**When to Contact Us**

If your easement requires you to seek approval from MFT for an activity you have planned on your property

- If your easement requires you to notify MFT of an activity you have planned for your property (i.e. working with NRCS to plan and install a new irrigation system)

- If you are unsure whether an activity you have planned for your property is allowed by your easement (i.e. if you want to build a concrete manure pad located outside of your Farmstead Area)

- If you are planning construction or expansion of new permanent structures

- If you are planning a timber harvest

- If you are planning to sell your property

Check the MFT website later this summer for the launch of our new Stewardship Pages!

New Field Technology

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“It has been a pleasure to work with Maine Farmland Trust to ensure our farmland will remain available for farming in the future. Recently, we built a high tunnel on our land to diversify our enterprises. The process was simple and smooth. MFT is enjoyable to work with because they have the same vision for all farms in Maine, including ours.”

-Brenda and Troy White, Lil’ Bit Organic Farm

Stewardship Report MFT took on 30 new conservation easements in 2017, bringing us to a total of 194 conservation properties that we steward across Maine • Last year, Stewards monitored ~28,000 acres of conservation land• Of that 28,000 acres, we monitored 27 of those properties via airplane • Lyndsey and April traveled to 86 of Maine’s 432 towns and passed through many more! • We logged at least 7 bee stings and eventually stopped keeping track of ticks.

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Stewardship Territories: As we continue to protect more farms across the state, our stewardship staff must also grow to keep up with our annual monitoring responsibilities and respond to your inquiries and requests throughout the year. In 2017, April Costa joined us to work with landowners in southern and western Maine. This year, April’s territory expanded to include all of Somerset and Kennebec Counties—as you can see on the map (right). If your property is located in the eastern portion of these counties, you can anticipate hearing from April this year instead of Lyndsey.

We are also pleased to have Caitlin Hopkins joining us for the 2018 field season. Caitlin has been working with MFT as a Lands & Stewardship Project Assistant for the past year and will be monitoring new easements in southern Maine.

New Field Technology: If you’re wondering why we are using our smartphones during a monitoring visit, look no further! Rather than carry a handheld GPS unit and camera, this year we will be using apps to collect GPS data, take photographs, locate property boundaries, track where we are walking, and record notes. If you have questions about this or would like to see your property boundary on our phone, don’t hesitate to ask us about it!

We look forward to seeing each of you this season! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your Steward at any time.