

Rhode Island Conservation Stewardship Collaborative
Monitoring Protocol, Version 1.0*

Annual Property Monitoring Form Template (Long Form)

Property Name: _____

Plat/Lot: _____

Name(s) of Monitor(s): _____

Date of Visit: _____

Time & Duration of Visit: _____

Was the stewardship file & related documentation (easement, deed, baseline documentation report, previous monitoring records, etc.) reviewed prior to the monitoring visit?

Yes No

Landowner Information

Current Land Owner: _____

Landowner Contact Information (Address/Telephone/E-mail): _____

Was the landowner contacted prior to the monitoring visit? Yes No

How was contact made? Phone Mail E-Mail

Items discussed with landowner (*please note that the conversation between monitor and landowner is for information gathering purposes only; any concerns identified should be brought to the attention of the monitoring program coordinator for further review/action*):

_____ Were there any natural alterations to land (flooding, erosion, blowdowns)?

_____ Were there any changes in ownership or any anticipated legal changes (subdivision, creation of LLC)?

_____ Did they make any changes in agricultural use or structures?

_____ Did they make any changes in resource management activity?

_____ Lease status for the farmland?

_____ Is hunting taking place on the property?

_____ Was there new construction or activity taking place adjacent to conservation area?

Notes from landowner discussion:

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Were you met by landowner (or a representative) while conducting the site visit? Yes No

Were you accompanied by landowner (or a representative) during the site visit? Yes No

Property Activity/Change Inventory

Agricultural Use (observed)

Farm type: __dairy __beef __sheep/goat __pig __poultry __horse __orchard __hay
__nursery __vegetable __flowers __berries __x-mas trees __other-describe: _____

Is the farm organic? Yes No Unknown

Farm status: _____operating as an independent unit (owned or leased)
_____part of another farm
_____idle, low productivity use

If farm is leased, is lease term more than 1 year? Yes No

Are there retail sales taking place on the farm? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Recreational Use

Does the property have trails that are open to the public? Yes No

If yes, permitted activities: __hiking/walking __skiing __fishing __biking __swimming
__dogs __horses __ATVs __other-describe: _____

Is hunting permitted by the public? Yes No

Is there a fee charged for public use? Yes No

Forestry Use

Is the woodland under a forest management plan? Yes No

Consulting forester: _____

Has any timber harvest occurred on the property since the last monitoring visit? Yes No

If yes, type of harvest: _____

Have access roads or landings been constructed? Yes No

Are maple sugaring activities being conducted? Yes No

Has forest been cleared for agricultural use? Yes No

If yes, approximately how many acres: _____

Wildlife/Natural Resource Management

Is the land being actively managed for wildlife or other natural resources such as water quality or pollinators? Yes No Unknown

Is a consultant or state or federal agency involved Yes No

If yes, name _____

Management activities since the last monitoring visit: _____

Construction / Planned Activities

Have any buildings/structures been constructed since the last monitoring visit? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

If yes, is the structure within the conservation area? Yes No

Have any new roadways, ponds, or utilities been established or improved since the last monitoring visit? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Monitoring Visit

1. Describe monitoring activities (walked all boundaries, accessed interior, viewed from the road only, hiked the trails only):

2. Were boundaries clearly marked and identifiable? Yes No
Notes:

3. List and describe any additional observations of human alterations or management activity (construction, clearing, harvest, trails, etc.) that represent changes from the previous visit or baseline document report:

4. To the best of your knowledge, are these activities permitted in the conservation easement or deed? Yes No Not Sure

5. List and describe any other observations, needs, comments etc. that may be affecting the condition of this property:

6. To the best of your knowledge and observation, are the conservation values of this property being preserved and do all activities comply with existing restrictions (as referenced in the conservation easement, deed, etc.)? Yes No

If no, please describe concerns:

7. Please include any additional comments and reference any additional materials provided (photos, annotated maps, etc.) from the monitoring visit here:

Signature of monitor(s): _____ Date: _____

This section is to be completed by the monitoring program coordinator:

Signature of receiver (program coordinator, stewardship committee chair, etc.):

_____ Date: _____

Follow-up tasks identified & person who will follow up: