

Annual Littleton Land Stewardship Reports for 2020

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Summary of 2020 Events

- Fifty Volunteer Land Stewards are associated with the Littleton Conservation Trust (LCT). 1898 monitoring and work events totaling over 2100 volunteer hours were performed on 26 LCT, Town of Littleton, SVT and NEFF owned properties. At some properties Littleton Land Stewards performed extra work.
- Peter Thompson was assigned as a new Land Steward at Cobb Memorial Forest. After fifteen years of service as a Land Steward at Whitetail Woods, Dick Anderson has retired. Mary and Jeff Fuhrer have also retired after many years as Land Stewards at Sarah Doublet Forest. Thank you to Dick, Mary and Jeff for all your years of dedication and support of Littleton's conservation lands. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.
- Volunteers from the Littleton Trail Crew also performed tasks that needed more than a couple of people. Projects included brush burning at Cloverdale Conservation Area, sign painting, trail making, and invasive plant control and deadfall removal on many trails.
- Events of note during 2020 were the town's purchase of the 24 acre Browns' Woods, the installation of parking areas at Williams Land and Cloverdale, property surveys at Sarah Doublet Forest, Cobb Memorial Forest, Cloverdale, and Mary Shepherd. Additionally, trail re-location at Smith Land, trail maintenance and deadfall removal at Bumblebee Meadows, Williams Land, Yapp, Newtown Hill, Oak Hill, & Whitetail Woods.
- Three Eagle Scout projects were completed by Hannah Orton, Mia Carelli, and Stephanie Mullen. Hannah's project was improvement of a historically muddy area of the trail at Prouty Woods. Mia's project was the installation of several pollinator gardens at Bumblebee Park. And Stephanie's project was the construction and installation of benches at Yapp, Bumblebee Park, Mary Shepherd, Nashobah Wetlands, Conant Park & Long Lake Park. Thank you to Hannah, Mia, and Stephanie for your contributions to the Littleton conservation community and congratulations on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
- Several more Eagle Scout projects are planned for 2021. An additional boardwalk is planned to cross a wet area at Cloverdale. And a new trail will also be built at Town Forest. This long talked about project will finally open up this beautiful 75 acre forest for the public to enjoy. In addition to providing a link from the train station near Durkee Farm to the newly acquired Browns' Woods, it will also provide connectivity through the Glavey project to LCT owned Sprong Land and town owned Newtown Hill and Williams Land. This "green belt" connects over 260 contiguous acres of valuable open

space.

- Littleton Conservation Commission (LCC) and Town owned properties maintained by Littleton Conservation Trust include Bumblebee Park, Cloverdale, George and Lucy Yapp Conservation Land, Hartwell Family Memorial Preserve, Long Lake Park, Mary Shepard Conservation Land, Mill Hill, Morgan Land, Newtown Hill, Oak Hill, Tahattawan Meadow, Town Forest, Two Brothers Trail, and the Williams Land. Soon to be added to this list will be a trail at Couper Farm.
- Littleton Conservation Trust (LCT) properties maintained include Brook Way, Bumblebee Meadows, Conant Park, Frost Corner, Holly Park, Nashoba Wetlands, Robert and Emily Cobb Memorial Forest, Sarah Doublet Forest, Sprong Land, and Whitetail Woods.
- New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) property is Prouty Woods which is maintained by three LCT Land Stewards, one of whom is also a NEFF Board member. NEFF Foresters also perform maintenance and forest management projects. Littleton Conservation Commission holds the Conservation Restriction for Prouty Woods.
- Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT) owns 48 acres of the Smith Property on Whitcomb Ave. which is a shared stewardship responsibility between LCT and SVT. An additional 12 acres of the Smith Property is owned by the Town of Harvard. This property provides an important link from other LCT and Town of Littleton conservation properties to Black Pond and Town of Harvard conservation land. LCT holds the Conservation Restriction on the Smith Property.
- Littleton Trail Crew and Land Steward Volunteers responded to many reports of downed trees resulting from high winds in 2020.
- Nearly all trails and parking areas are in good condition. There is a need for kiosks, map boxes, small boardwalks, and increased signage in several areas. These improvements are prime Eagle Scout projects. Trails are used mostly for hiking, dog walking, nature study, snowshoeing, XC skiing, and bird watching.
- Efforts continue to remove invasive plants and shrubs on all conservation land. LCT Trustee, Rick Findlay has initiated an Invasive Control Program to recruit volunteers for an ongoing effort to monitor, record, and eliminate invasive infestations. Poison Ivy proliferation seems to have exploded in many areas in recent years.

- Littleton Community Gardens are active at Newtown Hill and the Yapp land, as well as the highly successful Littleton Community Farm which is based at Prouty Woods.
- A new access trail was established at Cloverdale. The trail provides walk-in, neighborhood access from Surrey Road. No parking is provided.
- The Wildlife Conservation Program, under the direction of Wildlife Steward and LCT Trustee, Dustin Neild has been a continuing success with numerous Wood Duck hatchlings at Long Lake Park and Prouty Woods. Numerous bluebird and tree swallow fledglings resulted from the boxes at Long Lake Wildlife Habitat. Buoyed by past successes, our future goals are to expand the program to include installation of a Kestrel box at Newtown Hill and possibly an Osprey nesting platform in the Long Lake marsh. In an attempt to enhance wildlife viewing, wood duck and bluebird boxes have been installed at Cloverdale. Anyone who is interested in assisting Dustin with the Wildlife Conservation Program may contact him at Dustin.Neild@gmail.com.
- The severe infestation of invasive plants has been cleared from the 20 acre parcel overlooking Nagog Pond across from the Sarah Doublet parking lot on Nagog Hill Road. This is a huge step in restoring the beautiful view of the pond. More clean-up work will be forthcoming.
- Several public events were conducted in 2020. Thanks to the efforts of Amy Green, the Amphibian Brigade was once again activated to assist migrating creatures to vernal pools on wet and warm spring nights.

