

Rattlesnake Gutter Trust Monitoring - RGT-Owned Property Form

1. Property Name: Ellamoose Repose

Year: 2016

2. Date of Monitoring: 11 December 2016

Recommendations from last year's monitoring:

Remember to protect against poison ivy in the open fields.

3. Monitors:

Eva Gibavic, Jimmy Grogan, Rocky Adriance, Danielle Barshak

4. Describe the monitoring route briefly (also draw on map):

We traversed the front (W) pasture and the top (N border) of the southern back pasture using Greg Rawl's mown pathway. From the southern back pasture we crossed the northern back pasture and followed the north property line east to the NE corner. We then turned south and followed the property lines back to the SE corner of the southern back pasture, relocating pins and walking clockwise.

5. Action Items requiring attention:

Possible construction of bog bridge near the west entrance to the forest trail from the back south-side pasture.

6. List any problems with monitoring map or photos:

None encountered.

7. Describe alterations. Draw on map, take photos.

Natural

None Observed:

The upper back (N side) meadow continues to revert to early stages of woody secondary vegetation.

Human Made

None Observed:

Greg Rawles continues to mow the front (W) and lower back (S side) meadows for hay.

8. Monitoring recommendations for next year:

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Watch out for poison ivy in the pastures, especially near Cave Hill Road.

Stewardship Plan for Upcoming Year:

9. Last Year's Stewardship Plan / Goals / Accomplishments:

Greg Rawles continues to mow the front (W side) and lower back (S side) meadows for hay, maintaining open space. He also brush-hogs the upper back (N side) open field, preventing woody succession, and maintains the mown path that leads across the front meadow, bisects the two back meadows, and connects to the forest trail.

10. Last Year's Actual Costs none

11. Goals, planned activities to meet those Stewardship goals and timeline for the coming year:

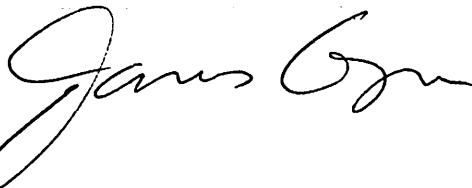
As noted in the monitoring section above, a bog bridge may be needed near the west entrance to the forest trail from the back south-side pasture.

The forest trail should be extended into the northeast section of the property, but possible impacts on the field of ceremonial stone mounds concentrated along the north border must be considered before doing so.

12. Anticipated costs (both on-going and for this next year):

\$200 or less for possible bog bridge construction.

Signed:



Date Signed: 17 January 2017

Still to do:

- Ask to present this report at the next RGT Board Meeting
- Print out and sign 3 copies:
 - 1. Put one in the Green Field Notebook
 - 2. Give one to the person who puts the reports in the Blue Archive Notebook at the Leverett Family Museum.
 - 3. Mail (or give) a copy to the land owner(s)
- Send an electronic copy of this report to the person who puts it on the Board-only section of the RGT website.

ELLAMOOSE REPOSE Monitoring 2016



Legend

- Ellamoose Repose Pins
- Ceremonial Landscape Features
- Ellamoose 12-11-16
- ⋯ Ellamoose Repose Trails
- Ellamoose Repose Property Line
- Ellamoose Stone Walls

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