

## **STATION 24 Ditched Wetland and Uprooted Tree**

The ditch near the marker is one of several in this wetland area dug by farmers to lower the water table and provide access for farming. Organic-rich wetlands were common sources of hay for cattle in many parts of New England. Ditched wetlands can be found in several areas in Northborough. At least three bridges made of large flat stones provided access for draft animals pulling hay wagons. A large felled white pine nearby was uprooted during Hurricane Irene in August 2011. A soil mound at the root base will persist after the tree roots totally decay, which may take decades.