



Connecticut River boat ramp (private)



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Ferry Road Layout North Hadley, MA





Mill River at
Ferry Road,
Hadley



Ferry Road layout

A photograph of a dirt road junction. On the left, a dirt road leads into a dense forest of trees with autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and brown. On the right, a dirt road leads to a large, flat, green field, possibly a cornfield. A single, tall, bare tree stands at the junction between the two roads. The ground is covered in dirt and fallen leaves. The sky is overcast and hazy.

Ferry Road

Farm Road



Old ferry landing

SUGGESTIONS TO TAKE AWAY...

- Find ways to control harmful uses
- Confine use to designated right-of-way
 - Work with abutting landowners
 - Emphasize commercial value
- Be aware of the history of conflicting factions



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● "No Trespassing" signs

— MassGIS Open

Red Rocks Area Landowners CT River Byway Project



DCR beach



Adjacent APR field



“Red Rocks” (private)

SUGGESTIONS TO TAKE AWAY...

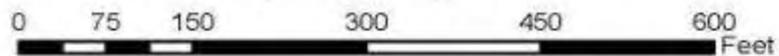
- Talk to all owners before giving up on a potential route
- Be ready to regroup and try something different
 - Be aware of historical difficulties
 - Treat all owners with respect
 - Time can change the picture



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Proposed NENST Access CT River Byway Project

● Power-Line Tower



This map is for planning purposes only, with specific points subject to verification on the ground.
It is not to be used by itself for legal boundary definition.

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Mt Holyoke Range &
Connecticut River

