



December 29, 2025

Concord Conservation Commission
41 Green Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Conservation Easement Monitoring Visits

Dear Commissioners:

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This letter serves as our annual communication regarding your City's Conservation Easement properties. As you may know, the Forest Society is a land conservation organization founded in 1901 with a dual mission of land conservation and responsible forest management. We hold conservation easements and conservation deed restrictions on over 750 properties protecting more than 130,000 acres in New Hampshire. As part of our easement stewardship program, we monitor our conservation easements annually from satellite and on the ground every few years.

As Regional Stewardship Manager and the individual who monitors your city's conservation properties, I serve as your link to the Forest Society regarding the Conservation Easements. My role is to answer any questions about the Easements you may have and work with you to ensure any plans for the properties meet the terms of their Easement.

The following are the city-owned Properties in which the Forest Society holds a Conservation Easement:

Unitil CE
West Portsmouth Street LLC CE
Gold Star Sod Farms, Inc. #1 CE
Spear CE
Richards CE

This year Spear CE and Gold Star Sod Farms, Inc. #1 CE received ground-monitoring. Unitil CE, West Portsmouth Street LLC CE, and Richards CE did not receive a ground-monitoring visit this year but were monitored via ortho-imagery. Thank you, Carl Matson and Kearsten O'Brien, for working with me to resolve the abandoned homeless camp on the Gold Star Sod Farms, Inc. #1 CE. I will reach out to you in the spring to verify that the clean-up is scheduled. It appeared that the abutter at the Cross Residence has reduced the mowing of the Richards CE; please keep me informed if the mowing activity continues. Also, please keep me informed as to how the city plans to resolve the encroachment on the Spear CE by the Holloran residence at 46 Sanborn rd.

To assist us in our easement administration and stewardship efforts, we ask that you take a moment to notify us of any management changes or plans to exercise any reserved rights permitted by the Easements. Please be sure to review your Properties' Conservation Easement before planning any new management activities.

Please feel free to contact me at bbelisle@forestsoociety.org or (603) 856-5674 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Brie Belisle
Regional Stewardship Manager
cc: Concord City Council

