MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

WATERTOWN-CAMBRIDGE GREENWAY PROJECT

DCR Public Meeting – 25% Design

Monday, November 30, 2015
The Atrium School
69 Grove St, Watertown, MA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Department of Conservation and Recreation Acting Commissioner

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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 public with an update on the design process (25% design stage)
- To obtain public input.

Watertown - Cambridge Greenway Vision

- Creation of a multi-use greenway, using the former B&M railroad right-of-way extending from Concord Avenue in Cambridge, through the Fresh Pond Reservation, under Huron Avenue and Mount Auburn Street and into Watertown.
- Completion of an important regional connection linking the Charles River path system, the Minuteman Bikeway, the Alewife Greenway and the Mystic River Reservation into an interconnected off-road pathway network.

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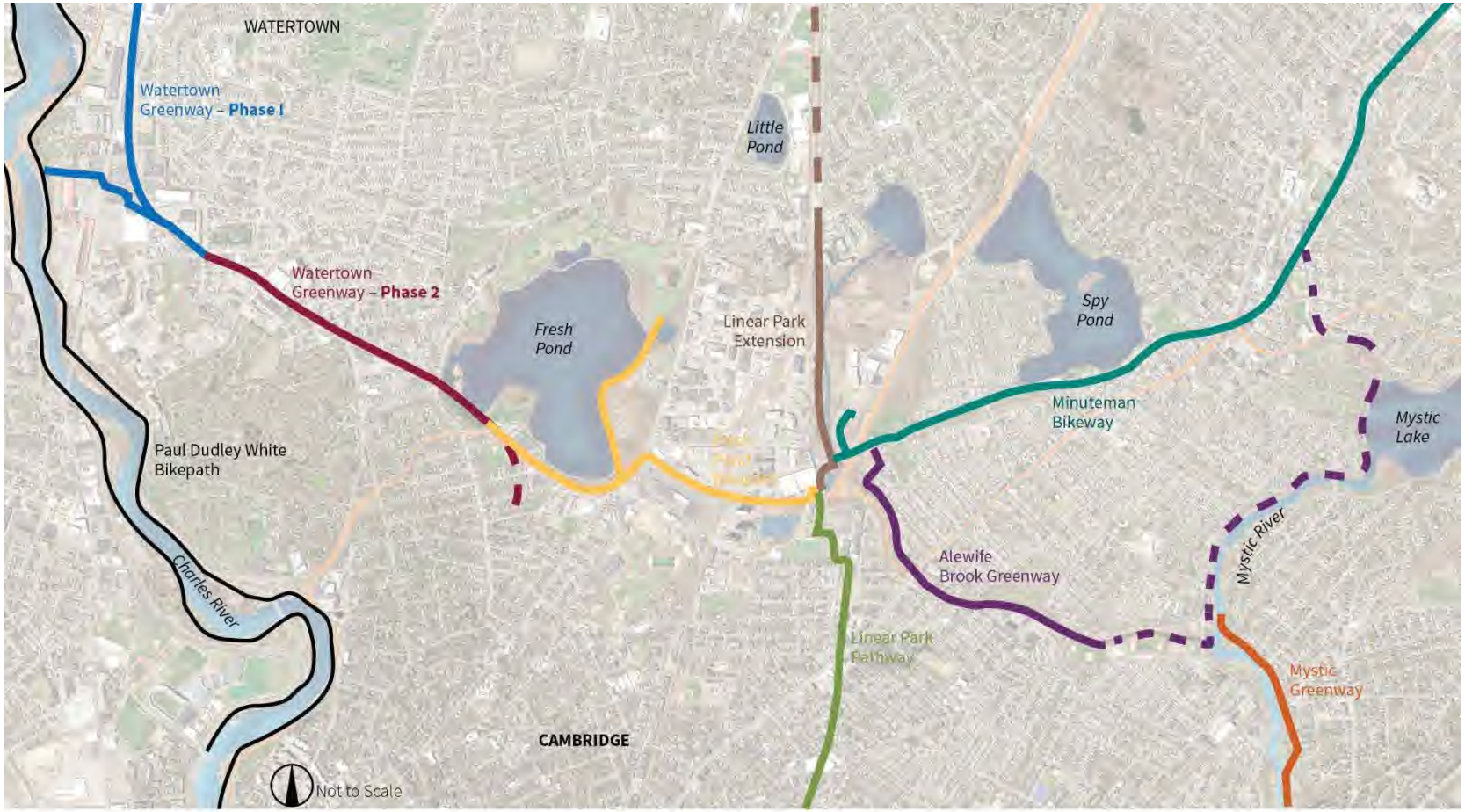
Regional Bicycle Map



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Segment 2

- DCR and the City of Cambridge acquired the land for Segment 2 in May 2013.

