

Friends of the Blue Hills

Trail Volunteer Work Report

Work date (mm/dd/yy): 5/25/16

Report date: 6/29/16

Your name: Barry Young

List Volunteers working with you:

None

Trail Name/description (one trail name only): Cosmos path

Section Name (select one from the drop down list): Neponset

Work Completed (Please be specific with location of work. Note hazards & potential hazards addressed if applicable):

Initial assessment by Trail Adopter, Barry Young. Started at parking lot and headed west. Noted a significant amount of trash within the first 50 feet and unfortunately this appears to be a chronic condition due to run off from parking area and people having no regard for Leave No Trace. A DCR trash barrel may help, but would have to be maintained. First couple hundred feet of Cosmos has spurious trails left and right leading to other non mapped trails. Performed some minor hand pruning 200 feet in up to marker 6877. This will require more hand pruning next visit, probably 30 minutes. Performed minor hand pruning on spur north of 6877, will require more next visit, approximately 15 minutes. Trail from 6877 to 6830 is fine and needs no work. Trail from 6830 to 6870 is fine, however, the spur north of this section requires some hand pruning, approximately 15 minutes. The section 6670 to 6650 past the grass field area has a 8 inch dead tree leaning near path which eventually should be dropped by chain saw. Also, there is a 30 foot dead tree leaning low over spur from 6650 to Green Street which looks like it could fall any time. Trail section 6650 to 6700 appears fine. Trail section 6700 to 6850 has significant trash where trail goes close to Royal Street. This will be picked up next visit in hopes of leaving a clean area so people do not think it is OK to throw trash there. Approximate 20 minutes time required.

Total Hours (# of people x hours worked. Use # of people x 3.5 for trail maintenance events): 1.00

Work Remaining:

See note above, approximately 1.5 hours plus walking time planned. Next planned visit mid to late July.

Other comments (areas of concern, wildlife sightings, trail markings and signage condition, need for re-route, possible encroachment):

Parts of this path are used by mountain bikers and I encountered 4 very polite bikers near marker 6670.

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