

Rye Conservation Commission — Property Stewardship Issues

Issues requiring action beyond trail reconfiguration · from the 2026 trail inventory report

Property	Issue	Suggested resolution
Airfield / Whitehorse	[Legal / boundary] Parking areas at Airport Drive (and possibly eastern lot) appear to be on private land. A 10-foot right-of-way easement exists but parking location can be changed.	Hire a surveyor to resolve boundary; establish memorandum of understanding or long-term legal agreement with landowner.
	[Management] Boundary between Airfield (no hunting) and Whitehorse (hunting permitted) is not clearly marked on the ground.	Post property maps at access points; install "hunting allowed / no hunting" signs at internal boundary. Signs available from NH Fish and Game landowner relations program.
	[Management] Heavy horse use on trail sections not suited to it, particularly in wet areas; potential ecological impacts.	Restrict horse use to yellow trail and suitable sections of orange trail only; consider consistent signage.
Cedar Run / Jim Raynes	[Legal / boundary] Middle section of red trail crosses private property. Boundary corner marked with orange flagging and rebar.	Reroute trail to remain on town land (example reroutes shown in report), or establish memorandum of understanding with private landowner.
Town Forest	[Legal / boundary] Section of green trail crosses private property.	Reroute or decommission this section of trail.
	[Easement compliance] Green trail runs through area subject to conservation easement requiring land be kept "in a natural, scenic, undeveloped and open condition." Current trail use may not conform.	Reduce trail network on eastern portion of property; seek legal interpretation of easement language if needed.
	[Maintenance] Multiple bog bridges on yellow and green trails in disrepair; additional sections have erosion due to routing through wet areas.	Either repair and install additional bog bridges, or reroute / decommission those trail sections to eliminate ongoing maintenance burden.
	[Management] Leash / off-leash rules change frequently along the same trails and signage is generally ignored. Commercial dog walking at Parsons Field — permitting status unclear.	Simplify and consolidate leash policy with consistent signage throughout; clarify whether commercial dog walking has been formally permitted by Town Council.

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Seavey Acres	<p>[Easement compliance] Current trail network may not conform to conservation easement held by Rockingham County Conservation District, which requires land be kept "in a natural, scenic, undeveloped and open condition."</p>	<p>Reduce trail network on eastern portion of property; seek clarity from Rockingham County Conservation District on easement interpretation.</p>
	<p>[Maintenance] Several bog bridges on yellow and green trails in disrepair; sections routed through wet areas causing erosion.</p>	<p>Repair existing bog bridges and install additional ones, or reroute / decommission those trail sections.</p>

Legal / boundary issues (2 properties): trail sections crossing private land requiring rerouting or formal agreements. **Easement compliance** (2 properties): Seavey Acres and Town Forest both have easements that current trail use may not satisfy. Five of nine properties have no stewardship issues flagged beyond trail reconfiguration.