

Rattlesnake Gutter Trust Monitoring - RGT-Owned Property Form

1. Property Name: Scheffey Conservation Area

Year: 2024

2. Date of Monitoring: 12/28/2024

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 along Shutesbury Rd picking up trash along road up to parking area at northeast corner. Hiked into woods from parking area following near north boundary until reaching stream. Followed trail south until reaching south border then followed border to SW corner marker. Mounted RGT 2 aluminum trail signs along southern border where vegetation was thin allowing easy walking access to the RGT property. Followed southern boundary back to starting point at northeast corner parking area.

5. Action Items requiring attention:

No evidence of biking on trails.

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: ☒

None Observed: ☒

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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 and RGT aluminum boundary signs 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. Record actual stream path through the property with GPS and update property map.

Stewardship Plan for Upcoming Year:

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

Added RGT aluminum boundary signs (2) along southern border mostly where trails enter the RGT property.

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):

\$25 for flagging tape, red paint, brushes

Signed:



Date Signed:

1/11/2025

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.