

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

for the Community Preservation Committee

Project Name: Heywood Meadow Restoration Project Number: #9-10

Date: March 20, 2023 x Interim Status Report Final Status Report*

1. **What percentage of the project has been completed?** 86%

2. **Describe work completed to date:**

To date, CPA funds have been expended to restore the stone wall and to undertake invasives species control. In 2022 and 2023, we worked with a contractor and volunteers to continue to control invasive species to open up views to the Mill Brook. The focus of this year's efforts were near the Mill Brook bridge under Heywood Street.

3. **What key project milestones have been reached?**

Completion of the stone wall reconstruction along Lexington Road. Substantial efforts towards controlling invasives along the edge habitat between the treeline and the meadow, and along Mill Brook.

4. **Expenditure Report:**

a. **What is the date your project began or will begin spending CPC funds?** November 2011

Attach a detailed Expenditure Report.

Task	Cost	CPA Funds	Other Funds
Wall Construction (2012)	\$ 79,131.25	\$ 75,000	\$ 4,131.25
Invasives Removal – FY14 – FY22	\$ 1,879	\$ 1,879	
Invasives Removal – FY23	\$ 5,400	\$ 4,000	Staff and volunteer hours (35 hours @ \$40/hour)
Invasives Removal – FY24	\$3,200		Staff and volunteer hours (80 hours @ \$40/hour)
TOTAL	\$89,610.25	\$80,879.00	

b. **In a brief narrative, account for the amount of CPC funds expended to date:**

To date, CPA funds have been expended to restore the stone wall and to undertake invasives species control. In 2022 and 2023, we worked with a contractor and volunteers to continue to control invasive species to open up views to the Mill Brook. The ecological values and views along Mill Brook from both the Walden Street and Lexington Road side continue to be enhanced by this project.

5. **Describe remaining work and projected timeline:**

The work that remains to be completed is continued invasive species control. This work is ongoing; each year, a contractor undertakes a small section of the meadow to tackle. We changed contractors in 2021 to allow a much more robust approach to effective invasives species control, aided by Natural Resources staff and volunteers. We have the opportunity to again partner with Concord native Maddie Kiszewski and Backyard Invasives for an additional effort of hand removal of invasives along the woodline on the Lexington Road side of the meadow.

6. **Describe your outreach efforts.** Regular updates at NRC meetings and Conservation Coffees.

7. **What is the expected project completion date?** December 2024

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*For Final Status Reports, please include representative Before, During and After Photographs of your project, if applicable.