Littleton's Little Town Tree Hunt, was again a huge success. The event, held from the day after Thanksgiving until New Year's Day was organized by Littleton residents Alicia MacDonald and Lynne Bourque. Holiday trees, sponsored by various local organizations, were decorated along the trails at more than a dozen conservation lands. Once discovered by local explorers, pictures were taken and posted to the Tree Hunt Facebook page. Prizes were awarded to those who discovered all the hidden trees.

- The Hike 20 in 2020 Hiking Challenge was a much needed diversion during the past year of pandemic isolation. 220 people have enrolled in the challenge, hiking over 2400 trails. 85 individuals have completed the challenge including 30 who have hiked all 28 trails. The challenge will continue in 2021.

The Friends of Reuben Hoar Library also conducted very well attended Story Walks at Hartwell and Cloverdale in August and again at Cloverdale on Halloween weekend.

- As in past years, Littleton resident Claire Albertson donated over 50 wildflower plants which she grew from seed. The seedlings which were planted in the Cloverdale pasture, near the boardwalk, will contribute to our efforts to enhance the pollinator population. Many thanks to Claire, who has promised more seedlings this spring.
- Additionally, at Cloverdale, an experimental wildflower garden project was initiated by Conservation Commission's Amy Green. It is hoped that the project will expand each year to benefit native pollinators.

And finally, I would like to thank everyone who volunteers as Littleton Land Stewards and Trail Crew Members for all that you do to make our trails and conservation lands safe and enjoyable for the public. Your efforts are truly appreciated. 2020 was a tough year for everyone. It is hoped that 2021 will bring a sense of normalcy back into our lives.

Submitted by,
Jim O'Neil

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Littleton Land Stewards

Brook Way						
Bumblebee Meadows	Andrew Sammarco	Jim Cordingley				
Bumblebee Park	Andrew Sammarco	Clayton Keller	Chris Mountain	Erin Jade		
Cloverdale	Rick Findlay	Jim O'Neil	Karen O'Neil	Tim Rank	Tom Rank	Matthew Ruel
Conant Park	Rick Findlay	Carl Rivenberg				
Couper Farm	Cammy Bean	Will Picariello				
Frost Corner						
George and Lucy Yapp Conservation Land	Rick Findlay	Cal Yapp	Jessica Caligan	Tim Caligan		
Hartwell	Juliana Miller	Keith Hevenor	Dwight Long	Dan Hurley	Aaron Morse	
Holly Park	Rick Findlay	Daniel Parvanov				
Long Lake Park	Andrew Sammarco	Jim O'Neil	Karen O'Neil			
Mary Sheperd	Juliana Miller	Dan Boudillion				
Mill Hill	Russ Mullen	Bartlett Harvey				
Morgan Land	Andrew Sammarco					
Morrison Extension	Jessica Caligan	Tim Caligan	Jim Campbell	Cal Yapp		
Nagog Hill Orchard	Jeff Simmons					
Nashoba Wetlands	Andy Curran	Andrew Sammarco				

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Nashoba Woodlands					
Newtown Hill	Richard Buckles				
Oak Hill	Bill Brown	John Zimmer	Andrew Halloran		
Prouty Woods	Andrew Sammarco	Cammy Bean	Rick Findlay	Pat O'Donoghue	
Robert and Emily Cobb Memorial Forest	Ray O'Neil	Jim Campbell	Peter Thompson		
Sarah Doublet Forest	Sara Hallahan	Jeff Simmons	Jim Hallahan		
Smith Land	Rick Findlay				
Sprong Land	Richard Buckles	Brian Manning			
Town Forest	Sarah Gill D'Orazio	Chris D'Orazio			
Two Brothers Trail	Andrew Sammarco	Evelynn Sablone			
Whitetail Woods	Kim Raymond	Dave Raymond	Delisa Laterzo	Jed Santoro	
Williams Land	Richard Buckles	Mit Wanzer			
Tahattawan Meadows	Melissa Cranmer				
Herget Land					
Wildlife Steward	Dustin Neild				
At Large Steward	Sam Bell				

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Bumblebee Meadows

Reported by: Jim Cordingley on 2021-01-18

Steward(visits): Jim Cordingley(4)

Total Visits: 4

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Boundary Markers		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures: no

Public Tours: no

Land Usage: Meadow

Completed Projects: Trail cleared

In-Progress Projects: Trail clearing

Future / Needed Projects: Bird boxes

Remarks: Often wet

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Bumblebee Park

Reported by: Andrew Sammarco on 2021-01-16

Steward(visits): Andrew Sammarco (41)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures: Yes

Public Tours: No public tours were conducted on site in 2020.

Land Usage:

Hikers, dog walkers, photographers, sledders, hiking challenge, ham radio enthusiasts, etc.

Completed Projects:

- Cut growth and removed debris/litter from trails. -Invasive plant control (pulling/cutting).
- Trail marker replacement when necessary. -Cut/removed fallen trees.
- Cut growth around hillside sign and stone walls on Harwood Avenue/ Foster street.
- Cut grass/growth in parking area on Bumblebee lane.

In-Progress Projects: -Invasive plant control. -Sign replacement on Peter W. Tierney trail.

