



# Mount Agamenticus Conservation Program

## 2019 Stewardship Report

The 2019 field season was filled with infrastructure improvements, positive habitat management and an overwhelming amount of volunteer help. Special thanks to the Conservation Crew, Trail Adopters and Volunteers that made the 2019 season productive, enjoyable and memorable. The 2019 Mt A Team is pictured below from left to right: Caroline Beaton on Polesaw (Con Crew), David Tibbetts on Chainsaw (Con Crew), Darin Radatz on Rockbar (Trails, Grounds and Facilities Supervisor), Naomi Densmore on McLeod (Outreach Specialist). Not pictured are Robin Kerr (Conservation Coordinator) and Brett Powers (Summit Maintenance). Listed below is a collection of stats and photos demonstrating the work accomplishments from the 2019 season.

PROJECT	QUANTITY
Repaired and Resurfaced 9 Bridges on Multi-Use Trails	349 Feet
Completely Rebuilt 2 New Bridges on Multi-Use Trails	20 Feet
Completely Rebuilt Lodge Deck Staircase and Replaced Joist Hangers on Deck	15 Step Staircase with handrails and landing
Replaced Wooden Rotting Trailhead & Environmental Education Signs with New Homemade Signs	12 New Signs Made
Early Successional Forest Habitat Management	4.8 Acres Cut and Chipped
Sensitive Habitat Areas Surveyed and Actively Managed Against Invasive Plant Species	75 Acres
Amount of People Interviewed for Visitor Use Surveys	Over 1400 People
<b>COMMUNITY WORK DAYS (CWD)</b>	
Community Work Days Organized	9 CWDs
Community Work Day Volunteers	113 Volunteers
Community Work Day Hours	324 Hours
<b>VOLUNTEER WORK GROUPS</b>	
Volunteers Work Groups Hosted	14 Work Groups
Volunteer Work Group Volunteers	81 Volunteers
Volunteer Work Group Hours	392 Hours
<b>TRAIL ADOPTERS</b>	
Trail Adopter Volunteers	28 Volunteers
Trail Adopter Visits to Trails	82 Visits
Trail Adopter Volunteer Hours	174 Hours
<b>VOLUNTEER TOTALS</b>	
222 Volunteers	890 Hours



*Below:* This muddy section of trail was remedied by building a turnpike structure out of natural materials found in the area: Hemlock Trees, Rocks and Mineral Soil. A turnpike is a way to get the water off of the trail by raising the trail tread up and stabilizing the surface.



*Below:* A favorite volunteer project involved dismantling and rebuilding 2 separate trail bridges along the Chestnut Oak Trail. Rotting boards were hauled away and a completely new bridge was built all in a day's work.



**Big Thanks** to all of our volunteers that helped out this year. We hosted 9 Community Work Days, 14 Volunteer Groups and 28 Trail Adopters. Volunteer Groups came from all over including USS California, Liberty Mutual, York High School, Central Michigan University and Friends Forever International. Community Work Days are open to the public and hosted on a monthly basis with a focus on hands-on learning while volunteering. Volunteer Projects included: Early Successional Forest Habitat on Summit, Tool Maintenance, Trash Cleanups, Turnpike Trail Structure Build, Basic Trail Maintenance Workshop, Rebuilding Boardwalks on Trails, Invasive Plant Species Management and Assisting with the Trail Challenge Race. Without this abundance of help we would not be able to manage the Mount Agamenticus Conservation Region's over 4400 acres of land & +40 miles of trails.

