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EDWARD SCHONGALLA NATURE PRESERVE

Location:	both sides of MacArthur Dr.
Directions from Central Greenwich :	U.S. 1 heading towards Stamford, in Riverside turn left onto No. Sound Beach Ave. (runs in front of Caldor's) Go ½ mile turn right onto Sunshine Ave. follow road to stop sign, turn left onto Florence Rd. proceed straight ahead until you reach MacArthur Dr. on right Parking on both sides of Street
Size:	27.7 acres
Hr. of Operation:	Dawn to Dusk
Parking:	both sides of MacArthur Dr. between Florence Rd. and Halsey Dr.

Facilities:

1 wooden entrance Sign (10' by 3')
1 blue garbage can
1 Map of Park w/ numbered markings of different trees (3')high
1 circular path
8 Boulders (2' x 3') near entrance

Suggestions from Park Action Committee:

1. Park is a natural Park meant for passive enjoyment:
   Yearly removal of Poison Ivy from trails, also check and remove damaged tree limbs that overhang trails so as to prevent injury to walkers.

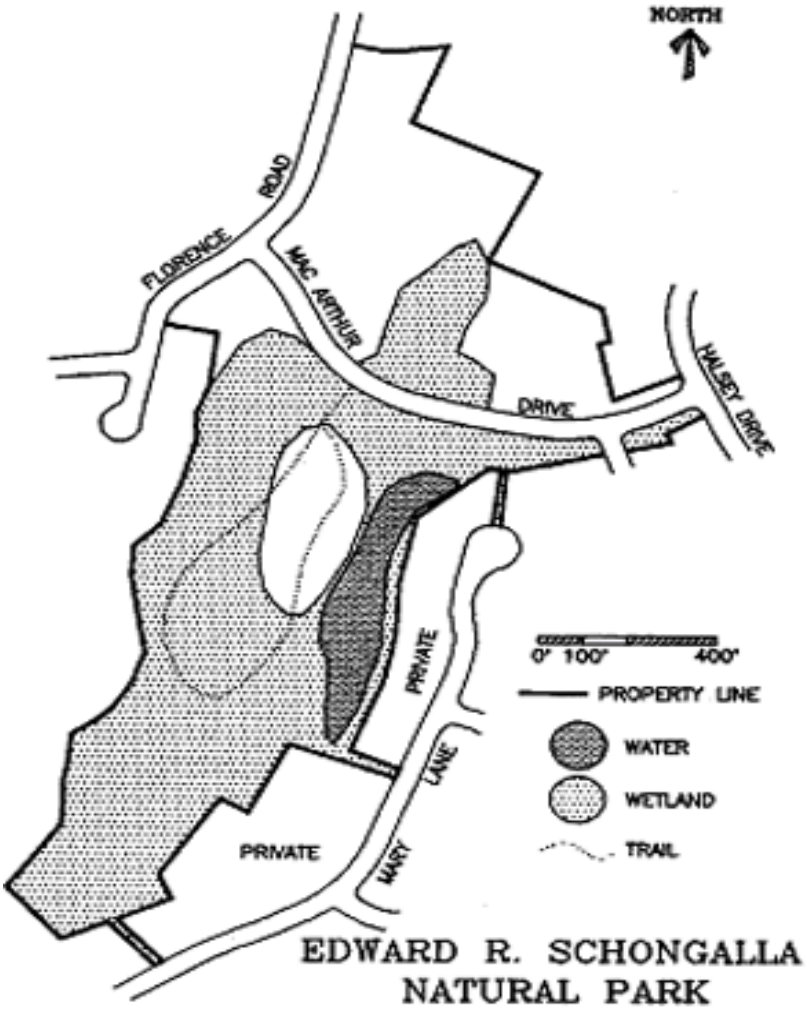
2. Survey Park boundaries to prevent encroachment by neighbor's to park as they enlarge their yard's -Ex.- Home owner Adjacent to park that had to be enjoined to remove structure and plantings which he had added to park as part of his property.

Edward R. Schongalla Natural Park (27.7 acres)

Located on both sides of MacArthur Drive, east of Florence Road, lies the Edward R. Schongalla Natural Park. Parking is available on both sides of MacArthur Drive between Florence Road and Halsey Drive.

The area contains a mature, second growth. mixed deciduous forest composed primarily of black oak. American beech, red maple, black cherry, white ash and an understory of a variety of saplings, ivy, grapevines and shrubs. The topography is uneven, with large rock outcroppings and a small lake along the eastern boundary. One massive overhanging rock and the cave beneath have been known locally for over a hundred years as Wolf Cave or Indian Cave. Archeological studies confirm that it is a rock shelter, once used by native Americans. About half of the property is wetlands, and forms an important part of the headwaters of Cider Mill Brook.

In September, 1989, this land was formally designated by the Representative Town Meeting as a Natural Park. It was named by the Board of Selectmen in April. 1990. in honor of the late Edward R. Schongalla. a much-loved science teacher, Scout leader, outdoorsman and nearby resident.

For many young people of the area, this property has served as an introduction to Connecticut woods, wetlands, plants and wildlife with easy trails in a peaceful, natural setting.

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