

Conservation Commission Statement on Work at the SVT Memorial Forest

The Sudbury Conservation Commission office has received a number of inquiries regarding the tree removal work being done by Sudbury Valley Trustees at the Memorial Forest adjacent to the Sudbury Hop Brook Conservation land. The work is being accomplished by SVT under a state Forest Cutting Practices Act plan approval which makes it exempt from local wetland permitting. This project proposes to convert an existing white pine and oak forest to a pitch pine and scrub oak habitat for the benefit of several uncommon species. At a July 20, 2015 public meeting, the Commission expressed concerns with the project specifically with the lack of studies of the impact of the project on non- state listed species, impacts to the riparian corridor along Hop Brook and Cranberry Brook, and the likely regeneration of invasive plant species.

We suggest you direct specific questions or concerns directly to SVT.