

MA DCR FSC Group Certification

High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) Assessment

Owner: Town of West Brookfield

Location: West Brookfield

Name of lot: Rte 9

Assessor: Douglas Hutcheson

Date: August 3, 2016

Findings

*HCVF1*      Yes              No X

Rationale: The property does not contain any populations of Rare, Threatened or Endangered (RTE) species.

Data source(s) reviewed: MassGIS Online Viewer (Oliver), NHESP layers.

*HCVF2*      Yes              No X

Rationale: The property is not significant at the global, national, regional or ecoregion scale.

Data sources(s) reviewed: US Forest Service Ecoregion map, Forest Stewardship Plan (FMP for the property).

*HCVF3*      Yes              No X

Rationale: The property contains no old growth forest, no roadless areas, and no rare, threatened or endangered ecosystem.

Date source(s) reviewed: MassGIS Online Viewer (Oliver), FMP for the property.

*HCVF4*      Yes              No X

Rationale: The property does not function as direct protection of the town's public water supply.

Data source(s) reviewed: State watershed maps, FMP for the property.

*HCVF5*      Yes              No X

Rationale: Forested area is not fundamental to meeting basic needs of local communities.

Data source(s) reviewed: MA Historical Commission archives, FMU for the property.

*HCVF6*      Yes              No X

Rationale: Forested area is not critical to local community's cultural identity.

Data source(s) reviewed: MA Historical Commission archives, FMU for the property.