

## Slade Town Forest Assessment Notes

### Christa Slade Town Forest Lot

3/25/19....50 deg Sunny, slight breeze with some residual ice

A parking slot was available by the Slade Town Forest sign on Pope Road between the guard rails. There is not apparent trailhead or defined trail. I proceeded into the forest parallel to stone wall on SW (left) side looking for any sign of a trail, trail blaze or field road. Nothing was found as I proceeded to the end of the forest lot. There was several old growth pines and hardwoods. Just before I reached the Steward Farm Pond I intersected an old field road which was periodically blazed with a orange paint dot. This road ran parallel to the pond and was outside the boundary of the Slade Forest Lot. I followed the road north (right side) along the shoreline of the pond and discovered a canoe on shore and circle around a located a game camera and tree hunting stand. I backtracked along the road to the SW edge of the forest, by a well pump, to the edge of the pond again at the corner of the Settlers Edge condo. Again backtracked into the forest and returned to the trailhead start. Along the way there were several surveyors markers and ribbons. Within the forest there was no definable cut trails or field roads that could be detected. It appeared there was a trail outside the forest along the stonewall that lead to community garden plots and additional community wells.

#### 1. Trails

No definable trails off Pope Road thru the length of the forest lot that could be discovered  
A loop trail could easily be built thru the lot

#### 2. Blazing

Blazing was found on a field road parallel to the Steward Farm pond outside the forest boundary  
Blazing was a painted orange dot

#### 3. Boundary Markers

Markers are needed at the end of the forest lot before the pond shoreline is reached