



# Medfield Conservation Commission

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Dear Abutter of the Orchard, Niantic and Indian Hill Streets Town Conservation Land,

The Medfield Conservation Commission is actively involved with the management of all Town of Medfield Conservation Land. The Conservation Commission thanks abutters to Conservation Land for being good stewards of the land by helping to ensure that the land remains in its natural state.

This letter is a reminder that Town of Medfield Conservation Land is preserved for all the people of Medfield. The land is retained in its natural state for the preservation of wildlife and natural vegetation. It includes wetlands, ponds, streams and other water bodies and all lands in a natural, scenic, wild and open condition.

Such natural areas have important functions and values such as preservation of plant communities and wildlife habitat. They provide quality of life factors and sanctuaries for people of all ages. They are areas for passive recreation such as walking, birding, and observance of the diversity of wildlife habitat. As such it is critical that the land is maintained in its natural state. The Orchard, Niantic and Indian Hill Conservation property has a natural (animal) trail system throughout the property. These animal trails are a wonderful system to allow people to also traverse the land.

The Orchard, Niantic and Indian Hill Streets Conservation Land has recently been altered. Please note that the cutting of trees, shrubs and any type of vegetation is forbidden on Conservation Land unless it has been previously approved by the Conservation Commission after a public hearing. Structures such as board walks and bridges are also forbidden. As public land, the Orchard, Niantic and Indian Hill Conservation property should not be used by abutters as a leaf dump. These types of human activities alter the natural state of the property. Conservation Land is not an extension of an individual property owner's property bounds.

The Orchard, Niantic and Indian Hill Streets Conservation Land has recently been subjected to tree cutting, a constructed boardwalk through a sensitive wetlands environment and leaf dumping by abutter(s) on the town-owned property. The Commission will continue to monitor this property.

Please call me at 508 906-3028 with any questions or comments regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Leslee A. Willitts  
Conservation Agent

CC: Medfield Board of Selectmen  
Medfield Town Counsel  
Medfield Town Administrator  
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