**Policy 4.4 Enforcement of Easements**

**Committee Responsible**: Stewardship Committee

**Adopted**: **[DATE]**

**Amended**: **[DATE]**

**Purpose**

The Land Trust will take necessary and consistent steps to resolve all violations and defend an easement.

**Policy**

1. The Land Trust will protect the conservation purpose(s) of the conservation easement and protect the Land Trust’s legal rights and economic investment in the conservation easement and will review this periodically with the landowner.
2. The Land Trust will work to maintain the most constructive relationship possible with the landowner.
3. With landowner permission, the boundaries of the area(s) protected by a conservation restriction will be marked with the Land Trust signs. This activity will be a high priority to prevent encroachment from adjoining properties and safeguard the purposes of the conservation restrictions.
4. The Land Trust will strive to resolve issues promptly to prevent unnecessary escalation or expense. All issues will be documented as completely and thoroughly as possible. The Stewardship Chair will be responsible for ensuring that the Land Trust maintains consistent responses to similar conservation easement violations and follows a documented procedural process. The Executive Committee will assume responsibility if a violation moves to litigation.
5. This policy will be made available upon request.