

MONITORING INSPECTION REPORT
WARNER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Easement Name: R.A.W. Easement

Conducted by: Susi von Oettingen (Warner Conservation Commission), Kyle Whitehead (volunteer)

Conducted on: January 18, 2020

Photos: Attached.

Section 1. Information

Current Contact:

Current Contact Address:

Tel:

Location:

Parcel/acreage: R.A.W. Easement

Section 2. Landowner Conversation:

Do you have permission to visit the property? Will the landowner join you on the visit?

The landowner did not join me on the visit.

Section 3. Property Visit

Observations that the property is being used for the following:

Agriculture – *None*

Forestry – *None*

Recreation – *None*

Has the property been altered by natural causes?

The property is in the flood zone of the Warner River, and as such is prone to periodic flooding during high water events. Beavers have also been present in the past creating small impoundments, although no activity was noted during the site visit.

Did you notice any other changes since the last easement monitoring report?

Not all of the WCC markers noted on the map were located. Monitoring conditions are not ideal on this property. The area has grown into a mixture of bottomland floodplain, accessible only during very dry periods or when the ground is frozen in winter. Other areas are now dense scrub/shrub habitat, making visibility challenging. Recommend that monitoring occur during leaf-off to get a better line of sight for the boundary and markers.

Describe wildlife observed:

Observed deer and coyote tracks. Downy woodpecker in the floodplain forest. Snow conditions were not conducive to fresh tracks. Non-native invasives present including bittersweet, multi-floral rose and Japanese barberry. Due to time of year, not able to identify herbaceous species.

Use of surrounding properties:

Note, wetlands extend into developable lots. Prior to development, wetlands should be remapped to ensure that they are correctly identified.



behind Shell Station.

Figure 1 Northern boundary marker



Figure 2 Northeastern boundary marker/stake.



Figure 3 Floodplain with marker, NW corner of easement.



Figure 4 Marker at top of bank, eastern boundary