: not available this year

Date and recommendations from last year's monitoring: October 25, 2012. Line recently painted, no concerns.

Date of this year's monitoring: April 29, 2014

Participants: Mary Alice Wilson

Brief description of route taken (also draw on map):

Entered the property from Shutesbury Road near the southeast corner. Followed the line west, then south to the stonewall. East to the brook - walked north inside the property and then out at the covered-bridge corner and back up the access road to Shutesbury Road(on map A to B etc.). Given this late wet spring, the advice about wearing boots was especially appropriate.

Describe any man-made alterations (include on map, add photograph or "none observed"):

none observed

Describe any natural alterations (include on map, add photographs or "none observed"):

none observed

Describe any interactions (on day of site visit or in past year) with landowner or others having use of the land:

Mostly email contact, but have opportunities to see him (usually on the trails) during the year.

Describe any changes in use being planned (change of ownership, land use, etc.):

none known

List observations, comments, information requests, areas needing discussion or review:

Early native plants were opening up (see attached photos). Because invasive plants are also early, it was easy to pick out the barberry in the western area (and on neighboring properties), but that seems to be the only major invasive.

This property, which is on the aquifer, provides a vital role in retaining water during wet seasons.

List any needed follow-up:

none

Suggestions for next year's monitoring team?

Next year, line will need to be repainted. It might be helpful to change the paint color (presently red) as some of the nearby properties (Adams, for example) also use red and it can be confusing.

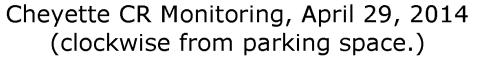
The planned late fall monitoring in 2013 was cancelled by snow. It is much easier to see the property before the leaves are out - but a much drier trip if scheduled for a dry day in August.

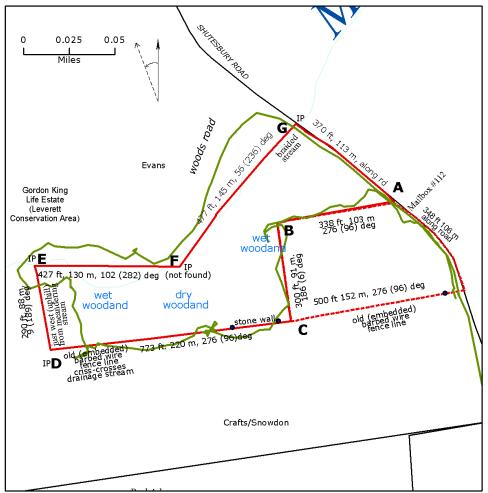
Enjoy and, if not drought conditions, wear boots.

Signed: (Mary Alice Wilson)

Date signed: 5/1/2014

5/14/2014 Date report to RGT Board 5/1/2014 Date copy sent to owner 5/15/2014. date copy given for archive





- A. SE corner of CR (road, near house). 42.44495041, -72.48550504. red rebar B. Inside corner of building envelope) 42.44473080, -72.48666652 2, red rebar
- C. SE corner of CR (behind house, on line) 42.44404399, -72.48651540, red rebar
- D. SW corner of CR (abutting G.King) 42.44382782, -72.48917607, iron pipe by tree trunk
- E. NW corner of CR (east of covered bridge) 42.44453349, -72.48926609, iron pipe
- F. Along stream, 42.44450734, -72.48771535 (not found but ribbon on tree approximate)
- G. NE corner of CR (road, at stream) 42.44555927, -72.48656552, culvert, bent metal (red paint) pipe n side of stream
- Note: all found iron pipes have 3-dot red paint on trees, Most lines painted red (not roadside, streamside, not along stone wall section of s.side).



Hellabore



Skunk Cabbage



Wake Robin Trillium almost open



Hellabore near NW corner

All photos taken the April 29, 2014 with iphone app "Theodolite"