

Example Management Plan

Property Description

Smith Lot consists of X acres on X Road, Town, State (latitude X, longitude X). The property borders the Smith Nature Preserve. Directions to the property are... A complete property description is found in the deed and there is a survey in the property file. A property map is attached.

Conservation Values

Smith Lot's primary conservation values are its undisturbed wooded nature. There is also a small riparian area in the SW portion of the property with some unique plant communities. A full inventory of the plants found on the property can be found in the property file, the attached map shows the riparian area.

Summary of Restrictions

The property was donated with the following restrictions from the donor: that the land be managed as a nature preserve, that ... See the attached deed for the specific restrictions.

Description of Potential Threats to Conservation Values

The biggest threat to the Smith Lot is encroachment by neighbors or trespassers. There is also a threat from invasive species.

Overall Management Objectives

The primary management objective is to manage the property similar to that of the adjacent nature preserve. To address the threats, the land trust needs to post signs indicating it is a land trust property along some boundaries. We also need to develop ways to direct neighbors to use the property in a responsible fashion that reduces the land trust's risks. In order to provide for safe access, the access point on the public road must be maintained.

Actions Necessary to Achieve Goals

The actions necessary to achieve the management goals for this property are encompassed by the management activity and timeline chart below.

Management Activity	Timeline (goal date, frequency, season)
Property inspection	At least once annually
Cut vegetation to maintain sight distance at road boundary	As needed, at least two times each summer
Post signs indicating this is land trust property along borders where encroachment is likely	By August 2015
Find a community partner to create and maintain a trail that can be used by neighbors	By December 2016
Meet with nature center to plan cooperative activities	Annually
Evaluate if there are feasible ways to address invasive plants, especially along nature center boundary	Evaluate options at least once a year, ideally in cooperation with the nature center
Other activities as opportunities are presented	As needed

Attachments

- Property Map, Deed