

Newport Forest

Tuesday May 16 2006

1:05 - 5:30 pm

Weather: prec. 11mm; RH 83%; ovcst/drz; calm; LM 11C; FCF 11C

Purpose: NCC visit

Participants: Kee, Heather Arnold; Wendy Frise

We discussed the terms of the easement in relation to both present practices and future owners, the TTLT in particular. Heather pointed out that even my modest application of cygon to cure the old SH would/could establish a precedent that a future owner could cite in defending broad application of pesticides and/or herbicides on the property. Although, the TTLT is unlikely to do this, I received a warning to abide closely by the terms that I myself have set.

Heather also pointed out that the NC in the US was having legal difficulties defending the easements already established there. We agreed on the following action items:

1. Arrange a lunch with the TTLT, Heather and me for the end of July.
2. Following the NCC template, frame a management plan for the TTLT.
3. Provide a definition of “nonnative” in order to clarify the meaning of this term in the easement.
4. Write a letter to the NCC explaining use of pesticide on SH as a violation of the easement. (Suggest a variance for special cases?)
5. Send an updated species list to the NCC.
6. Heather will send a management plan template.
7. Locate and relabel, as necessary, all the NCC PMP stakes.

I took Heather & Wendy on a tour of the property. In the RSF, the VBs had gotten so tall and thick, that it was impossible to follow the trail without damaging plants!

Birds: (14) American Crow (EW); American Goldfinch (LM); American Robin (FCF); Blue Jay (GF); Canada Goose (TR); Common Yellowthroat (BCF); Eastern Towhee (FCF); Field Sparrow (LM); Northern Cardinal (BCF); Northern Oriole (RL); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (GF); Tree Swallow (TR); Turkey Vulture (RSF); Wood Thrush (RSF)