



Stewardship Monitoring Report

Property Information

(1) **Name of Property:** East Monitor Barn Easement

(2) **Property Ownership:**

☐ RLT ☒ Private

If privately owned, record name and address of current owner:

Name(s): Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC)

Address: 1949 East Main Street, Richmond, Vermont 05477

Contact Name & Phone #: Keegan Tierney: 802.434.3969 x141, keegan.tierney@vycc.org

(3) **Has there been a change in ownership since last report?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

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(4) **Date and Time of Inspection:** Monday 10/17/2011, 12:30pm-1:30pm

(5) **If privately owned, was owner contacted prior to visit (if yes how)?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

I contacted Keegan Tierney, VYCC Operations Manager prior to the visit via email and telephone.

(6) **Did owner (or representative) accompany the monitor?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

Keegan Tierney (VYCC Operations Manager) and Lisa Nelson (VYCC Operations Coordinator) accompanied me and RLT board member Brad Elliott.

(7) **Describe how the land is currently being used (in restricted area only). Give specific detail about agricultural and forest uses if applicable:**

The property under easement covers approximately 44 acres and is a mix of forest (white and red pine plantation, and red oak-northern hardwood forest) and old field. Solar trackers proposed for installation on the parcel last year were installed outside of the conserved area.

(8) **Monitor's best assessment of whether the terms of the conservation restrictions are being observed: (if no, explain below or on attachment)**

☒ Yes ☐ No

It appears that the terms of the conservation restrictions are being observed.

ATV activity on the main trail across the parcel, cited as a problem in 2010, appears to have decreased in 2011. In 2010 the installation of locking gates where the trail enters and exits the conserved land on the north and south (site #1 on map on page 3 of this report) was recommended as a means of controlling this problem. While gates were not installed, no sign of recent ATV activity was found.

- (9) Did you note any possible violations of the terms of the conservation restrictions?
(if Yes, explain below or on attachment) ☐ Yes ☒ No
No conditions were noted on the property that appeared to be a violation of
conservation restrictions.

(10) General Remarks:

Property Management Plan: A property management plan is still in development by the landowner. A draft was reviewed by Brad Elliott and me in September 2011. The conservation easement calls for the Richmond Land Trust and the Vermont Land Trust to sign-off on the plan before it becomes final.

Invasive Plants: Infestations of the exotic, invasive shrubs Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) and honeysuckle (*Lonicera* species) were identified on the east side of the property over the past four years and reported in previous stewardship monitoring reports (see site #2 on map on page 3 of this report). Some progress has been made in controlling these infestations, but they remain in place. This area should be surveyed more extensively and remaining barberry and honeysuckle plants removed. Follow-up monitoring should occur for 2-3 years following removal.

Survey: Survey pins/markers were re-installed at several locations during the past year.

(11) Attachments (Note how many of each - leave blank if none):

0 Photos

1 Map

 Drawings

Other

(12) Name of Stewardship Monitor: Jon Kart

Signature:



Date: 10/19/2011

Stewardship Recommendations for the East Monitor Barn Easement Lands 2011

Base map from Vermont Land Trust Monitor Barns/VFBS orthophoto map

