

Newport Forest Friday May 12 2006

2:00 - 7:05 pm

Weather: prec. 33mm; RH 95%; S 10kmh; ovcst; LM 10C; FCF 9C

Purpose: Volunteer work

Participants: Kee, Anna-ise Logan and her friend "Izzy."

The daughter of Steve Logan and her friend wanted to do some volunteer work on the property, so I got them cutting thorns in the UM in a very light, intermittent rain. Steve and his wife Karen also dropped by. Steve and I dug the TS drain ditch about 6" deeper, then rolled the pipe in. I am supposed to buy a "sock" (filter) for it at the TSC. (pipe dia ab. 8")

Steve found the remains of a Wild Turkey in the field right next to the ER. (looked to be last fall) We went on down to the trailer for lunch in the nook, then planted two young cedars (donated by Rae Axford) on the S side of Fleming Creek, about 70m along the FCT. (cedars by a creek?)

I took Anna-ise & Izzy to the river, but it had started to rise again, thanks to a stationary low that came in yesterday and may linger well into next week. (FC is rising too.) Then the rain became heavier and we returned to the trailer. Steve left and we closed up to go to the UM and out. In the UM, Anna-ise assisted with the annual measurement of the bluff-monitoring stakes. I recorded the following distances:

TS to S1	S1 to S2	S2 to S3	S3 to S4	S4 to S5
15.00m	9.98m	10.24m	9.87m	5.19m

I will transfer these numbers to the project folder.

Izzy and Anna-ise left and I returned to the LM to inspect the cores. A recent frost had partially burned the tender, emerging upper leaves on about 5-6 trees, but the rest were unscathed. There is already a new sense of healthy growth to the core trees this spring. Even Lorne's memorial maple seems revitalized and is growing a new leader. The Black Cherries have already grown 3" of new twig. The first KC is showing bud-swell at its leaf scars. About three of the SMs planted several weeks ago have packed it in - possibly going dormant until next spring. (It happens frequently around here.)

Phenology: Wild Geraniums in bloom; VP still up