# Debris Cleanup on 347 Wethersfield Street Boy Scout Community Service project

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# **Project Goal**

The goal of this project is to remove and dispose of trash and debris from a previous horse encampment within regulated wetland resource areas on a 2.5 acre parcel on Wethersfield Street west of Route 1 in Rowley, Massachusetts.

# Why is this project helpful?

This project is helpful because it is designed to minimize and eliminate impacts to the existing regulated resource areas that are littered with debris. Wetlands are crucial to protect against floods, improve our water quality, provide wildlife habitat and serve as a place for recreational activities such as site seeing. The trash and debris on this proposed conservation area are hindering these natural processes and the debris was unpermitted in the first place.

# Steps to complete this project

The first step is to gather volunteers. I will recruit them from my scout troop, family and my friend groups. I will contact them by email and text. Planning for Saturday morning April 27 as an Earth Day project

With the help of Conservation Agent Brent Baeslack, a list of all supplies and materials necessary will be developed and purchased.

All vegetation hindering the removal of debris will be cut back to provide access for the dumpster which will be delivered to the site prior to the start of the community service event.

We will have the dumpster placed in a location convenient for debris removal. This is at the farthest end of the crushed stone corridor. The selected location will be closest to the largest pieces of solid waste.

All volunteers will gather at the site and have have a safety huddle. After reviewing the clean up area, we will put all the debris into the dumpster. We then will have dumpster removed with the debris going to a appropriate disposal site.

#### Conclusion

The debris at 347 Wethersfield St. will be removed to provide a restored and functioning wetland resource area that protects against floods, improves our water quality, and serves as a place for recreational activities such as site seeing.