

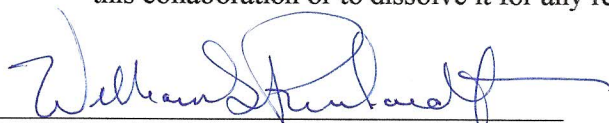
St George Footpath Collaboration

St George Conservation Commission and Georges River Land Trust

The St George Conservation Commission (SGCC), a lay advisory committee within the Town of St George, volunteers to support the Georges River Land Trust (GRLT) in the creation and maintenance of a network of recreational footpaths in the Town of St George, linking places of special interest and crossing public and private lands. This collaboration was discussed and supported by the St George Select Board on July 25, 2011, and by the GRLT's Stewardship & trails Committee on August 8, 2011.


Both the SGCC and GRLT recognize and support the following:

1. Primary footpaths will be part of the larger Georges Highland Path (GHP) network, built and maintained by GRLT. Secondary footpaths (spur trails, unassociated paths) will be assessed by the SGCC and GRLT on a case-by-case basis for inclusion in the GHP or other local trail networks.
2. All written communication with external entities (landowners, press, funders, etc.) shall be reviewed by the SGCC and approved by the GRLT.
3. The SGCC and GRLT shall jointly determine the location of the footpaths, pending landowner agreement.
4. Handshake agreements with each landowner will be held by GRLT. Initial contact with landowners shall be made by GRLT with the assistance of the SGCC based upon existing landowner relationships. If no prior relationship exists, GRLT shall make initial contact.
5. Development and maintenance of all footpaths will substantially comply with GRLT's policy document "Georges Highland Path Standards & Practices". The SGCC and GRLT both acknowledge that certain aspects of the St George footpath network may necessarily deviate from standard GHP policies, including, but not limited to, publicity of the trail system.
6. Signs, trailhead kiosks, print materials and interpretive/educational displays shall reflect the volunteer support of the SGCC to the St George portion of the GRLT footpath network.
7. Footpath construction and annual maintenance shall be a collaborative effort with specific responsibilities to be determined. (see attached)
8. Volunteers will be recruited by the SGCC and managed by GRLT for construction and future maintenance of the footpaths. Additional volunteers, if necessary, may be recruited by GRLT.
9. Funding for infrastructure (signs, trailhead kiosks, bog- and footbridges, etc.) and maintenance expenses may be provided annually in limited amounts by the SGCC and through grants obtained by GRLT or the Town of St George, if applicable. GRLT staff expenses related to this collaboration shall be the responsibility of GRLT, but may be included in funding requests related to this collaboration.
10. The SGCC and GRLT shall meet each fall to review the past year and develop a work plan and budget for the following year.
11. The initial project of this collaboration shall be the "long trail" connecting the St George Town Forest with Fort Point State Park.
12. The SGCC and GRLT will notify the other part in writing if either wishes to change aspects of this collaboration or to dissolve it for any reason.



William S Reinhardt, Select Board Chair

January 9, 2012
Date



Georges River Land Trust

1/11/12
Date

Creation and Maintenance of the St. George Footpaths

	SGCC	GRLT	Volunteers
<i>Footpaths</i>			
Scout area of potential footpath corridor	✓	✓	
Flag areas/features of interest	✓	✓	
Determine possible routes for footpath	✓	✓	
Flag route of footpath	✓	✓	
Review footpath route	✓	✓	✓
Clear footpath	✓	✓	✓
Blaze the route		✓	
Annual maintenance	✓	✓	✓
<i>Trailhead Kiosk</i>			
Determine location	✓	✓	
Seek (and secure) funding	✓	✓	
Purchase materials		✓	
Construct and install kiosk		✓	
Annual maintenance		✓	
<i>Parking Area (if necessary)</i>			
Determine size and location	✓	✓	
Determine infrastructure (bumper logs, gravel)		✓	
Seek (and secure) funding	✓	✓	
Purchase materials		✓	
Clear parking area	✓	✓	✓
Install infrastructure (bumper logs, gravel)	✓	✓	✓
Annual maintenance	✓	✓	✓
<i>Road Sign (if necessary)</i>			
Determine location	✓	✓	
Obtain landowner permission		✓	
Seek (and secure) funding	✓	✓	
Purchase materials		✓	
Construct and install sign		✓	
Annual maintenance		✓	