

Serps Stewardship Day Report
Upper Chrome Barrens
11/13/16

Participants:

Molly Anderson (lead)
Chris Hoess
Tracy Raymond
Bill Whittaker
Daniel DePersia
Henry Whitesel
Mike Waltz
Renee Kemmerer
Rocky Gleason
Ron Notvest
Stephen Rifici
Bob Barker

Special appearance by Chris Weaver & his tractor

Major accomplishments:

- Cleared and mowed with tractor the North East Corner of Upper Chrome:
 - Mowing and brushcutting boundaries around northeast corner
 - Removing most stumps and other woody brush
- Used Billy Goat bush hog to mow greenbriar in grassland next to parking area
- Cleared pine and cedar saplings from scraped area

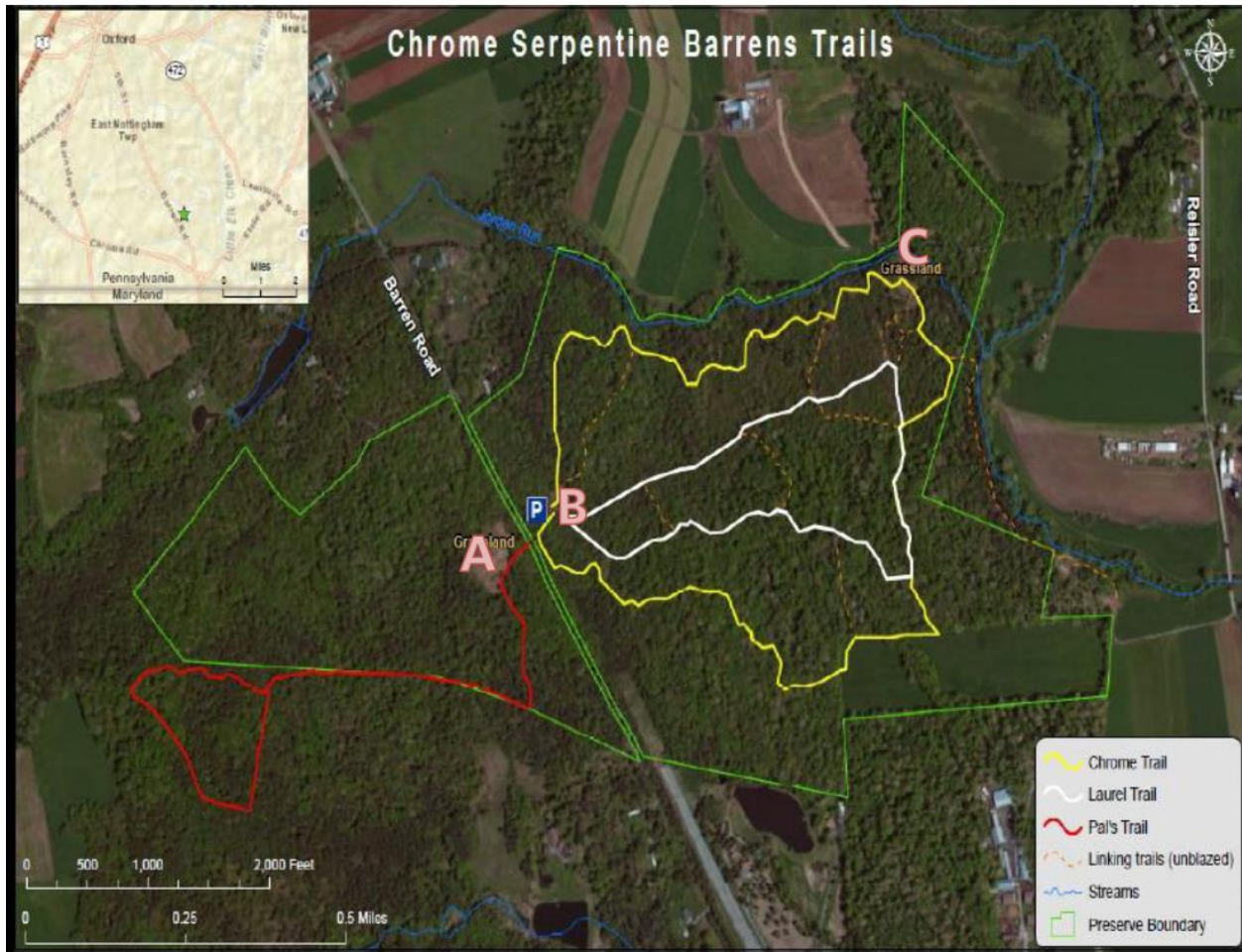
Recommendations for future workdays/mowing:

- Fell about 10 pine trees along the boundary of scraped area to remove seed source for seedlings
- Have Chris Weaver mow the perimeter of the scraped area when he heads out to mow Pal's trail
- Coordinate trail clearing for Spring 2017 with Chris Weaver and his tractor

Full report:

The group assembled at 9:00 in the upper chrome parking under sunny skies and warm, temperatures in the 60s. With such a large turnout, we were able to divide and conquer 3 target areas, per map below. In the scraped area (labeled A on the map), Molly, Daniel, Renee, Rocky, Ron, Stephen and Bob pulled just about every pine and cedar sapling. Henry also mowed a small patch of invading greenbriar in the scraped area after he mowed the greenbriar and grasses in the grassland next to the parking lot (labeled B on the map). Chris, Tracy, Bill and Mike headed out to the northeast corner grassland area with loppers, a weed whacker and chainsaw. On their way, they had to clear downed trees along the trail. This group was then joined by Chris Weaver and his tractor who mowed the area after the others cleared some brush, stumps, etc. Chris was then headed to clear the northern part of the yellow trail but his tractor suffered a

flat tire and he had to retire for the day. Some folks began leaving around 12:15 and everyone else then left the parking lot just before 1:30 to head to Henry's for the FLSLB Board meeting.



Respectfully submitted,
Molly Anderson 11/15/16