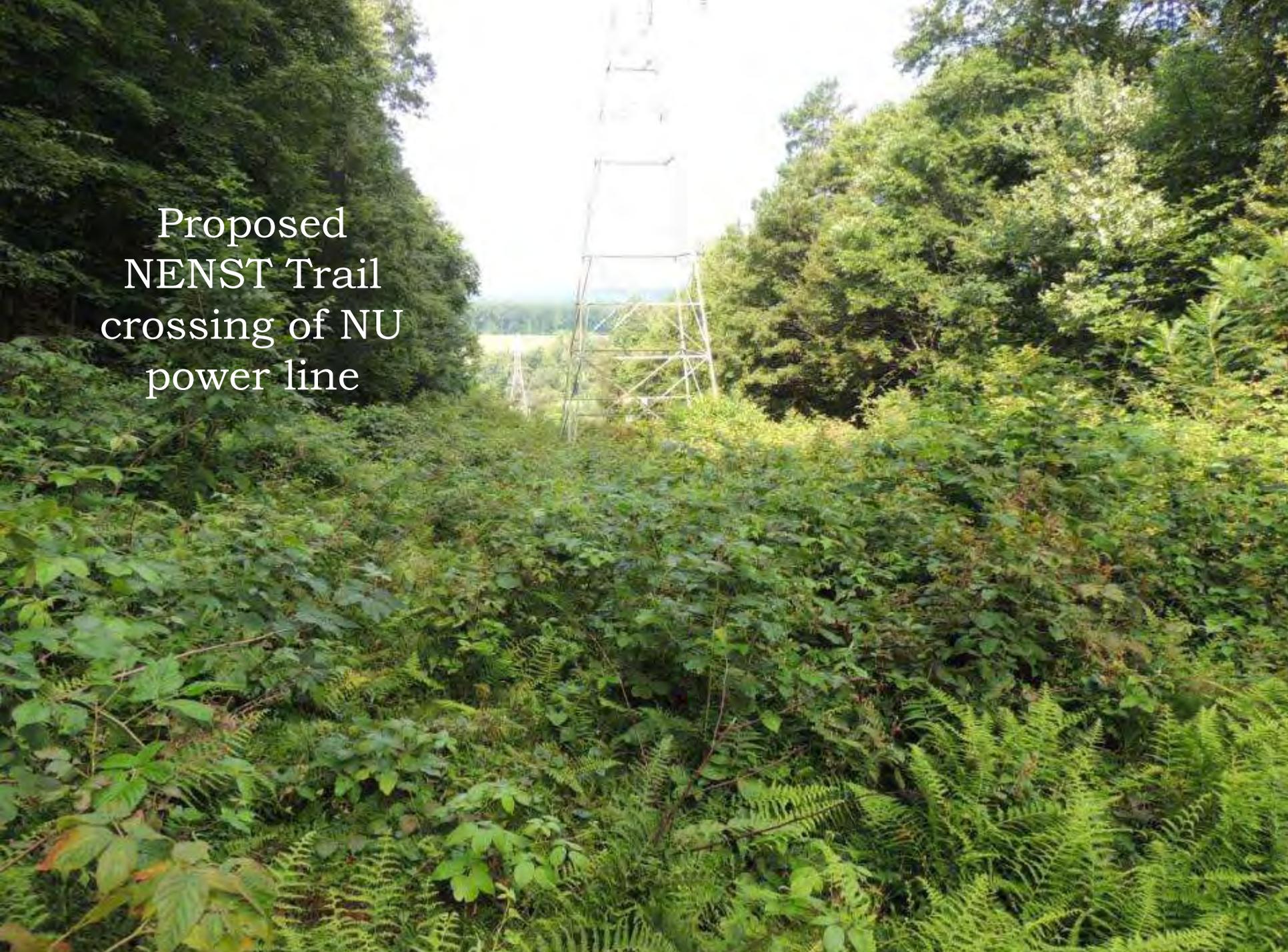


Former DCR barn

New England National
Scenic Trail – present
trailhead Old
Mountain Road



Proposed
NENST Trail
crossing of NU
power line





Pull-in parking, Wentworth Farm, Amherst

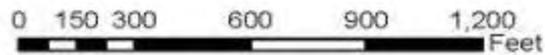
SUGGESTIONS TO TAKE AWAY...

- Listen to neighbors and keep them informed
- Be alert to possible new ideas or trail routes
- Connect with overall land protection mission
 - Work with the landowner throughout the process of discussion and planning
 - Make sure maintenance is provided for.



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Possible NENST Connector CT River Byway Project



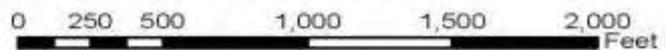
Dry Brook gate, DCR
property, South Hadley