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Bumblebee Park

Reported by: Clayton Keller on 2021-01-20

Steward(visits): Clayton Keller (1)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Remarks:

Fortunately, the littering was not all that bad, but I must confess that, for a while at least, the COVID-19 pandemic put a damper on my enthusiasm for picking up other people's trash. Now that the transmission of the disease is better understood, I won't have this problem in 2021. Rubber gloves will suffice.

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Bumblebee Park

Reported by: Christopher Mountain on 2021-01-20

Steward(visits): Christopher Mountain (36), Erin Jade (156)

Total Visits: 192

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Public Tours: None given

Land Usage: Land usage increased dramatically this year. Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: We kept trails clear and paths accessible. Picked up trash and refuse.

Remarks: Poison Ivy continues to be an issue in the field and the property as a whole. The property saw the addition of two benches and a pollinator garden this year courtesy of the Scouts. In the spring there was an influx of painted rocks and we saw some rocks from an existing stonewall had been painted. The painted rocks certainly brought people to Bumble Bee Park (as well as other properties) though the number of painted rocks at Bumble Bee became an issue for some. Overall there was a huge increase in traffic and usage at the property this year.

Future / Needed Projects: -Sign replacement

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Cloverdale Conservation Land

Reported by: Tim Rank on 2021-01-16

Steward(visits): Timothy Rank (9)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Public Tours: Two Book Story Walks and Tree hunt

Land Usage: Very popular. Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: Built and donated a bat house, moved wood chips to level area from boardwalk to field, helped remove roots from trail before Story walk, helped cover ground for new native wildflowers plantings

In-Progress Projects: Native wildlife /pollinator area.

Future / Needed Projects: Fix Kestrel boxes

Remarks: I really enjoy being a junior land steward.

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Cloverdale Conservation Land

Reported by: Tom on 2021-01-16

Steward(visits): Tom Rank

Total Visits: 10

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Public Tours: Tree hunt and library walks

Land Usage: Very popular ! Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: Helped move wood chips to level area by boardwalk. Dug up roots in the trail. Helped with Matthew Clearing limbs , branches from a fallen tree by parking lot , helped move more logs etc to bonfire area another day

In-Progress Projects: Native flowers/pollinators

Future / Needed Projects: Continue to move wood as needed , cow path?

Remarks: I really enjoy this responsibility.

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Cloverdale Conservation Land

Reported by: Matthew Ruel on 2021-01-22

Steward(visits): Matthew Ruel (12 visits)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Public Tours:

Story Walks in August and October.

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Cloverdale Conservation Land

Reported by: Jim O'Neil on 2021-01-15

Steward(visits): Jim O'Neil (171)

Karen O'Neil (22)

Rick Findlay (30)

Total Visits: 223

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures:

N/A

Public Tours:

Story walk in August

Story walk on Halloween weekend

Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt

Land Usage: Hiking, dog walking, bird and wildlife viewing, nature study, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects:

Periodic mowing, invasive control, perimeter survey, parking lot installation completed, brush and deadfall removal, wildflowers planted, experimental wildflower garden was planted, bat and bird boxes installed, old foundation area was cleaned up and grading begun, cattle walk entrance improved, Surrey Road access trail installed.

In-Progress Projects:

New experimental wildflower garden area prepared, old foundation area continues to need improvement, invasive control.

Future / Needed Projects:

Eagle Scout boardwalk to be installed in a wet area, ongoing mowing and invasive control, possible main boardwalk extension.

Remarks:

Story walks and Tree Hunt continue to be successful. Cloverdale is a very popular area with approximately 30-50 visitors daily.

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Conant Park

Reported by: Rick Findlay on 2021-01-23

Steward(visits): Rick Findlay (10)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Waterways			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Roads		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures:

no

Public Tours:

None but tree hunt

Land Usage:

dog walkers, kids from school

In-Progress Projects:

Clean-up of fallen trees/limbs

Future / Needed Projects:

We should remove standing dead trees for safety

Remarks: Red Pine stand is slowly dying requiring clean-up

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Conant Park

Reported by: Carl Rivenburg on 2021-01-23

Steward(visits): Carl Rivenburg (26)

Total Visits: 26

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Entrance		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parking		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Trails		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Boundary Markers		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Waterways		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Roads		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Public Tours:

1

In-Progress Projects:

Remove fallen trees (large trunks), Brush mow, cut grass

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Couper Farm

(Trail not completed)

Reported by: Will Picariello on 2021-01-09

Steward(visits): Will Picariello (0)

Total Visits: 0

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates				<input type="checkbox"/>
Entrance				<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking				<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails				<input type="checkbox"/>
Boundary Markers				<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism				<input type="checkbox"/>

Remarks:

Still waiting word to establish the trails.

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George and Lucy Yapp Conservation Land

Reported by: Rick Findlay on 2021-01-23

Steward(visits): Rick Findlay (25)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures: Yes (some of the time)

Public Tours: none

Land Usage: Hikers, Dog walkers, Gardeners

Completed Projects: Mowing in and around the community Garden. Limb removal on trails

In-Progress Projects: same

Future / Needed Projects: Water bar needed near entrance to trail to control erosion below.

Remarks:

Glossy Buckthorn along trails should be flagged and removed.

Invasive inventory would be good to catch problems early. Land is generally in good shape.

