

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation of the Canoe River in Norton MA 2006-2008

8. Reinhard Pasture Land

Now wooded, it runs from North Washington Street to the Canoe River, with a path to the left of the sign. It demonstrates the speed with which open land returns to woods if not continuously cut. There is a remnant of an old cart path running through it, and a mix of trees, including a pine grove near the river. Cleanup work was done by members of the youth-confirmation class of the Trinitarian Congregational Church. Purchased from 'Lanky' Reinhard, the town's long-time tree warden, on July 2, 1985.

July 30, 2007 Inspection by Jim Hendrickson and Joan Guerrero. The natural community here is considered to be White pine/ oak forest. It consists of Eastern white pine, White, Black, Scarlet and Northern red oaks, Atlantic white cedar, and American beech. Herbaceous plants were, Wild strawberry, Hay scented fern, Cinnamon fern, NY fern, and Royal fern. A catbird was also seen.

In 2008, a vernal pool (below left) was documented for the property containing a large number of Spotted salamander egg masses, Wood frog egg masses (below right), Caddisflies, Predacious diving beetles, Mosquitoes, Ostracods, Amphipods, Amphibious snails, Chironomid midge larvae, Mayfly, Aquatic worms and Water striders. A Spotted turtle hatchling was also observed within the pool. She was only about 7 years old. A Woodpecker and a Spring azure butterfly were also noted.

