

## Sample NAP Stewardship Report

John and I visited Magothy Bay NAP for two hours on Thursday morning, April 4th. It was sunny, windy and about 50 degrees F.

- \* The entrance road and parking lot were in good condition - just a few of the normal ruts in the road to report.
- \* All areas are well mowed and vegetation is trimmed. We trimmed up a few vines and branches along the trail, but nothing major.
- \* The property adjacent to the south (where the peacock lives) has been cleared of brush.
- \* Looks like the old home back off the road to the west is being renovated. It is now bright red - looks like an old schoolhouse.
- \* Signs on the NAP property are all in good condition. The one federal national wildlife sign is still down.
- \* There were no other visitors while we were at the NAP and we saw no neighbors.
- \* Wildlife - We saw two young eagles when we first arrived. Also saw six black vultures flying overhead. We saw several butterflies as we hiked through the NAP possibly a Cabbage White, a Spring Azure and a Painted Lady. A lively Kingfisher came out to greet us and we spotted many Song Sparrows and Carolina Wrens. Four deer dashed through the marsh on the west side of the canal. A few flies were out, but no mosquitos yet. There was no life visible out on the marsh - very quiet there and the tide was low. Many turtles were sunning on logs in the pond.
- \* We picked up only about a bag of trash and most of that was from the marsh. Since it was low tide we were able to get to more of the marsh trash than usual.

It is really beautiful at Magothy Bay NAP with all the vegetation coming back to life. We totally enjoyed the visit and feel that the NAP is in real good condition right now. I am not attaching any pictures this time.