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George and Lucy Yapp Conservation Land

Reported by: Tim Caligan on 2021-01-08

Steward(visits): Tim Caligan (50 +)

Total Visits: 50

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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George and Lucy Yapp Conservation Land

Reported by: Cal Yapp on 2021-01-11

Steward(visits): Cal Yapp (25)

Total Visits: 25

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Waterways		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures:

Walkers & dog walkers, (200% ? more due to Covid Pandemic)

Public Tours: 3

Land Usage: Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects:

Sometimes out, (have meet some walkers on trail ,somewhat lost)

In-Progress Projects:

Spring brush clean up, downed trees & limb removal (to reduce fire hazard),removal of invasives and new growth along walls , raking parking area, trash pick up. lawn mowing, grass seeding, brush hog mowing , clearing of trails, inspection walks, snow plowing

Future / Needed Projects:

Kiosk roof wood shingles are rotting, tin roof would last longer

Remarks:

The usual , invasives, downed limbs, clean up

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Hartwell Family Memorial Preserve

Reported by: Aaron Morse on 2021-01-13

Steward(visits): Aaron Morse (70)

Total Visits: 70

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Entrance		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parking		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures: NA

Public Tours: NA

Land Usage: Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: NA

In-Progress Projects: NA

Future / Needed Projects: NA

Remarks:

Overall Hartwell is in decent shape - there are areas that get a little mucky if there is too much rain or during the summer - the trails are clean, there is relatively little dogs poop bags/overall litter that I find. You just need to be aware of all the ticks during the warm months.

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Hartwell Family Memorial Preserve

Reported by: Dan Hurley on 2021-01-13

Steward(visits): Dan Hurley - 25

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Entrance		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parking		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Trails		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Boundary Markers		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Waterways		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Roads		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures: Not to my knowledge.

Public Tours: Unknown.

Land Usage: Hiking, Dog Walking, Biking, Snow Shoeing, Horse Riding, Hiking Challenge.

Completed Projects: Fallen tree removal, mowing, general trail clearing, brush removal.

In-Progress Projects: General trail clearing.

Future / Needed Projects:

Mowing, trail clearing, brush removal. Fallen tree removal as required.

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Hartwell Family Memorial Preserve

Reported by: Dwight Long on 2021-01-12

Steward(visits): Dwight Long (8)

Total Visits: 8

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism				<input type="checkbox"/>

Brochures: NA

Public Tours: did not see any

Land Usage: More than usual. Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: Chainsaw work on large trees with Danny. PM light work with hand saws

In-Progress Projects: walking/riding trails and keeping clear

Future / Needed Projects: Same as above

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Hartwell Family Memorial Preserve

Reported by: Keith Hevenor on 2021-01-17

Steward(visits): Keith Hevenor (8)

Total Visits: 8

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures:

Usage and traffic are generally light here, at least on weekends when I visit. Traffic is higher in nice weather, though there are signs of snowshoeing and cross country skiing after fresh snowfall.

Public Tours: 1

Land Usage: Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: No brochures or maps on site.

In-Progress Projects: I do not have power tools, but carry small hand tools when hiking and clear small brush or obstructions.

Future / Needed Projects:

None that I know of.

Remarks:

I still think we could address a couple of the soft/wet areas with either some plank sections or perhaps even well placed stones. The standing water tends to force hikers off trail and into the brush to get around, which is not ideal.

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Hartwell Family Memorial Preserve

Reported by: Juliana Miller on 2021-01-19

Steward(visits): Juliana Miller (10)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Land Usage:

Hiking, dog walking, search and rescue dog training, decorated tree hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects:

Removal of fallen tree limbs from trails

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Holly Park

Corner of Harwood Avenue and Tahattawan Road

Reported by: Daniel Parvanov on 2021-01-18

Steward(visits): Daniel Parvanov (10)

Total Visits: 10

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking				<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails				<input type="checkbox"/>
Boundary Markers				<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism			<input type="checkbox"/>	

Land Usage:

Daily by people walking

Completed Projects:

Lawn mowing

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Holly Park

Reported by: Rick Findlay on 2021-01-23

Steward(visits): Rick Findlay (6)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Entrance			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Parking			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trails			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures: none

Public Tours: None

Land Usage: Occasionally road hikers, bikers stop to rest

Completed Projects: Garden maintenance, weeding, mowing etc.
Cleared trees from ATT trail on Sprong Land

In-Progress Projects:
cleaning up wood lot

Future / Needed Projects:
provide small parking area for access to Sprong Land

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Long Lake Park

Reported by: Andrew Sammarco on 2021-01-16

Steward(visits): Andrew Sammarco (46)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures:

Yes

Public Tours:

-Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, no tours were conducted on site in 2020.

Land Usage:

Hikers, dog walkers, geocachers, K9 rescue training, bird watchers, horseback riding, hiking challenge, etc.

Completed Projects:

- Cut growth and removed debris/litter from trails.
- Invasive plant control (pulling/cutting).
- Trail marker replacement when necessary.
- Cut/removed fallen trees.
- Cut grass/growth in parking areas at the end of Harwood Avenue and Middlesex Drive.

In-Progress Projects:

- Invasive plant control.
- Trail marker/sign replacement.

Future / Needed Projects:

- Fill in the large hole in the parking area on Harwood Avenue, where it meets the street.
- Cut leaning Ash tree in the Harwood Avenue lot, as it may fall on parked vehicles.

Remarks:

- During the spring and summer months, atv tracks were regularly seen on the trails. In one instance, two atv riders were encountered, coming from the Colonial drive entrance.
- The amount of dumped bagged dog waste has steadily increased on site during the year. Additional signage may be necessary to discourage this behavior.
- In the fall, landscapers on an adjoining parcel dumped large piles of leaf waste onto the property. Signage on this side of the property to prevent dumping may be necessary.

