

**Rattlesnake Gutter Trust  
Monitoring Report**

Property/Conservation Restriction Name: Tom and Portia and Shelburne Weiskel Conservation Restriction

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

IF CR complete, otherwise skip to #1:

Current owner(s): Portia Weiskel

Address(es): 11 Putney Road, Leverett

Telephone: 413-548-9737

Email:

Local Contact if different from owner:

1. In preparation for the visit

a. date of previous visit: Sept 11, 2008

b. special concerns listed from previous visits that need to be checked.

Although we took pictures and gps readings these were never put in the notebook files, also not sure of all the corners (basic boundaries very obvious – bounded by wooden fence on the east/road and south and by stone walls on the west and north). Search is more intellectual curiosity than necessity.

The maps and photos in the monitoring notebooks need revision.

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?) No, were unable to find new phone number. (Have now.) On second of two trips, Mary Alice had conversation with Portia about work she had recently done on land (while she was trimming branches near north wall).

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

October 23: Eva Gibavic and Mary Alice Wilson; October 27 Mary Alice (Eva sick).

3. Date and time of site visit: October 23, 11-12 (did not finish); October 27, 11-12 (about)

4. Please use monitoring map (attached) to

a. show the path of the visit

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.)

The pasture has recently had major clearing that provides more pasture, a better view, and reduces the invasive species (at least temporarily – they are incredibly persistent.) It is aesthetically elegant.

The community garden has expanded and there are plans to provide more sites in this sunny spot.

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 noticed.

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

On October 27, Mary Alice had an opportunity to talk with Portia about the on-going management of the land, the pleasure of the community gardens, and the connection between this working landscape and the 350 flags on the King Lot across the road from the pasture.

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

None anticipated.

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

None. The revision on of the maps and photographs has been completed.

10. List any needed follow-up

None.

11. Suggestions for next year's monitoring team?

Enjoy this lovely CR. While we have not managed to find 3 of the 4 corner markers, a prolonged search is unnecessary because the wooden and stone walls mark the properties boundaries. Map and photo files have been updated.

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 (include date)? \_\_\_\_\_