



# Greensboro Ridge Management Plan

## SUMMARY of Key Recommendations

### MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP

1. Work with the Greensboro Ridge Stewardship Committee, Hanover Conservation Commission, Velvet Rocks Homeowners' Association, Silent Brook Homeowners' Association, and Appalachian Trail Conservancy.
2. Work with the Hanover Conservation Commission to revisit the 2008 MOU regarding trail maintenance responsibility and consider revising or extinguishing it.
3. Engage the Greensboro Ridge Stewardship Committee to monitor the property regularly.

### PERMITTED/PROHIBITED USES

4. Permit all-season foot travel, scientific research, orienteering, geo-caching
5. Prohibit horseback riding, disturbance of plants and wetlands.
6. Permit mountain biking only on the Silent Brook Trail, as allowed by the conservation easement.
7. Allow deer hunting to continue; alert trail users of hunting seasons and safety precautions. Remove Wildlife Safety Zone signs. Prohibit trapping and other hunting.

### HABITAT QUALITY

8. Maintain existing openings and edge habitats by cutting invading trees such as white pine.
9. Control glossy buckthorn; monitor for invasive species and new forest pests.
10. Protect streams and wetland areas and the upland buffers around them.
11. Remove only trees that present a hazard to trail users. Protect cavity trees and mast-producing trees and shrubs, including all hardwoods 12" + DBH. Retain existing softwood forests.
12. Allow forest to recover naturally from natural disturbances, except in extreme cases where great fire hazard is created.

### RECREATION

13. Provide trailhead signage; maintain trails and provide discreet internal signage and blazing to the degree that is adequate for public safety.
14. Restore eroded areas on trails with guidance of Upper Valley Trails Alliance.
15. Consult partners and build a limited number of new trails consistent with habitat protection. Avoid locating new trails so close to vernal pools that dogs are attracted to them.
16. Use best management practices (BMPs) when trail clearing is necessary near a stream.
17. Expand information on website.
18. Construct trailhead kiosk after identifying best site and gaining permission from homeowner's association, if necessary.
19. Publish a detailed map and guide to the property.
20. Invite Valley Quest to create a quest for this property.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

21. Mark boundaries where indistinct; ensure that Simpson Development identifies southern boundary.
22. Map and photograph historic features. Document past changes in land use if possible.
23. Participate with town staff when conservation easement is monitored.