Design Team

VHB – Greenway Survey & Design

CRJA – Landscape Design & Planting

BR+A – Mt Auburn St Tunnel Lighting

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Arlington Street

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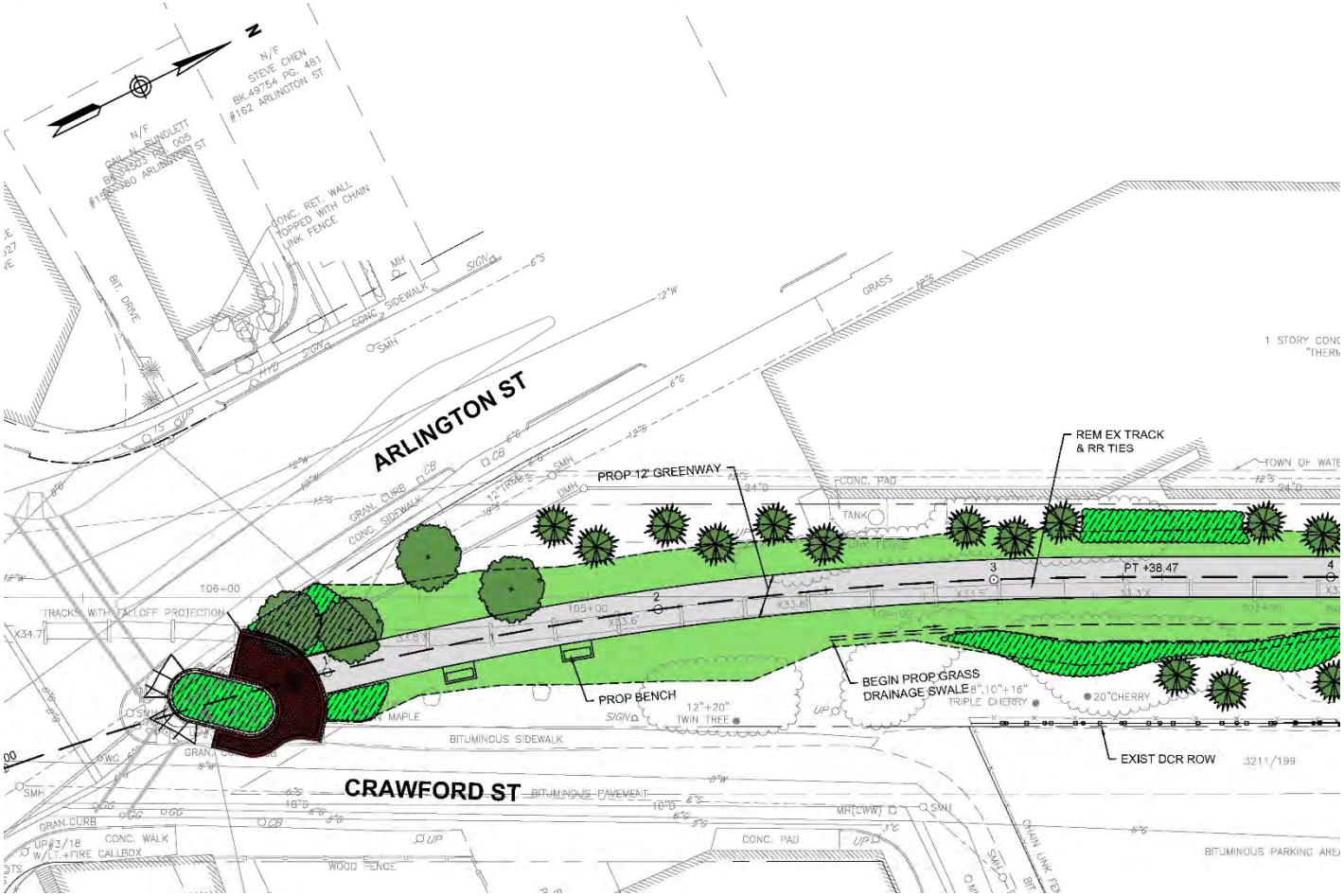

