

<p>Property: Friendship Trail Properties (D&amp;M Field, C&amp;E Field, P&amp;C Woodard)</p> <p>Year of this Report: 2012 (first year of monitoring)</p>
<p>Owner: name, address, phone, email if relevant (Also name of local contact if relevant.):</p> <p>Leverett Conservation Commission (represented by Conservation Agent Walter Ramsey) Town Hall, Leverett, MA 01054 413-548-1022, leverettconcom@gmail.com</p>
<p>Date owner invited to monitoring: 10/18/2012</p>
<p>Date and recommendations from last year's monitoring:</p> <p>(This is the first monitoring,)</p>
<p>Date of this year's monitoring: October 21, 2012 and November 2, 2012</p>
<p>Participants:</p> <p>October 21, 2012: Brooke Thomas and Mary Alice Wilson, (both for RGT) November 2, 2012: Mary Alice Wilson and Walter Ramsey (for ConCom)</p>
<p>Brief description of route taken (also draw on map):</p> <p>October 21, 2012. Walked from the boat launch up the trail to Cider Mill Road. Then back along the west line, along the road (picking up the inevitable trash), and north near the Barnard line. We then looked for a possible trail from the Depot Road boundary line between the Woodard CR and the Fair-Snyder property ( the higher, drier section of this property) to the pond. We returned along the Friendship Trail (see track on map).</p> <p>On November 2, we took essentially the same route.</p>
<p>Describe any man-made alterations (include on map, add photograph or "none observed"):</p> <p>None observed except trail maintenance.</p>
<p>Describe any natural alterations (include on map, add photographs or "none observed"):</p> <p>None except that Leverett Pond is very high – presumably beaver activity.</p>

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

There are many people walking this trail. They often make comments about the beauty of the area, but nothing substantive. Roy Kimmel and Cynthia Thomas-Kimmel have agreed to serve as trail stewards – they asked that they be listed simple as “neighbors.” We recently discussed issues of trail maintenance and the location of the new western trail.

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

Brooke Thomas has asked that a new trail be developed on the western side of the Woodard CR which would then go through the David and Mary Field CR to the pond. This is in response to requests by residents living near the Depot Road/Long Hill corner area who would like to walk to the pond without having to walk on busy Depot Road.

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

The placement of the new trail (see above). A possible route has been laid out (pink ribbon). The section near the pond needs to be re-routed to avoid wetlands. (Brooke Thomas will be responsible for design and for enlisting neighbors to help with the trail development.

One of the small footbridges (just north of the NW corner of the Bernard corner) was in need of repair during the first walk (10/21). The broken slat was fixed before the second walk (11/2), but the town will assist with building a new footbridge. (Brooke Thomas and David Powicki)

On 11/2 (3 days after the winds from Hurricane Sandy), there appeared to be an oil slick just below the culvert that divides the Boat Launch from the first David and Mary Field properties. It was unclear if this was runoff from the road flowing down the Friendship Trail or if it had been blown into this area from the pond. Ideally, the area would be checked during a heavy rain to determine if the trail’s present design is a problem.

List any needed follow-up:

1. Creating the new trail (neighbors)
2. Replacing the footbridge (neighbors and town)
3. Observing run-off pattern at the beginning of the trail. (neighbors and ConCom)

Suggestions for next year's monitoring team?

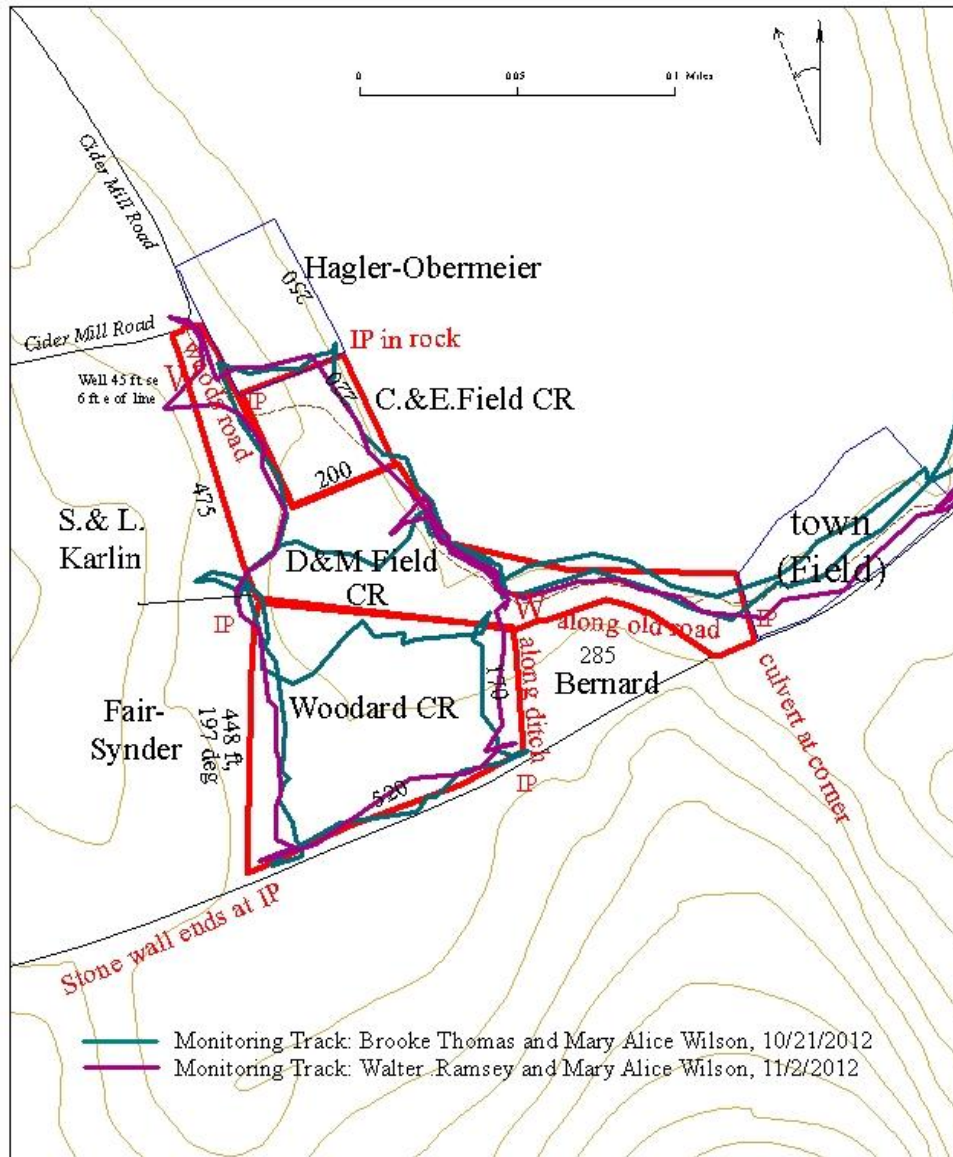
1. Plan on picking up trash along the Woodard CR on Depot Road.
2. Perhaps a representative from the neighbors group should be invited on the monitoring walk.
3. Enjoy this lovely area.

Signed:

Date signed:

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## Friendship Trail monitoring map (all 3 properties)



Woodard - iron pins on 3 corner, NE painted red/flagged. Non-road borders painted.  
David and Mary Field - iron pins on SW corner and east corner in brook, rest marked with red paint/flagging. Use baseline pictures and description for Bernard line.  
Carlyle and Edith Field - iron pins on north corners, rest abuts D&M Field property.