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Long Lake Park

Reported by: Jim O'Neil on 2021-01-15

Steward(visits): Jim O'Neil (10)

Karen O'Neil (3)

Total Visits: 13

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures:

N/A during pandemic

Public Tours:

N/A during pandemic

Land Usage:

Hiking, dog walking, skiing, snowshoeing, bird and wildlife watching, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, periodic K-9 Unit Rescue & Recovery training, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects:

Routing trail maintenance, deadfall removal, open meadow mowing, installation of Eagle Scout bench.

In-Progress Projects:

Creation of Art Lazarus Nature Trail in memory of a longtime LCT member.

Future / Needed Projects:

Ongoing trail maintenance and mowing, completion of Art Lazarus Nature Trail.

Remarks:

Covid - 19 guidelines continue. All dogs must be leashed on public lands.

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Mary Shepard

Reported by: Juliana Miller on 2012-01-19

Steward(visits): Juliana Miller (4)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures:

None

Land Usage:

Hiking, dog walking, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects:

General brush clearing and removal of fallen tree limbs from trails

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Mary Shepard

Reported by: Dan Boudillion on 2021-01-25

Steward(visits): Dan Boudillion (40+)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Public Tours:

N/A

Land Usage:

Very heavy this year, constant foot traffic. Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects:

The new bench is a nice addition.

In-Progress Projects:

N/A

Future / Needed Projects:

N/A

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Mill Hill

Reported by: Bartlett Harvey on 2020-01-20

Steward(visits): Bartlett Harvey

Total Visits: 10

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Trails		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Boundary Markers		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Waterways		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Roads			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures: Maps are available

Public Tours: 3

Land Usage: Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: Painted trail markers (not by me)

In-Progress Projects:

Fallen and severely leaning trees removed from trail

Future / Needed Projects:

Remarks: Re-set picnic table

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Mill Hill

Reported by: Russ Mullen on 2021-01-25

Steward(visits): Russ Mullen (3)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Trails		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures: Dog walking, hiking, shadow boxing, geocaching

Public Tours: 3

Land Usage: no

Completed Projects: no

In-Progress Projects: eagle scout bench installed. Insect survey

Future / Needed Projects: Gate cleanup, Fire road maintenance, nuisance branches during trail walks

Remarks: Review Picnic tables

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Morrison Extension

Reported by: Jim Campbell on 2021-01-10

Steward(visits): Jim Campbell (15)

Total Visits: 15

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Entrance		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parking				<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures: Not as heavily traveled as Cobb (or Sarah Doublet).

Public Tours: 3

Land Usage: Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt.

Completed Projects: NA

In-Progress Projects: Chain sawed a pine tree that fell across trail. Used hedge trimmers to knock back the Bitter sweet and multiflora rose.

Remarks: Some kind of signage at both Nashoba road and Nagog Hill road. Replace/update the boards across the wet/marshy area near Nagog Hill road. What's there is bordering on hazardous.

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Nagog Orchard Trail

Reported by: Tim Caligan on 2021-01-08

Steward(visits): Tim Caligan (30+)

Total Visits: 30

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates				<input type="checkbox"/>
Entrance				<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking				<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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Nashoba Wetlands

Reported by: Andy Curran on 2021-01-08

Steward(visits): Andy Curran 7

Total Visits: 7

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers				<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures: Only in the map book

Public Tours: No

Land Usage: Walking and wildlife observation, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: Cleaning up branches, cutting small trees across the path, picking up litter

In-Progress Projects: See above **Future / Needed Projects:**

Ditto

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Nashoba Wetlands

Reported by: Andrew Sammarco on 2021-01-16

Steward(visits): Andrew Sammarco (10)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures: Yes

Public Tours: No public tours were conducted on site in 2020.

Land Usage: Hikers and dog walkers, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: -Cut growth and removed debris/litter from trail.

In-Progress Projects: Regular trail maintenance.

Future / Needed Projects: -Trail marker replacement.

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Newtown Hill, Williams Land and Sprong Property

Reported by: Richard Buckles on 2020-01-17

Steward(visits): Richard Buckles (34)

Total Visits: 34

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Entrance		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parking			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures:

There is a map posted at the parking lot kiosk of Newtown Hill (none at the other two properties). The map is outdated: most of the trails for Williams & Sprong have been marked on the map but they lack clarity and do not copy well, reducing the number of maps that can be available for visitors at the kiosk or online viewers.

Public Tours:

None

Land Usage:

Agricultural (Hay), Public Services (Water tower & communications tower), garden plots, marked trails (walking, horseback riding, skiing, snow sledding, forest conservation), an

expanding pond (water fowl, beavers, turtles).

Completed Projects:

As in most years, there was a continuous need for trail clearing of deadfall, storm damage, beaver takedowns, etc. The new trail into the Williams Land from Boxboro road was much improved by continuous grooming as well as the addition of a small sign identifying the entrance. A large parking area on the DOT conservation property was created for parking near the Williams' entrance. Sprong required several days of trail clearing from downed trees and aggressive invasive plant growth. A small parking area on Tahattawan Rd was cleared for Sprong parking, although it still requires additional grooming and signage. A trail from the parking area to the trail opening has also been cleared but not marked. A walkthrough of Sprong by LCT members and the stewards made some preliminary observations about a possible trail through Sprong that might connect with existing trails to the west. Some work was done on invasive plant eradication, including the continuation of the previous year's major effort on garlic mustard seed near the Newtown Hill parking area.

In-Progress Projects:

Trail grooming. Improving the trail marking in Williams. Constructing a map that brings the three properties together into a single picture. Drafting changes to the brochure for the properties.

