



Greenbelt Gazette

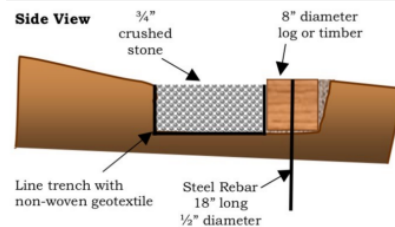
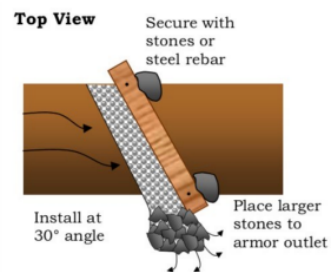
April, 2024

Multi-user Mantras

• **Winnick Woods Parking lot Closed for repairs.** The Winnick Woods Parking lot located on Sawyer Road will be closed the beginning **April 29th** so that repairs to the parking lot and trail head can be made. Please avoid the area during the closure. Any frequent user of the parking lot knows that icing conditions and erosion is due to be addressed. The parking lot will be regraded to direct stormwater to the existing swale located next to Sawyer Rd. The trail head, which can become treacherously icy, will have water bars installed to direct water off the trail. Both improvements have been recommended by the Cumberland County Soil and Water District and should be completed in 1-2 weeks, weather dependent.



Existing icing at Winnick Woods Trailhead



From: Cumberland County Soil and Water District Yardscape for a Healthy Yard – Pervious Paths

•**Gnome Village.** The Conservation Committee has approved a request from the School Department to install up to 45 gnome houses as part of a Fifth grade enrichment project. Permission has been granted for installation at Gull Crest along the trail parallel to Spurwink Ave and in the central wood on the Town Farm. Each gnome house will be mounted on a tree and include a gnome and QR code for more information. The Conservation Committee approved the project as a pilot and houses will need to be removed by December 1st. Other gnome house installations are proposed on other open spaces.

What's Happening?

•**Community Boat available May 15th** – Are you ready for another paddling season but did not get a Great Pond Boat Rack permit – or did not get a boat? The Conservation Committee will again be sponsoring the Community Boat Program, a canoe fitted out with oars and life preservers. To reserve the boat, just call 207-799-0115, during Town Hall office hours. The boat is available to borrow free of charge.

•**Chainsaw Heros still wanted.** Our trail maintenance person is working his way around the greenbelt clearing trees that have fallen on the trails. Complicated tree removals are underway by the Tree Warden. Anyone who is comfortable helping him out with fallen trees is welcome to join our honorary *Chainsaw Heros Club*. To join, please safely remove any portion of a tree that is on a greenbelt trail.



Great Pond Trail: Trail cleared of significant tree blow downs.