

Bay State Trail Riders Association

Trails Report for 2011

We use the MA estimate for the value of non-skilled adult volunteer work of \$22.46. Some of these are organized trail work days; others are BSTRA members working on trails in their area.

April 2nd Fred Weston Memorial Park in Middleboro MA
This trail work day consisted of cleaning up fallen trees across the trails. Volunteers used chainsaws and pole saws to get the work done. 10.5 hours were put in for a value of \$235.83 plus \$29.79 paid for lunch to feed volunteers.



April 16th Park Serve Day Myles Standish State Forest in Carver MA
This trail work day targeted the trail from Federal Pond Rd. to Howland Rd. Trail work consisted of erosion control and brushing back the trail. A total of 14 hours were put in for a value of \$314.44

April 16th Park Serve Day West Hill Dam in Uxbridge MA
Volunteers cleaned out water bars, brushed back trails, picked up trash and opened up a blocked water culvert. Volunteers put in 28 hours for a value of \$628.88 plus \$53 paid for lunch to feed the volunteers.



Nov. 5th Southern New England Trunkline Trail in Bellingham MA

This trails work day focused on picking up trash that has been illegally dumped because this section is not gated to prevent this issue. DCR has promised to put in gates to prevent further dumping.

The work crew picked up construction material, trash, wood, glass and a swimming pool complete with chemicals and pool toys.

The town of Bellingham donated a dumpster and had it delivered on site for workers to use.

Volunteers put in 20 hours worth \$449.20 plus the value of the dumpster.



Nov. 6th Southern New England Trunkline Trail in Douglas MA

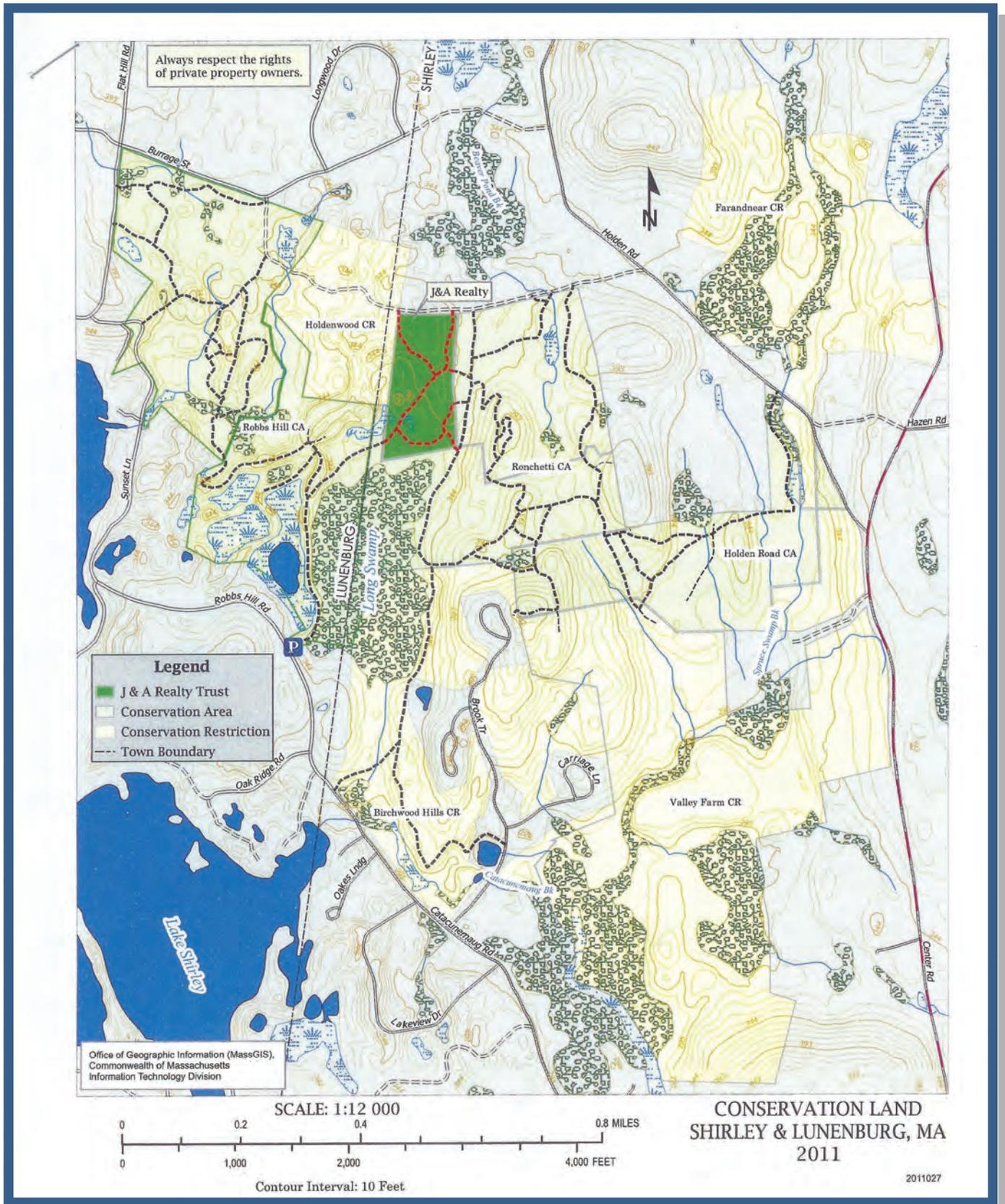
Six hours were spent clearing out a small section of the trail. The trail has been completely blocked from downed trees from the Halloween Nor-easter. The volunteer work had a value of \$134.76

Earlier this year we had received a request from Sharon Jordan, a BSTR member and a Conservation Commissioner in Lunenburg. Working with The Trustees of Reservations, they requested assistance in acquiring a 16 acre parcel of land in Shirley. The land was owned by a developer and is a key open space corridor between the two towns. The land is primarily woods and wetlands that are habitat for a diverse array of wildlife, and two historic cart roads used today as trails.

In September 2011, the land was acquired and donated to the Shirley Conservation Commission, through the generosity and hard work of many participants. That parcel is now named the Old Town Line Conservation Area.

By protecting this land, 150 acres of conservation land in Lunenburg and 520 acres in Shirley will forever be protected, connected and open to horses. To make this possible BSTR donated \$4,500.





Parcel in green is the 16 acres that we donated \$4,500 to help purchase.

March to December: Dorothy Frances Rice, Peru MA The maintenance work for these trails entailed chainsaw work, mowing, trail trimming and rerouting a trail. A total of 282.5 hours was put in for a value of \$6,344.95

Summer to December: Douglas State Forest. Trail trimming and clean up after Halloween Nor'easter storm. A total of 42.5 hours were volunteered for a value of \$954.55

April 23rd: Upton State Forest, Upton MA. Trail work day with 19 hours volunteered. This volunteer work has a value of \$426.74

September: Wilbraham MA. This work involved clearing back trails and rerouting a couple of trails. Volunteers put in 52 hours for a value of \$1,167.92

August: Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area, Mendon MA. Fields mowed for parking and trail access. \$200

Bay State Trail Riders Association has some very dedicated volunteers. Thanks to their efforts out on the trails and other members helping us to raise money to pay for land purchase-we made a huge impact this year. You should all be very proud of the work that we do.

You can certainly show this to anyone that asks; what does BSTRA do?

**We have a grand total of volunteer hours (474.5) and money into trails for
2011 in the amount of \$15,440.06**