Future / Needed Projects:

Building bridges over the three(3) small streams in Williams that degrade the trails.

Installing more permanent and effective trail marking in Williams. A color code needs to be established for those trails.

Providing signage for Sprong and Williams at their parking lots. Improving the Sprong parking area. Contacting AT&T for permission to remove the gate at the entrance to Sprong. Updating maps & brochures. Focused rock removal on several trail areas in Newtown Hill. There is a need for more yellow markers (25-50) for Newtown Hill. It may also be time to put a group together to do town property markers (only Newtown Hill has them).

Remarks:

There were no instances of campfires at the Beech clearing in Newtown Hill during this year. All encounters with visitors resulted in good reports on their experience.

The Williams property appears to be well on its way to becoming a pine forest with much new growth in the areas of the recent lumbering. I wonder if there are ways to accelerate this in the areas where logging roads were made.

The expanded area now encompassed by these three properties will continue to require a great deal of effort but will be worth it.

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Newtown Hill Conservation Land

Reported by: Rick Findlay on 2021-01-23

Steward(visits): Rick Findlay (60)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Entrance		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Boundary Markers			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Waterways			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures: sometimes, I think

Public Tours: None

Land Usage: dog walking, hiking, sledding and skiing and community gardening

Completed Projects: trails through fields mowed and in and around the garden

In-Progress Projects: rabbit proofing garden fence. Removing sumac from garden beds

Future / Needed Projects: same, as well as mowing

Remarks: We should survey the border with the farm as it enters the pond. There might be an opportunity to provide canoe/kayak access.

We should also get funding for invasive species control around the fields before the woods are taken over.

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Oak Hill

Reported by: Bill Brown on 2021-01-16

Steward(visits): Bill Brown (122)

John Zimmer (33)

Andrew Halloran (6)

Total Visits: 161

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers				<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures:

Trail description and maps are posted in two kiosks, and available to download on the LCT website.

Public Tours:

4/1/20 Bill led a 6.7 miles/1050' ascent/5:25 hrs. hike for 9 Wednesday Wanderers.

Land Usage:

Hiking, dog walking, trail bikes, XC skiing, snow-shoeing, geocache, horse riding, jogging, tree hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects:

Cleared over 30 large deadfalls from the Oak Hill trails using bow saws and chainsaws, including a 24" hemlock in February. Most work performed by Bill Brown, Dana Gray, John Zimmer, Rick Findlay; Chase Gerbig and Alex Brown also removed several deadfalls. Pam Brown helped Bill with his chainsaw work, and accompanied Bill on more than half of the visits performing brushing and clearing of trails.

Finally put up blazes (with Pam's help) on the short Orange Link to the two -spot parking area on Harvard Rd. Jim O'Neil helped to repair the sign at that parking area on 11/5.

Removed nine deadfall trees on the proposed Esker Trail with Dana Gray on 2/09.

Bill showed Amy Green the 10 unauthorized singletrack bike trails on 9/11. No significant live trees were cut to make these trails.

Fixed the kiosk door on the Harvard Rd. kiosk.

Put up ConCom sign at Harvard Line Link Trail.

Performed border measurements on Lot 16H Oak Hill Rd for proposed Esker Trail route with Jim O'Neil and Rick Findlay.

In-Progress Projects:

Brushing of trails.

Replace damaged blazes.

Get the Esker Trail ready to open.

Future / Needed Projects:

Remove the nine known deadfalls & any others that fall this Winter from the trails.

The Town needs to have survey done and IPs set in back of #15 Edwards Drive and #16H Oak Hill Rd., and re-survey the narrow corridor by #14A Oak Hill Rd. before the Esker Trail can be marked.

Remove graffiti on unmarked AT&T easement trail.

Clear out the Pothole near the main entrance.

Remarks:

Four graffiti showed up on the unmarked AT&T easement trail in July -August timeframe just off Oak Hill Road.

Abutter at #14A Oak Hill Rd (across from the main kiosk) 'disappeared' one of the IP's that Meisner Brem had placed in March. Tried unsuccessfully with Andrew Samarco's metal detector to find it on 10/4.

Downgraded 'Parking' rating one notch since the main lot is often overflowed with 20-25

vehicles parked along Oak Hill Rd. on weekends.
Bagged dog poop left on Conservation Land continues to be an issue.

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Prouty Woods

Reported by: Cammy Bean on 2021-01-17

Steward(visits): Cammy Bean (20 +)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Public Tours:

Not this year

Remarks:

Recent beaver activity noted along the Lakeshore Trail. Overall, trails are in good condition. Prouty continues to be a popular spot for dog walkers and more especially during the pandemic.

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Prouty Woods

Reported by: Andrew Sammarco on 2021-01-20

Steward(visits): Andrew Sammarco (49)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism			<input type="checkbox"/>	

Brochures: Yes

Public Tours:

No public tours were conducted on site in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Land Usage:

Hikers, dog walkers, nature photographers, runners, horseback riders, hiking challenge, individuals fishing, etc.

Completed Projects:

- Cut growth from, and widened trails.
- Removed litter/debris from trails.
- Cut/removed fallen trees from trails.
- Invasive plant control (pulling/cutting).
- Trail marker replacement when necessary.

In-Progress Projects: -Invasive plant control is ongoing.

Future / Needed Projects:

On the main loop trail, heading towards Long Lake from Wilderness Road, there is a boardwalk that is currently in need of repair.

Remarks:

NEFF report submitted on 1/19/21.

-Beginning in late May of 2020, the King Center on Wilderness Hill became the target of numerous break-ins and vandalism. These incidents lasted until late September. In addition to the damage to the building, there were also a few instances of fires being held in this area of the property during the summer months until signage was put into place.