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Cottage Street

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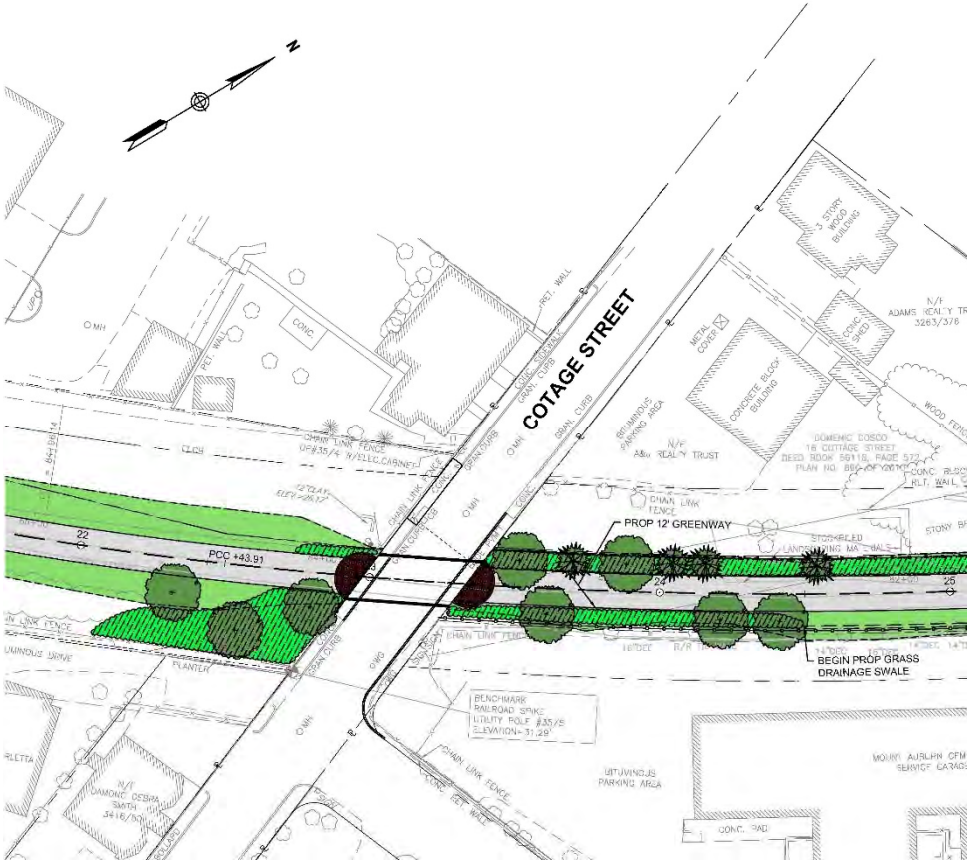

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Holworthy Place

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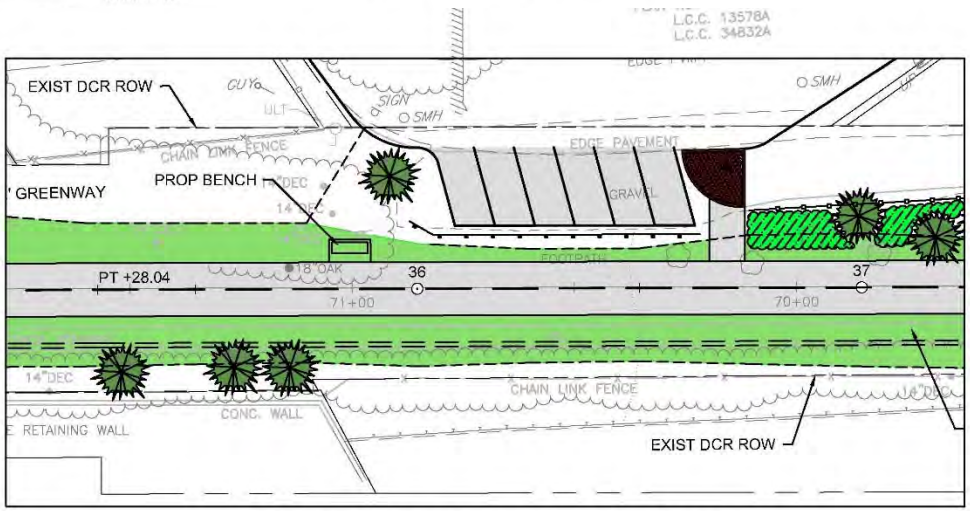
HOLWORTHY PLACE OPTION 1



HOLWORTHY PLACE OPTION 2

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Water Purification Facility Entrance

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Project Design Elements

- 16 foot wide path (12 feet paved, with two-foot shoulders)
- Multi–use path, ADA compliant
- 3 feet clear width from vertical obstructions
- Grass drainage swales
- Selective vegitation removal, planting, Landscape and interpretive elements (tbd at 75% design)
- Underpass lighting at Mount Auburn Bridge

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Cambridge Review Process for Design – Fall 2015/Spring 2016

- Staff Interdepartmental Working Group Review
- Review by: Fresh Pond Master Plan Advisory Committee, Bicycle Committee, Pedestrian Committee
- Review and Approval by Water Board
- Review and Approval by Conservation Commission.

Design & Construction Schedule

- 50% design of Greenway to be completed – February 2016
- Environmental permitting: NOI to Cambridge Conservation Commission & PNF to Mass Historic – February 2016
- Next Public Meeting (at 75% Design) – March 2016
- State Highway Access permit for Bridges – Spring/Summer 2016
- Design scheduled to be completed by Spring/Summer 2016
- Construction to begin Fall 2016 (pending funding availability.)

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Additional Information

For more information:
http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/

If you have comments or suggestions on this project:
Submit online:
http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/submit-public-comments/
Write: Department of Conservation and Recreation
Office of Public Outreach
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600
Boston, MA 02114
Deadline: Tuesday, December 22, 2015
Note: Public comments submitted to DCR may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety.

If you have questions or concerns or wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-related listserv: contact DCR's Office of Community Relations at 617-626-4973 or Mass.Parks@state.ma.us.