

## Sawmill Swamp Trails Assessment Notes

### Sawmill Swamp 2nd Parcel Area

4/2/19 45 deg Sunny, slight breeze with no ice or snow

I started this hike at the end of the Red blazing of the first parcel of the Sawmill Swamp trails. I proceeded along a boundary stone wall adjacent to the Page Farm Development, across a stream and up a small until I intersected the primary trail (field road) of the 2nd Sawmill Swamp parcel. The primary trail is well defined, maintained and is an out and back loop on the conservation land. The first half of the trail is parallel to the Sawmill Swamp and contains several outlooks. Occasionally, there was a branch or two crossing the trail requiring removal. At the far end of the loop there is a nice overlook of the northern section of the swamp complete with a bench. The trail joins a service road for the nearby condo development for access to a well-water system and has been blazed with orange diamond-shaped blazes. This service road meanders back to the condo development with locked service gate. Prior to reaching the gate, the primary loop trail branches off to the south at a second bench and proceeds along a boundary stone wall back to the trailhead. The trail is again part of an old field road which evidently ends between two houses on Knightland Road. The primary trail branches off this field road mid-way long the return loop and reconnects at the start of the trail. The trailhead is located by a large boulder and culvert on the Page Farm service road that connects to Knightland Road. The Sawmill Swamp trail is an excellent trail with several scenic views of the swamp and wood lands.

#### 1. Trails

The primary loop trail is very scenic and well maintained...currently in good shape  
Condo service road has been blazed with orange diamonds

#### 2. Blazing

The loop trail will be Red blazed as a continuation of the blazing of the first parcel

#### 3. Trail Expansion

The established trails of the 1st and 2nd parcels of Sawmill Swamp need to be joined  
by establishing a connector trail

The terrain of both parcels lends to the establishment of branch trails

#### 4. Boundary Markers

The Atkinson Conservation land markers are needed to define the forest area where trails  
enter and leave