

# Neponset River Greenway- Blue Hill Avenue to Central Avenue



NEPONSET RIVER GREENWAY  
BLUE HILL AVENUE to CENTRAL AVENUE

CONTEXT PLAN  
Scale 1" = 100'  
0 100 200 400

## DCR Public Meeting

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 7:00pm to 8:30pm  
The Foley Senior Residence, 249 River Street, Mattapan



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor

**Charles D. Baker**

Lieutenant Governor

**Karyn E. Polito**

Energy and Environmental Secretary

**Matthew A. Beaton**

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

**John P. Murray**



# DCR Mission Statement

*To protect, promote and enhance our common  
wealth of natural, cultural and recreational  
resources for the well being of all*



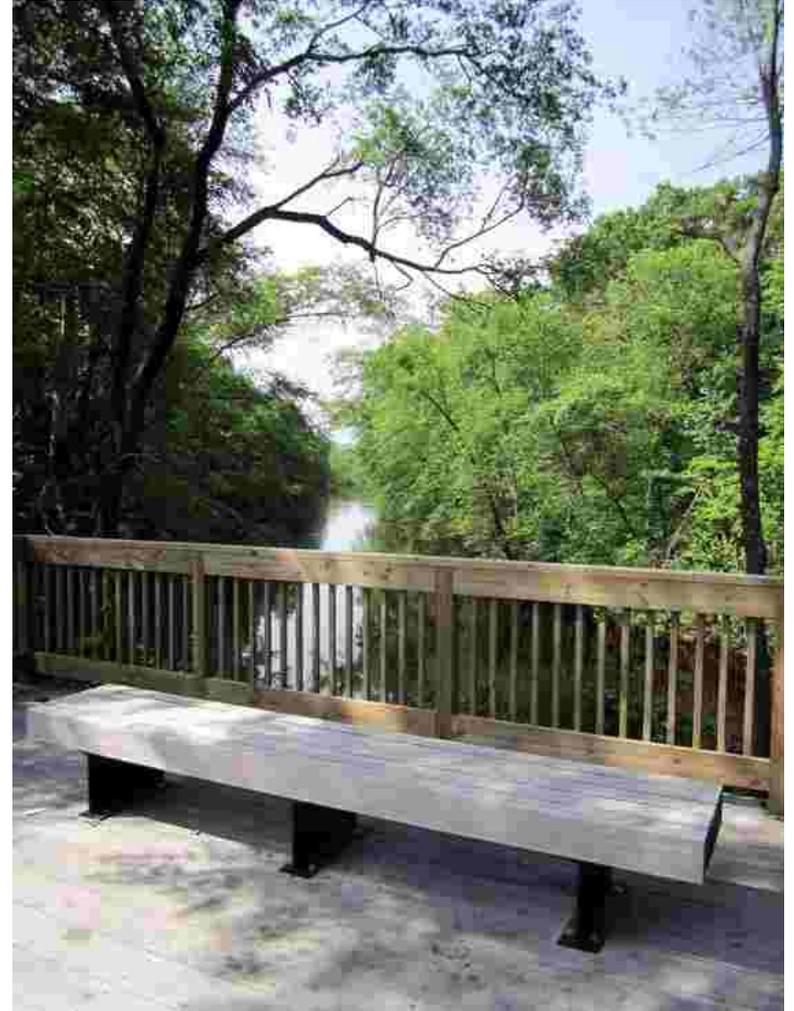
# Tonight's Meeting - Purpose

- “ Present the plans for construction of the Neponset River Greenway Blue Hill Avenue to Central Avenue
- “ Review the construction schedule for the course of the project
- “ Answer questions regarding trail construction process
- “ Introduce the team and provide avenues for residents to receive further updates on construction activities

# The DCR Neponset River Greenway Corridor Completion Project



# Existing Neponset River Esplanade





# What We're Building

- “ A formalized, continuous path along the Neponset River
- “ Integrated boardwalks and overlooks, a river crossing, a canopy walk, and two entrance plazas
- “ Multiple community access points along the trail
- “ Universal access along the Neponset River
- “ New fencing and planting for security and beautification of the trail network
- “ Formalized trail signage for wayfinding

# Consultant Design Team



Crosby Schlessinger Smallridge, LLC – Landscape Architects

Deneen Crosby – Principal-in-Charge/Project Manager



AECOM – Structural Engineers

Richard Devanna – Project Engineer



BSC Group – Civil Engineers

Peter Reed – Project Engineer



Epsilon – Permitting

Mike Howard – Project Manager



Nitsch Engineering – Surveyors

Paul LeBaron – Project Surveyor





# Public Process

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

Neponset Open House  
Mar 8, 2006

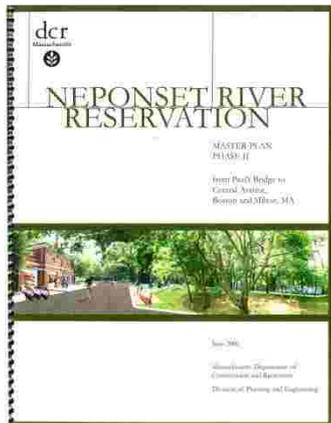
Master Plan Complete  
2006



Martini Shell Park & Nep. Esplanade  
Park Construction Complete  
Fall 2010

Public Meeting  
May 17, 2010

Public Meeting  
April 26, 2006



Martini Shell Park & Nep. Esplanade  
Park Construction Begins  
Spring 2009

Site Walks  
Summer 2010





# Public Process

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

Public Meeting for Project Update/Potential Design Opportunities  
*November 17, 2011*

TIGER III Grant Application  
*Oct 30, 2011*

Public Meeting  
*Aug 30, 2011*

MEPA and NEPA Permitting  
*Sept 2011*



Public Meeting Design Update  
*2012*

Milton & Boston Conservation Commissions  
*Spring 2012*



Neponset Trail Package Complete for Construction  
*Sept 2014*

Neponset Trail Extension Construction Begins  
*Aug 2014*

Neighborhood Const Schedule Public Mtg  
*Oct 2014*

Boston Conservation Commissions  
*Feb 2014*

Neponset Trail Construction Begins  
*April 2015*



Neponset Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony  
*Dec 2014*

# Project Scope

- “ This project consists of construction of a +/- 1.3 mile multi-use recreational trail along the Neponset River extending from Blue Hill Avenue, Boston to Central Avenue, Milton
- “ The project will link two previously-completed segments of the Neponset River Greenway, providing pedestrian and bicyclists with a scenic, safe pathway from Neponset Valley Parkway in Hyde Park to Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester
- “ Work includes the installation of a multi-use trail, a boardwalk at Mattapan Station, a canopy walk over the railroad, a river bridge, furnishings, plantings, fencing, drainage improvements and signage

# Key Elements

**Connection at Central Avenue to Completed Trail**  
**Trail and River Bridge**  
**Canopy Walk**  
**Boardwalk at Mattapan Square Station**



# Central Avenue Crossing



# Trail and River Bridge



# Canopy Walk



# Boardwalk at Mattapan Square Station



# Construction Contractors



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# Construction Timetable

MAY

JUL

SEP

NOV

JAN

MAR

MAY

JUL

SEP

**SITE PREPARATION**

**TRAIL CONSTRUCTION**

**SITE RESTORATION**

**MARCH, 2015  
CONSTRUCTION  
BEGINS**

APR

JUN

AUG

OCT

DEC

FEB

APR

JUN

AUG

OCT

**NOVEMBER, 2016  
CONSTRUCTION  
EXPECTED TO BE  
COMPLETED**