-In the month of June, ATV tracks were spotted on a few trails.

All issues were reported to, and addressed by NEFF staff.

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Prouty Woods

and Retention Pond at Beach Drive and Lakeshore Drive

Reported by: Patrick O'Donoghue

Steward(visits): (60)

Total Visits: 60

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism			<input type="checkbox"/>	

Brochures: None

Land Usage: Hiking, recreation

Completed Projects: Trim trees, blow leaves, clean up trash

In-Progress Projects: Limbs cleared with chainsaw

Future / Needed Projects: Clear edges of retention pond

Remarks:

Would like permission to clear all overgrowth at the retention pond located at beach drive and lakeshore drive, very overgrown

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Prouty Woods

Reported by: Rick Findlay on 2021-01-23

Steward(visits): Rick Findlay (200)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures: no

Public Tours: None

Land Usage: Dog walkers, bikers, hikers

Completed Projects: misc. downed trees removed. cleaned up lake shore near bench

In-Progress Projects:

Removal of invasive Porcelain Berry from canopy near entrance and elsewhere.

Future / Needed Projects:

Installation of sign at hill top identifying mountains/hills in the distance.

Clear trees that are beginning to block the view of hills.

Check, repair or replace Art's tree signs.

Porcelain Berry removal.

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Robert and Emily Cobb Memorial Forest

Reported by: Jim Campbell on 2021-01-10

Steward(visits): Jim Campbell (20)

Total Visits: 20

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures: Cobb Forest is being heavily used. The trails are turning into compacted two way paths.

Public Tours: 2

Land Usage: Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: The kiosk at the parking lot on Nashoba road is great. No brochures, but I don't think they are needed.

In-Progress Projects:

Chain sawed a couple of trees off of the trail. Dragged occasional branch off trail. Picked up the rare liter I saw.

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Robert and Emily Cobb Memorial Forest

Reported by: Raymond O'Neil on 2021-01-22

Steward(visits): Raymond O'Neil (75)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures:

None at Pickard Lane Extension

Public Tours: N/A

Land Usage:

Used regularly by walkers, Equestrian Riders, and Oak Meadow Montesorri Teachers and Students, Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects:

Monitored 4 Vernal Pools in March/April observing wood frog egg laying activity and fairy shrimp...No mole salamander eggs observed...

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Robert and Emily Cobb Memorial Forest

Reported by: Peter Thompson on 2021-01-20

Steward(visits): Peter Thompson (50)

Total Visits: 50

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures: None

Public Tours: N/A

Land Usage: Hiking, wildlife and amphibian viewing, running, snowshoeing,

Completed Projects: Trail clean-up and brush removal.

In-Progress Projects: N/A

Future / Needed Projects:

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Sarah Doublet Forest

Ed Bell Trail

Reported by: Mary Fuhrer on 2021-01-08

Steward(visits): Jeff Fuhrer (10)

Total Visits: 10

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parking		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers				<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>

Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			
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Brochures: Very high

Public Tours: 3

Land Usage:Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: I restocked maps regularly through August

In-Progress Projects:

Mowed around the parking lot regularly during spring and summer.
Small downed trees and limbs on trails removed to the trailside.

Future / Needed Projects:

Although a path has been cut around the huge downed tree, it would be best if the sprawling limbs and huge trunk of the tree could be cleared from the main path. This would require a work crew with power tools - way too big a job for one person.

Remarks:

1. There is a large growth of invasives directly behind the split rail fence at the parking lot. It would likely take a work party with power tools to conquer this.
2. The decaying split rail fence at the parking lot might be a good project for scouts.

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Sarah Doublet Forest

Charter Way Entrance

Reported by: Sara Roth on 2021-01-17

Steward(visits): Sara Roth (35)

James Hallahan (27)

Total Visits: 62

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures: I have issued a couple hundred brochures this year. They are taken very fast.

Public Tours:

Minimal Public tours due to Pandemic. We did have an outdoor social distanced martial arts class

Land Usage:

Much more use than prior years due to pandemic. Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects:

Demolished the "zoo" buildings

Put large rocks in front of leach field to stop people from parking on it.

In-Progress Projects:

We have leveled the land where the zoo was. We just need to seed the area in the spring.

Future / Needed Projects:

Seed zoo area in spring

paint kiosk at trail entrance

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Sprong Land

Reported by: Brian Manning on 2021-01-18

Steward(visits): Brian Manning (8)

Total Visits: 8

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Entrance		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parking				<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Boundary Markers		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures:

There is a need for a comprehensive map showing the connection of the Sprong, Newtown Hill and Williams land trails

Public Tours:

None

Land Usage:

Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking.

Completed Projects:

Trail maintenance included removal of several downed trees (in December, with Richard Buckles), clearing of tall grass near the Tahattawan Road entrance (Aug) and regular clean up of deadfall.

In-Progress Projects:

Parking area at Holly Park. Burned cleared trees and deadfall in March in preparation for a parking area there.

Future / Needed Projects:

Removal of the AT&T gate at the entrance; completion of parking area at Holly Park; the trail is extremely wet and virtually impassable for many months of the year at the entrance at Tahattawan Road and would benefit from a boardwalk. Signage at the trailhead could be improved.

