

# Rattlesnake Gutter Trust Monitoring - RGT-Owned Property Form

**1. Property Name: Scheffey Conservation Area**

**Year: 2022**

**2. Date of Monitoring: 12/29/2022**

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

Bring heavy duty trash bags and gloves to pick up trash along Schutesbury Rd. Traffic is dangerous along road curves. Choose a low traffic time. Wear blaze orange. Bring blue tree tagging tape to renew border markings as needed.

**3. Monitors:**

Dan Williams

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

Began at northwest corner along Shutesbury Rd. Walked to southwest corner along western boundary. Returned to Shutesbury Rd and picked up trash along road up to parking area at northeast corner. Hiked into woods from parking area to southern boundary. Followed southern boundary to within sight of southwest corner. Hiked on and off trails through property returning to parking area.

**5. Action Items requiring attention:**

Trail bike tracks observed in snow on trails. This is likely Ethan Nedeau who lives on Pratt Corner Rd. Ethan was asked not to bike on the trails as this is likely to cause damage to the soft ground. Ethan told us in May 2022 that he made the trails for his biking and he agreed not to bike on the trails in future.

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

Stream route depicted on monitoring map crosses Shutesbury Rd at a different location than shown.

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

Natural	Human Made
None Observed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None Observed: <input type="checkbox"/>
	Continued evidence of trail biking.

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## 8. Monitoring recommendations for next year:

Bring trash bags, gloves to pick up trash along Shutesbury Rd. Traffic is dangerous along road curves. Choose a low traffic time. Wear blaze orange. Bring blue tree tagging tape to renew border markings in a few spots.

Red blazes painted on trees along southern border are beginning to fade and should be refreshed with paint.

## Stewardship Plan for Upcoming Year:

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

Trash pick-up along Shutesbury Road.

Ethan Nedeau of Pratt Corner Rd was identified as the person who built new trails and was using them for biking. A group hike was conducted on the property 07MAY2022. Attending: Dan Williams, Mike Williams, Eva Gibavic, Liz Scheffey, Liz Etheridge, Rocky Adriance, Ethan Nedeau. Due the very soft and spngy sub-soil throughout the property, Ethan was asked to refrain from further trail construction and from biking on the trails. All agreed that hiking was fine.

### 10. Last Year's Actual Costs None.

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

Trash pick-up along Shutesbury Road during annual monitoring.

Monitoring of trails for damage from biking or further expansion.

Renewal of red blazes on border trees.

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

\$10 for trash bags

Signed:



Date Signed:

2/11/2023

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.