

**Rattlesnake Gutter Trust  
Monitoring Report**

Property/Conservation Restriction Name:

Owned by RGT\_\_yes\_\_\_\_\_ Conservation Restriction held by RGT\_\_\_\_\_

IF CR complete, otherwise skip to #1:

Current owner(s):

Address(es):

Telephone:

Email:

Local Contact if different from owner:

1. In preparation for the visit

a. date of previous visit: 10/27/08

b. special concerns listed from previous visits that need to be checked: do not know where line really is, walk with property manager from Franklin Land Trust (has CR of land to the south).

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?)

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

October 27, 2009: Joan Godsey, Mary Alice Wilson, Will Sloan Anderson (FLT)

November 1, 2009: Mary Alice Wilson, Bill Wilson

3. Date and time of site visit:

October 27, 2009, 9:30-noon

November 1, 2009, 9-12:30

4. Please use monitoring map (attached) to

a. show the path of the visit

Oct 27: went in at various places trying different ways to find markers

Nov 1: started at east corner by road, went clockwise

b. mark any issues brought up in this report.

c. suggest changes in information on next year's map

5. 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.)

Usual amount of trash – 3 household garbage bags  
stump dumped on eastern most path into woods

6. 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.

none

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

On November 1, Bill and Mary Alice had the opportunity to talk with Bertrand Raymond. He was out mowing and we asked him where the line was (which of course he knew). Had nice general conversation. He suggested that Andy and Alice Scheffey gave (technically sold for \$100) him the small amount of land on the east side of his property because it already had the barn on Scheffey land. And said that Andy had given him right of way which meant he could store things in that right of way. (Probably not technically true – he does have the right of way.) Deed says:

. . . .the right to pass and repass, with or without vehicles over that portion of said old woods road which abuts thereinbefore described parcel of land for all purposes for which said ways are generally used. . (Book 01639, p. 60, 1980 same day as Lashway land sold to Raymonds)

Clearly this use of the right of way has been going on since 1980 (and probably earlier). And RGT would not want to change it. However, annual monitoring should include walking the western line and noting any significant changes. RGT would want to be involved should the property be sold.

As an aside, Mr. Raymond said he had been interested in buying the land next door (now RGT), but Andy said he had “given it to Audubon.” When I explained that it was not Audubon but Rattlesnake Gutter Trust, his response was “well, same thing.” I said, actually not quite Audubon was a state organization and RGT was local. Probably the best description of the response (although he did not say anything) would be “whatever.” We had a very nice discussion about the area, wildlife, and being outside. This is the first time that I know that RGT folks have talked with him – and this time only because he was outside mowing. (Perhaps our choice of cold, snowy fall days for monitoring should be re-thought!)

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

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

Because of the discussion with Will Anderson, Mary Alice did a pretty thorough review of the history of the Fitts Lot and the Turner Lot and tried to find as many references to distances as she could. The present map is a great improvement. (The change in the eastern line of the Turner lot is probably buried in the Stetson-Cowl era (1903-1968). NO WAY – and it is not necessary to find out.

10. List any needed follow-up

Line has been flagged with blue tape. Mary Alice has contacted Will Anderson to see if he wants to adjust or what he thinks should be done with markings. (Ideally would be left. Probably should not be blazed without a real survey.)

11. Suggestions for next year's monitoring team?

Walk the line to see if you can follow it. Always check with west line for changes in use and try to do it on Sunday morning (safer trash pick up – wear bright clothing).

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

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

Date report placed in Field Notebook? \_\_\_\_\_

Date second copy given to RGT Secretary for Archive Notebook? \_\_\_\_\_

IF CR, date third copy sent to owner after Board Review (include date)? \_\_\_\_\_