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Tahattawan Meadow

Reported by: Melissa Cranmer on 2021-01-19

Steward(visits): Melissa Cranmer (15)

Total Visits: 15

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates				<input type="checkbox"/>
Entrance				<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking				<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails				<input type="checkbox"/>
Boundary Markers				<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism			<input type="checkbox"/>	

Brochures: N/A

Public Tours: 3

Land Usage: Conservation bluebird trail

Completed Projects: None

In-Progress Projects: Trash cleanup, monitor blue bird nest boxes

Future / Needed Projects: Trash cleanup

Remarks: Ongoing trash pickup around the entire property.

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Two Brothers Trail

Reported by: Evelyn Sablone on 2021-01-18

Steward(visits): Evelyn Sablone (6)

Total Visits: 6

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures: N/A

Public Tours: N/A

Land Usage:

I haven't seen any walkers this year- usually I see at least a few! Trail is currently impacted by library construction. Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects:

Some litter picked up, some branches. The trail didn't seem like it was used much this year.

In-Progress Projects: N/A

Future / Needed Projects: N/A

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Whitetail Woods

Reported by: Jed Santoro on 2021-01-20

Steward(visits): Jed Santoro (20)

Delisa Laterzo (20)

Total Visits: 40

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Boundary Markers		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures: Frequent

Public Tours: 1

Land Usage: Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: None available

In-Progress Projects: Periodic cleanup/removal of large branches crossing trails or nearby trails

Future / Needed Projects: Periodic cleanup/removal of large branches crossing trails or nearby trails

Remarks:

Periodic cleanup/removal of large branches crossing trails or nearby trails

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Whitetail Woods

Reported by: Kim Raymond on 2021-01-25

Steward(visits): Kim Raymond (5) David Raymond (4)

Total Visits: 9

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Litter / Vandalism		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Brochures: None

Public Tours: N/A

Land Usage: Walking/running, Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: Clearing paths of forest debris

In-Progress Projects: None

Future / Needed Projects: None that come to mind

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Williams Land

Reported by: Rick Findlay on 2021-01-23

Steward(visits): Rick Findlay (8)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates				<input type="checkbox"/>
Entrance			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Parking			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trails			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Boundary Markers		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures: no

Public Tours: None

Land Usage: light travel by hikers and dog walkers. Some horse riding

Completed Projects: Parking area at DOT entrance. Cleaned up trail entrance and placed stepping stones.

In-Progress Projects: DOT parking should be expanded.

Future / Needed Projects:

Need to clear brush along trail by street to allow garlic mustard pulling in the Spring.

Need to build a footbridge across the drainage ditch at low point.

Need sign at trail entrance.

Trail blazing should be checked.

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Williams Land

Reported by: Mit Wanzer on 2021-01-07

Steward(visits): Mit Wanzer (0)

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates				<input type="checkbox"/>
Entrance				<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking				<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails				<input type="checkbox"/>
Boundary Markers				<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism				<input type="checkbox"/>

Brochures: None

Public Tours: N/A

Land Usage: Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects: Parking area installed on Boxboro Road.

In-Progress Projects: None

Future / Needed Projects: Trail enhancement and marking, short boardwalk to cross wet area.

Remarks: I walked the Williams property with Rick F. but did not return to plan our survey of new trails. That was a while ago. I am willing to engage here or at other properties. Thanks.

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Wildlife Habitat

Long Lake Park, Cloverdale

Reported by: Dustin Neild on 2021-01-24

Steward(visits): Dustin Neild (25)

Total Visits: 25

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Boundary Markers		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Brochures:

Wildlife Habitat maintenance

Public Tours:

1

Land Usage:

Limited this year due to Covid protocols. Hiking, snowshoeing, dog walking, Littleton Little Town Tree Hunt, hiking challenge.

Completed Projects:

NA

In-Progress Projects:

Successful season of bluebird and tree swallow nesting in nearly every available nestbox. No predation in any nest box this year. Mild/expected house sparrow nestbox completion; successfully mitigated. 5/7 available Wood duck boxes were inhabited successfully with no predation. An 8th wood duck box was out of service for 2020. Interior & exterior wifi cameras were installed in one nestbox for the first time and were very successful. Youtube video of this success is viewable here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksjKSWM3L5Y>. Kestrel boxes have still not been successful since initial deployment in 2015 (Long Lake Park) and 2018 (Cloverdale).

Future / Needed Projects:

NA

Remarks:

Routine maintenance and repair of nestboxes is ongoing. The 8th wood duck box and the Long Lake Park kestrel box need to be rehung for the 2021 season. Another duckbox requires minor repair to its mount. One bluebird/tree swallow house requires repair/replacement of its main doorway due to wear and tear. Otherwise, routine cleaning and bedding refreshing is all that is required for the 2021 season. Duck boxes will be cleared of squirrel or mice activity routinely in Feb & early March in order to keep them available for Wood ducks in the early season, as they began nesting earlier than ever before in 2020, perhaps due to an early end to the ice season.

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Various Properties

Reported by: Jim O'Neil on 2021-01-15

Steward(visits): Jim O'Neil (39)

Karen O'Neil (4)

Total Visits: 43

Conditions:

	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Signs / Gates				<input type="checkbox"/>
Entrance				<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking				<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails				<input type="checkbox"/>
Boundary Markers				<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterways				<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads				<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter / Vandalism				<input type="checkbox"/>

Completed Projects:

Installation of parking area at Williams Land, property survey at Sarah Doublet Forest, property survey at Cobb Memorial Forest, trail re-location at Smith Land, trail maintenance and deadfall removal at Bumblebee Meadows, Williams Land, Yapp, Newtown Hill, Oak Hill, & Whitetail Woods. Installation of Eagle Scout benches at Yapp, Bumblebee Park, Mary Shepherd, Nashobah Wetlands, Conant Park & Long Lake Park.

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