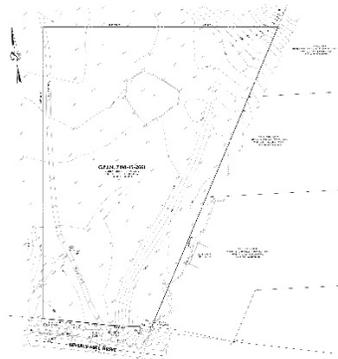


greet visitors and supervise parking area and trailhead from one vantage point. The current layout of the property has the main trailhead a half mile from the property entrance with the ranger station located near the parking, but out of sight of the trailhead and the property entrance.



BRMNAP FRONTAGE AREA: the property corner is a half mile from the trail head.



The four-acre area is almost entirely covered by pines that were probably planted right after the construction of interstate 66. It was a heavily disturbed area during the I66 construction process, when it served as an equipment staging area. The corner also contains the vestiges of one branch of Mountain Road that intersected with the former alignment of Route 55. That branch was abandoned decades ago, but it is still very visible on the ground and was used as an alternate trail head until the recent re-route away from the track crossing on this side of the preserve.

There are some challenges to the development of the four acres. It has poor soils and the area also may lack sufficient site distance along Beverley Mill Drive for VDOT to issue an entrance permit. These are issues we hope to address with DCR and VDOT. Once staff has completed preliminary investigations re: cost and feasibility it will be able to make recommendations to the Board regarding the merits of pursuing an entrance visitor area and/or VOF headquarters.

HOUSE MOUNTAIN RESERVE **876 acres in Rockbridge County**

The trial date is currently set for July 20-21st in Rockbridge County.

Amanda Scheps
Owned Lands Manager