Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: KURT KARWACKY

Address: WOODLOT ALTERNATIVES
122 MAIN ST., NO. 3 TOPSHAM, ME 04086

Phone: (H) 207-729-4199 (W)

Species observed:
WOOD TURTLE (CLEMMYS INSCULPTA)

Date and Time of observation:
9 SEPT 99 0900

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: PITTSFIELD County BERKSHIRE USGS Map: PITTSFIELD WEST, MA-NY

b) Please attach a photo copy of the appropriate section of a USGS topographic map (or similar map if a USGS map is unavailable). Please carefully mark the site in red where you observed this rare species.

c) Please explain how to get to this spot:
FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE EAST AND WEST BRANCHES OF THE HOUSATONIC RIVER, HEAD 100m UPSTREAM ON THE WEST BRANCH.

2. Number of individuals observed: 1 (ONE)

3. Was a positive ID possible? YES Based on what field marks?
SHAPE OF CARAPACE, COLOR, TAIL SHAPE

Were photographs taken? NO
If yes, please submit one clear photograph of the animal.

4. Age and sex of individuals: ADULT MALE

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: N/A

(OVER)

6. Have you observed this species at this site in previous years? NO

If yes, please give details: _____

7. Description of habitat at this site: MUDDY BANK

8. Observed or potential threats to the species or its habitat at this site:

N/A

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: ADJACENT TO FRED GARNER PARK - TOWN OF PITTSFIELD

10. Additional observations/comments: GROWTH / ABBORMALITY ON RIGHT SIDE OF CARAPICE AND PLASTRON

11. Qualifications of observer (check all that apply):

____ Amateur naturalist. Years of experience: ____
____ Conservation Commission member
____ Biology/science teacher
X Environmental Consultant
X Degree in Biology: MA Bachelor's ____ Master's ____ Ph. D.
____ Other. Please specify: _____

12. Briefly explain your previous field experience with this species:

PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED IN FIELD [redacted] BY BOTH OBSERVERS

13. List names and qualifications of other observers (if any):

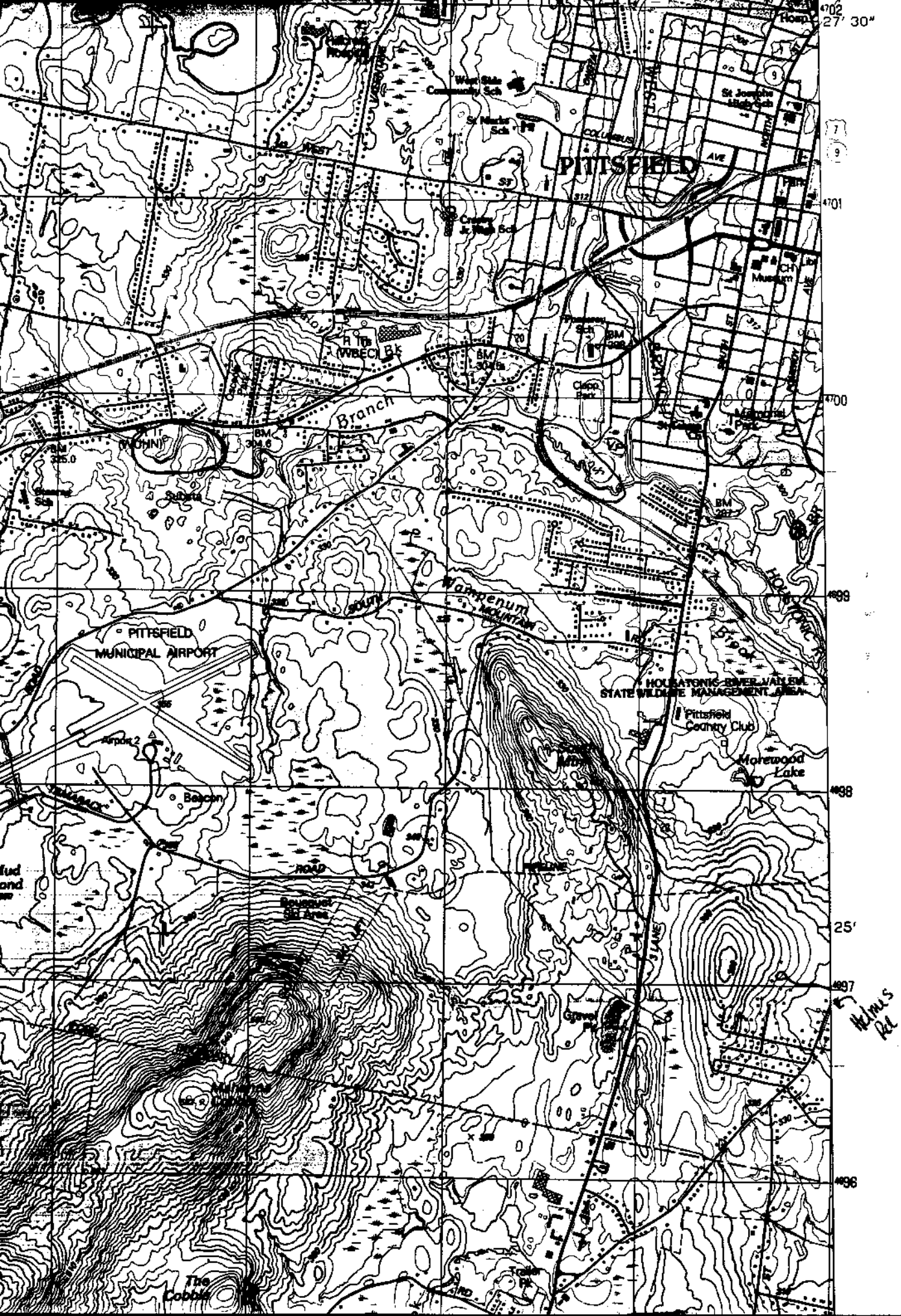
ARTHUR HAINES - BIOLOGIST/BOTANIST WOODLOT ALTERNATIVES

14. I hereby certify under pains and penalties of perjury that the information contained in this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date: 15 SEPT 99

Please submit field forms and all supporting documentation (map, photo, etc.) to:

MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Route 135
Westboro, MA 01581
508-792-7270 ext. 200



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4702
Hosp
West Side Community Sch
St Marks Sch
St Josephs High Sch
COLUMBUS
AVE
PITTSFIELD
WEST
ST
312
4701
Crosby Jr High Sch
Museum
Pleasant Sch
BM
Clapp Park
Branch
4700
Memorial Park
BM 325.0
BM 304.6
Subata
BM
Wampenum
MOUNTAIN
SOUTH
4699
PITTSFIELD
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
HOUSATONIC RIVER VALLEY
STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Pittsfield Country Club
Airport 2
Morewood Lake
4698
Beacon
ROAD
PIPELINE
Bousquet Ski Area
25'
4697
Gravel Pk
Helmus Rd
4696
The Cobble
Trailer Pk