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## **Rattlesnake Gutter Trust Monitoring Report**

Property/Conservation Restriction Name: Cheyette Conservation Restriction

Date of visit(s): September 12, 13 and 14, 2010 CR? yes Owned by RGT?\_\_\_\_\_

IF CR please complete this information, if owned property skip to #1:

Current owner(s): Frederic Cheyette

Address(es): 119 Shutesbury Road, Leverett, MA 01054

Telephone: 413-548-9023

Email:

Local Contact if different from owner:

### 1. In preparation for the visit

a. date of previous visit: 12/18/2009

b. special concerns listed from previous visits that need to be checked

Last year I was unable to locate the NW and SW corners of the building envelope (the inside corner of the CR. Need to locate and mark more carefully.

c. IF CR, was the land owner contacted prior to monitoring? (if yes, give date and whether by phone, email, etc; if not, why not?) Fred joined me on the 12<sup>th</sup>. He did not need to re-walk when Bill Wilson and I measured and re-marked the building envelope western corner.

### 2. Participants attending site visit (IF CR include land owner if present):

September 12: Fred Cheyette and Mary Alice Wilson

September 13 and 14: Mary Alice and Bill Wilson (also brief conversation with Fred at the end of the visit on the 14<sup>th</sup>.)

### 3. Please use monitoring map (attached) to

a. show the path of the visit (part of first day trip cannot be shown because we were lost!)

b. mark any issues brought up in this report.

c. suggest changes in information on next year's map (map corrected, also excel file of boundaries and pictures, new pictures taken of newly placed pins. See attached.)

4. Describe any man-made alterations since the last monitoring visit. Describe extent, location, purpose, and person responsible (if known). Mark on attached map; add photographs or illustrations if helpful. (Be sure to check roadside areas for possible dumping/disturbance.)

none found

5. Describe natural alterations since previous visit (effects of flood, fire, insect infestation, ice damage, etc.) Note extent and location. Mark on attached map; add photographs or illustrations if helpful.

The ice storm in December 2008 and the wind storms of the past two summers have damaged some trees. These are on their way to becoming "coarse wood debris" on the forest floor.

The most noticeable change was how dry everything was. A walk on this property is usually best made in boots. No water this year in the wet woods. No water this year in Mountain Brook (Fred said had been dry since early August.)

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

The Leverett ConCom and RGT are developing a proposal for trails in this East Leverett area. Fred is supporting this plan. We will not know until summer 2011 if the proposal is funded.

7. IF CR, describe any information that property will be transferred, leased, or sold. Are any changes in use being planned?

none planned

8. List observations, comments, management needs, information requests, areas needing discussion or review:

With new rebars in the two western corners of the building envelope, the work on the boundaries is finally complete. All corners were re-calculated using a somewhat more accurate Garmin gps unit. Attached to this report is a revised set of pictures of all corners, a revised map, and revised excel worksheets with latitude/longitude, descriptions and photo dates. Note, the 2010 pictures were taken with an iphone which does not provide an internal photo number.

9. List any needed follow-up

none

10. Suggestions for next year's monitoring team?

The western corners of the CR both have iron pipe. However, it would be wise to mark a tree with tape as they are not very easy to see.

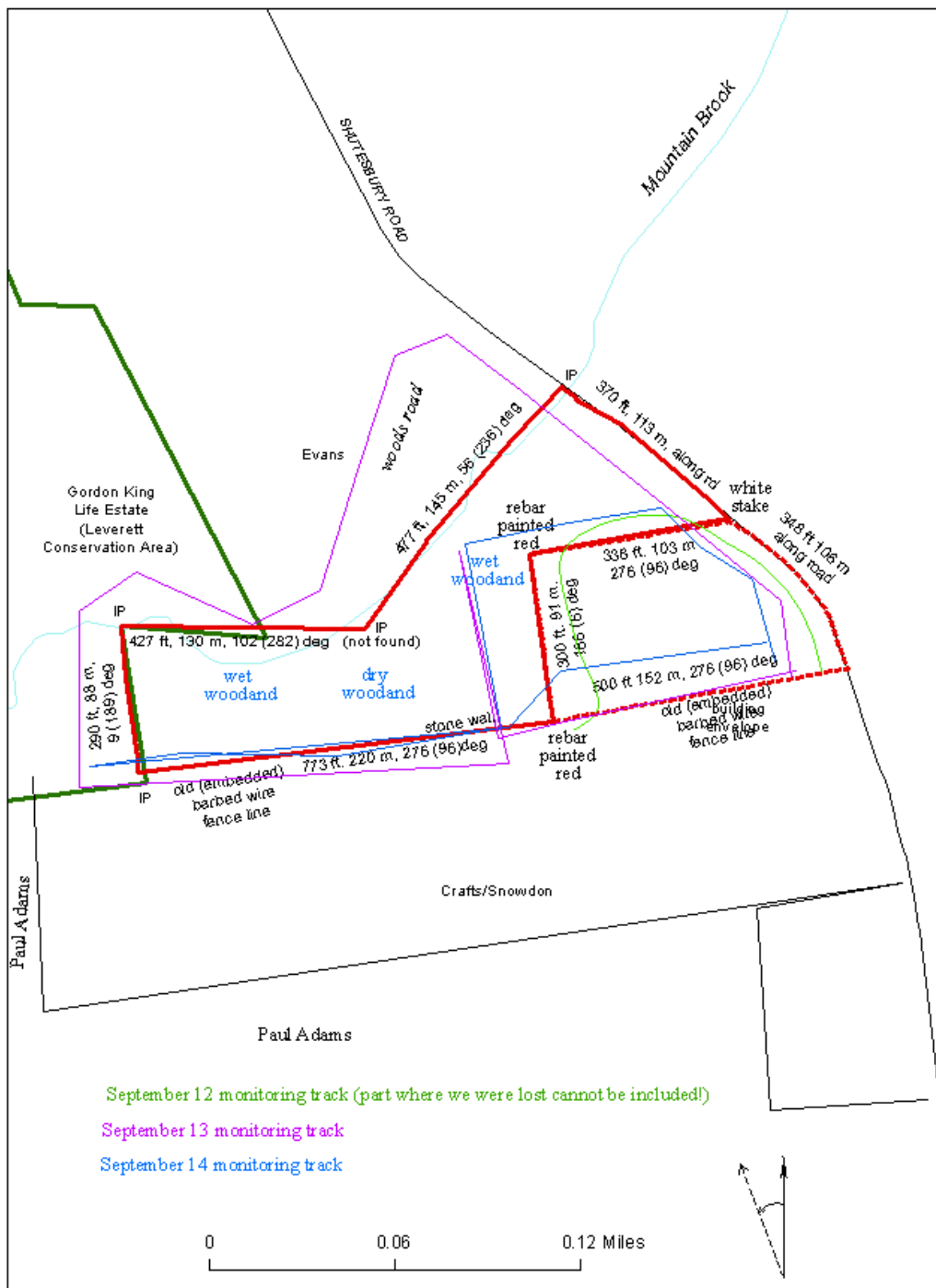
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Date report submitted to RGT Board for Review: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Cheyette CR for Monitoring