

**Lee Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Site Walk at Little River Park**  
**April 25, 2023**

**Present:** Catherine Fisher, Deb Sugerman, Anne Tappan, Dawn Genes, Martin Thornton,

**Topic:** Should a new trail be established at Little River Part at the end of the Ridge Trail

Conservation members observed a proposed trail layout that would allow walkers to leave the Ridge Trail and descend to the open grass field at the back of the athletic complex. Discussion regarding the path that walkers are most likely to take and what layout will encourage the most adherence to the designated trail. It was pointed out that this is a critical ecological habitat for a variety of rare birds and that this particular habitat is diminishing. There was no consensus to move forward with establishing a new trail at this time.

There was consensus that a short section of split rail fence along the trail at the top of the hill would be a good idea to keep foot traffic off of the sparsely vegetated area so that revegetation can take place.

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