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To the South Hadley Community,

The South Hadley Conservation Commission states its support for the use of Town-owned Conservation Areas as safe spaces for all people. The Commission wishes to ensure that everyone have access to clean, safe, and inspiring outdoor spaces.

South Hadley is uniquely positioned along the Connecticut River and the Holyoke Mountain Range offering extraordinary opportunities to connect people to nature. It is important that everyone feels welcome while pursuing their personal connection to nature in accessing Conservation areas. Everyone has the right to enjoy respect for their civil liberties and a sense of safety and security.

South Hadley's Conservation Areas provide the opportunity for activities that can bring people together despite racial and cultural differences. We welcome all regardless of race, gender, identity, skin color, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, political affiliation, ability level, and experience. We do not tolerate behavior that disrespects or threatens the rights and safety of others, whether through verbal, physical or other inappropriate behaviors. Further, we commit to actively working to increase the diversity of people using and managing our Conservation properties.

Take good care of each other,

*The South Hadley Conservation Commission*

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