

# Ohio Stream Preservation, Inc. Conservation Easement Inspection Report

Investigator(s) CVE Limited

Site Preserve at Stonewater

Date of Site Visit February 5, 2013 Long: 81°15'16.27" W Lat: 41°21'04.87" N

Total Easement acreage 33.5

## Property Location:

City Auburn Township, County Geauga, OH Zip 44023

## Additional location identification / Access:

The Preserve at Stonewater subdivision is located north of Crackel Road and east of Thorpe Road. The conservation easement areas can be accessed from Sanctuary Drive and/or Golden Pond Drive.

**Land Use On Property: (check all that apply)**  Agricultural,  Commercial,  Industrial,  Residential,

Forested,  Shrub,  Herbaceous,  Open lot,  Wetlands,  Streams,  Floodplain

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**Stream(s):**  Absent,  Present: Number present \_\_\_\_\_, Approx. length: \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Substrate Type: \_\_\_\_\_, Stream Cover: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Stream quality:  Low,  Medium,  High Erosion:  Low,  Medium,  High

Flow regime(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: (forested, pollution, bank condition, invasive sp., modifications, etc.)

**Wetland(s):**  Absent,  Present: Type(s) (PFO, PEM, etc.)

Emergent (PEM) / Forested (PFO)

Comments: (forested, pollution, alterations, invasive sp., etc.)

Forested

**Vegetation:** Plant Communities (Check all that apply):  Young field,  Old field,  Shrub,

Young forest,  Second growth forest,  Older stratified forest,  Mature forest,  Snags

Threatened or endangered species present:  Yes,  No,

Invasive species observed:  Yes,  No Density of Invasive Cover:  Low,  Medium,  High

Comments / species present:

## Wildlife:

Endangered / threatened or rare species observed:  Yes,  No

Other Wildlife Observed:

**Recreation/Scenic Values:**  Trail potential,  Birding,  Community green space,

Scenic views,  Fishing

**Encroachments:**  Yes,  No, **Encroachments since last inspection:**  Yes,  No

**Encroachments On-site:**  Structures,  Damage to vegetation,  Alterations,  Dumping,

Logging,  Areas of encroachment,  Erosion,  Utility lines - Type(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**General Site Conditions:**

The conservation easement contains wetlands, ponds and upland woods. No recreational or motorized vehicle tracks were found within the conservation easement limits. The surrounding land use remains residential. Signs are present and the easement is in generally good condition. The pre-existing structures present (garage and house) near lakes in southern portion of easement remain.

**Description of Impacts: (include general observations, photographs locations/direction, addresses or subplot # for encroachments)**

Mowing continues within the easements along the ponds at 18890 Sanctuary Drive.

**Additional Information: (include any residents spoken to and brief description of conversation)**

During the 2013 site visit the property owner at 18905 Sanctuary Drive was present during the easement inspection. The resident was reminded that the conservation easement is protected in perpetuity and if he has any questions or concerns to please contact Ohio Stream Preservation.

**General Topography & Soils:** –  Flat,  Gently sloped,  Moderate,  Severe,  
Soil Series BqB, CnB, CnC, Da  Hydric,  Hydric Inclusions

**Adjacent land use:**

North border: Undeveloped (forested)/Scattered Residential

West border: Scattered Residential / Undeveloped (forested)

South border: Undeveloped (forested)/ Scattered Residential

East border: Undeveloped (forested / Open Field)/Scattered Residential



2012 Preserve at Stonewater aerial

Site Photograph(s):

