

Rattlesnake Gutter Trust Scheffey Conservation Area  
Monitoring Visit, May 26, 2004

The property lies to the east of the Shutesbury Road and has approximately 1000 feet of frontage along the road beginning at the Shutesbury-Leverett Town line. It's a hillside property with a stream and several vernal pools and seeps. A stone wall runs along the road. Hemlock trees and laurel are the dominant plant species. We did find a lovely grouping of Clintonia in bloom, flowers that look very much like trout lilies.

Al Shane, Joan and Richard Godsey walked the property and discovered no changes since our visit last year. We collected four garbage bags of roadside trash which we were able to add to the LES dumpster. A note for future monitoring visits is that 4 to 6:30 is the worst time for traffic along this road.

We drove south to the site of the right of way and hiked in to discover that nothing had changed at this location either.

Joan Godsey and Al Shane for the Rattlesnake Gutter Trust. Our thanks to our volunteer Richard Godsey.