

# Rattlesnake Gutter Trust Monitoring - CR Form

**1. Property Name:** Friendship (FT) + Woodard Trails (WT)  
**2016**

**Year:**

## Property Information

| Owner(s)                          | Mailing Address                       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Leverett Conservation Comm. (LCC) | Leverett Town Hall, Leverett MA 01054 |
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|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Was owner invited to join the monitoring :      | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If invited, approximate date of the invitation: |   |                             |

**2. Date of Monitoring:** November 20, 2006

**Recommendations from last year's monitoring:**

None

**3. Monitors:**

Brooke Thomas (RGT) and Laurie Brown (LCC)

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

Walked both the Friendship and Woodard Trails

In consultation with the Leverett Trails Committee (Mary Alice Wilson) it was decided to discontinue the Woodard Trail because of lack of use. Two signs to trail have been taken down. The sign indicating the "Philip and Katherine Conservation Area" on Depot Rd has been left up.

A fallen tree across north entrance of FT (off of Cider Mill Rd.) will be left as is to prevent bikes from using trail. Bikes erode the trail and expose tree roots. A cut has been made in the truck to facilitate walkers passing over it. Another tree mid-trail has been felled by beavers and serves as a demonstration of their work. This, too, should remain in place.

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## 5. Action Items requiring attention:

A blue plastic 55 gal. drum lies near the shore at mid-trail and should be removed. A submerged canoe is embedded in the shore weeds near the beaver tree and will be very difficult to remove. Let it rest in peace since it is hardly visible. The most south westerly wooden plank bridge is badly sagging and needs replacement. While it doesn't seem to pose a danger since it passes over a shallow ephemeral stream it needs to be rebuilt. The LTC has been advised of this as has Olivia Bernard's landscaper who in the past has constructed the bridge.

## 6. List any problems with monitoring map or photos:

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

| Natural                                 | Human Made                              |
|---|---|
| None Observed: <input type="checkbox"/> | None Observed: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Described above under #4                | Described above under #4                |

## 8. Interactions with the landowner(s) in the last year:

None

## 9. Describe any changes in use being planned (ownership? land use? trails?):

See #4

## 10. Recommendations for next year:

Remove blue barrel and rebuild bridge

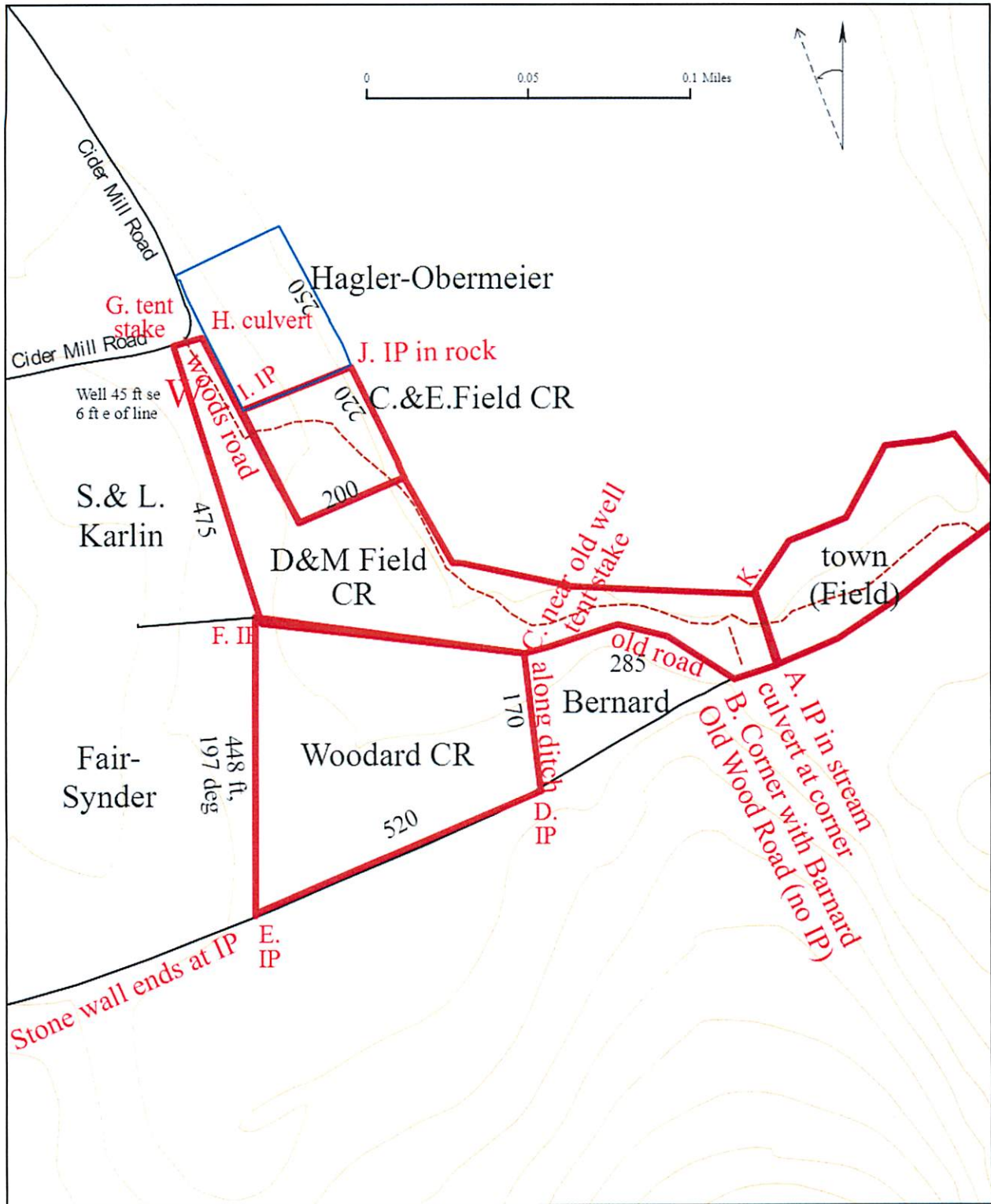
Signed: R. Brooke Thomas  
2016

Date Signed: December 22,

### 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.

# 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 monitoring pictures and description for Bernard line.  
 Carlyle and Edith Field - iron pins on north corners, rest abuts D&M Field property.  
 trail discontinued 2016