Ridgebury Elementary School
Educational Trail Final Report

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Purpose of the Educational Trail

❖ To help students appreciate the world around them
  - Ridgebury School has a vast ecosystem
  - Many opportunities for learning
    - Many different types of trees/shrubs
    - including invasive species
    - Home to numerous animals and insects

❖ Creation of educational trail
  - Place laminated signs along one of the trails
  - Additional sign(s) at pond area
    - Signs will be similar to trails in Stamford & Wilton

❖ Trail information source
  - 2003 study of Ridgebury ecosystem
  - State & University Public Extensions
Timeline of the Educational Trail

- June 2019 - Discuss plan w/Mr. Palladino
- Summer 2019 - Research educational trails
- Winter 2019 - Discuss plan w/Mr. Cronin
- COVID-19
- Spring 2020 - Create Proposal
- Summer-Fall 2020 - Graphics work
- Fall 2020 - Install Posts
- Spring 2021 - Install signs
- May 2021 - Trail Complete
2 large sign at entrance/exit
- 20 smaller signs along trail
  ➢ originally 10-12
- Along horseshoe trail closest to school (¼ mile trail)
Sign placement at pond

- 2 large signs at pond area
- Scouts carved out area
  - Phragmites cut back
    - Pond now clearly visible
Example Of Large Sign

❖ Large signs to be placed at both entrances of the trail
❖ Information to include multiple points of interest
Examples of Smaller Signs
Project Cost

❖ Posts & Mounting Hardware (Ridgefield Supply)
  ➢ Budget = $700.00 (original approved $350)
  ➢ Actual Cost = $563.30
    ● Conservation Commission

❖ Signs (Pannier Graphics)
  ➢ $3,500
    ● Ridgebury PTA & Private Donations
Total Project Hours

❖ **533 Total Hours**

❖ **Graphics - 225 hours**
  ➢ Skyler & Priscilla Prentice
  ➢ Ms. Snow, Mr Keller & Mr Cronin

❖ **Total Scout Hours - 175 hours**
  ➢ 3 Major Workdays
  ➢ 3 Smaller Workdays
Quick Trail Walk Video