

City of Biddeford
Conservation Commission
June 16, 2022 6:00 PM City Hall
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Topic: Conservation Commission

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Consent Agenda**
 - 2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2022
- 3. Business**
 - 3.1. Financial Update
- 4. Applications Under Review**
 - 4.1. Winding Creek-Updates
 - 4.2. Hidden Hills-Site Walk? Other Updates?
- 5. Future Planning & Ongoing Monitoring**
 - 5.1. Thatcher Brook Update: Lowell (if any)
 - 5.2. Clifford Park: MCHT Easement Monitoring report (see attachment)
[2022 Clifford Park.pdf](#)
 - 5.3. Website: Heumiller Inventory
 - 5.4. Strategic Plan going forward: Goals, Timeline, Draft
 - 5.5. Analysis by Mark Ward

6. Other Business

6.1. Other Business

7. Adjourn

Maine Coast Heritage Trust
Easement Monitoring Report
2022

Easement Name: Clifford Park Expansion

Location: Biddeford, York

Current Owner(s): City of Biddeford

Address & Telephone: City of Biddeford, James Bennett, City of Biddeford, P.O. Box 586,
Biddeford, ME 04005

Date of Inspection: Friday, April 8, 2022

Method of Inspection: Ground

Monitor's Name and Title: Caitlin Gerber, Conservation Easement Steward

Brief Summary of Inspection:

I parked at the Pool Street entrance. I met with Richard there and we headed onto the trails. We walked south on the black trail and then southwest on the blue trail until we came to the yellow trail. From there we headed to the southwestern-most point before we headed northwest up the yellow trail. At the end of the yellow trail we continued on the blue trail and then onto the black trail. We headed up the pink trail and then north down the green trail back to the black. From there we headed back to the parking area.

Land Owner Contact Information

I exchanged e-mails with Bill Durkin and members of the Conservation Commission prior to my visit.

Weather: Cloudy, drizzle, upper 40s, very wet underfoot

Accompanied By: Richard Rhames

1. Conservation Easement Provisions

Structures:

No major changes observed. There were story boards along the trail. The trail medallions and signs were in good shape.

Surface Alterations:

The ground was very wet and muddy in many areas with large standing puddles and water running over and down the trails in spots. There were dog tracks, human foot prints, bike tracks, and a four wheeled vehicle previously left ruts in wet areas as well. There was significant soil compaction on much of the trail from heavy foot traffic and it had been significantly widened in areas where visitors had walked around the trail to avoid wet areas, thus expanding it. There were also a fair number of unmarked trails leading to and from the designated trails.

Vegetation Management:

No recent vegetation management observed. The patch of knotweed near the southwestern boundary appeared to be largely under control.

Waste Management:

No major changes observed. There were a few pieces of trash observed on and near the trail and

a couple of broken bottles on the pink trail but nothing major.

Other Provisions:

None.

2. Natural Changes

No major changes. No major blown down trees were observed. The pools were overflowing from a recent rain event. No egg masses observed.

3. Human Use

Human use of the Protected Property is by members of the visiting public.

4. Conservation Values

Conservation values appear to remain intact.

5. Other Information/Comments

None.

6. Recommended Follow-up, If Any

Next scheduled monitoring in 2023.

Monitor's Name and Title: Caitlin Gerber, Conservation Easement Steward

Organization: Maine Coast Heritage Trust

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Suite 201 Topsham Maine 04086 -
207-729-7366

Signature

Date

☐ Map or sketch attached

☒ Photos taken and filed with baseline data



Credit: Caitlin Gerber

Date: 4/8/2022

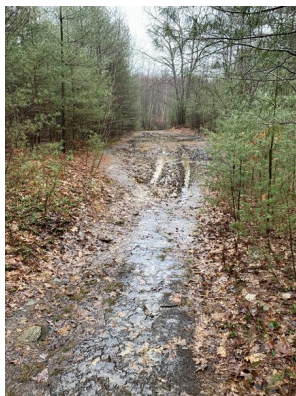
Graffiti on pink trail.



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Storyboard on trail.



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Two wheeled vehicle tracks.