

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 11/12/2012, 8:00am-9:00am

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Keegan Tierney, VYCC Operations Director

(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.

(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 2012.

(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 that appear to be a violation of conservation restrictions.

(10) General Remarks:

Property Management Plan: The Operations Director reports that the land management plan for the property has been completed and that it will be forwarded to the Richmond Land Trust for review. The conservation easement calls for the Richmond Land Trust and the Vermont Land Trust to sign-off on the plan before it becomes final. A trail management plan for the property remains in development.

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 five years and reported in previous stewardship monitoring reports (see site #2 on map on page 3 of this report). Some progress was made in past years 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.

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

0 Photos

1 Map

 Drawings

Other

(12) Name of Stewardship Monitor: Jon Kart

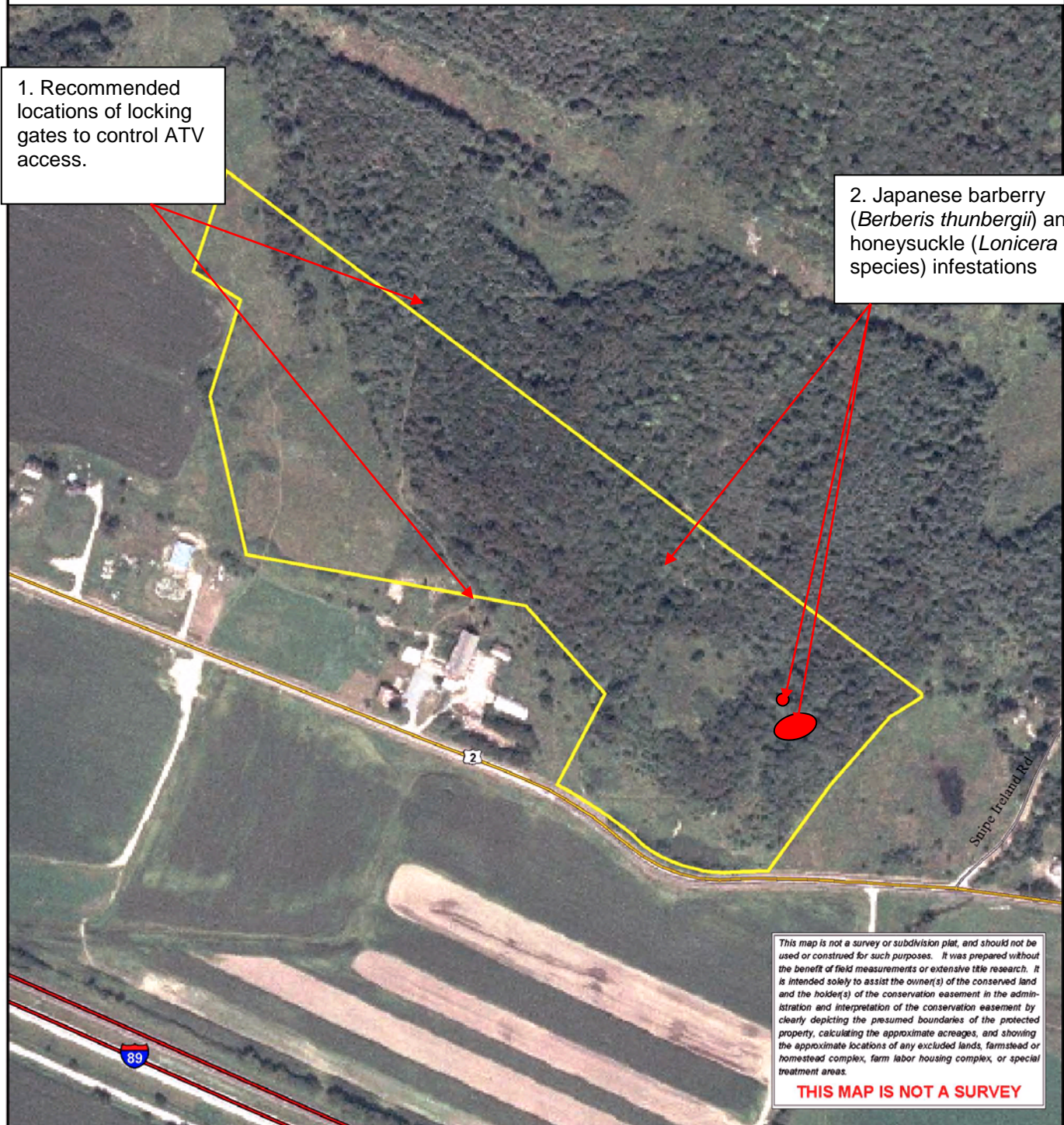
Signature:



Date: 11/28/2012

Stewardship Recommendations for the East Monitor Barn Easement Lands 2012

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



Protected Property

Scale: 1:5,000