 Possible Trail Route

**Proposed Bachelor Brook Trail Connection
North Section**



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Sullivan Lane, South Hadley

Possible trail to Bachelor
Brook, South Hadley

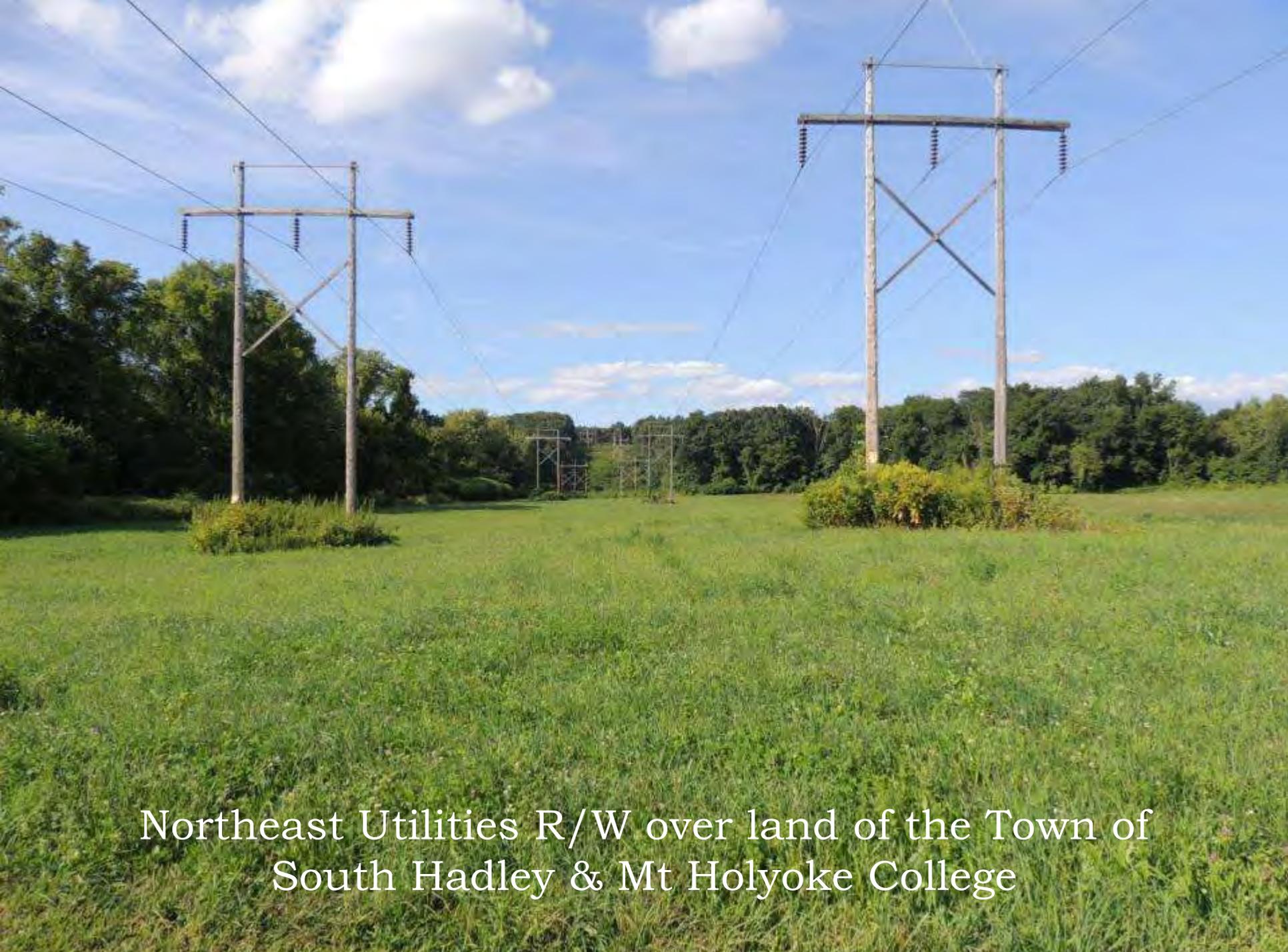




— Northeast Utilities Power Line

Proposed Bachelor Brook-Ferry Street UA Trail & Parking Area - CT River Byway Project

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Northeast Utilities R/W over land of the Town of
South Hadley & Mt Holyoke College

A photograph of Bachelor Brook in a dense forest. The water is brown and turbulent, flowing over a rocky bed. The surrounding area is filled with green trees and foliage. A wooden post is visible in the foreground, and a red object is partially visible in the water. The text "Bachelor Brook proposed bridge site" is overlaid in the bottom left corner.

Bachelor Brook
proposed bridge site

SUGGESTIONS TO TAKE AWAY...

- Scope out all potential permits that may be required
- Learn from previous permit experience
 - Work closely with town officials
 - Incorporate Universal Accessibility where possible
 - Respect the renting farmer

AND a few cheerful examples of cooperative
and generous landowners...

Adams Brook
crossing, Shutesbury



EASTMAN BROOK
CONSERVATION AREA
ENTRANCE
RIGHT-OF-WAY ONLY

TRAIL HEAD
PARKING

PLEASE
STAY
ON
THE
TRAIL

PLEASE
STAY
ON
THE
TRAIL





Proposed gift CR, Belchertown

**ROBERT FROST
TRAIL**

**PUFFERS POND 1.4 Mi
NOTCH VISITORS CENTER
22.3 Mi**

**PRIVATE PROPERTY
PLEASE
STAY ON TRAIL**



Gellman property,
Leverett



**KEN CUDDEBACK
TRAIL**

RAIL TRAIL 4.3Mi
OLD FARM ROAD
PARKING AREA 5.9Mi

ATTENTION

*This trail crosses private land.
Failure to use trail courteously
may result in trail closure.*

**PLEASE
RESPECT OWNERS'
PROPERTY RIGHTS**





Echo Hill Association trail, Amherst



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BOATING, SKATING, ETC.**

ALSO PROHIBITED

**THE PRESENCE OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS
IN THE RESERVOIR AND TRIBUTARIES**

A photograph of a forest path covered in fallen leaves, with a tree trunk marked with orange paint. The path is narrow and leads into a dense forest of thin trees. The ground is covered in a thick layer of brown and orange leaves. A tree trunk on the right side of the path has a small, rectangular orange mark on it. The background shows more trees and a slightly elevated area in the distance.

Robert Frost Trail starting
into DFG property,
Montague Wildlife Corridor



Winged euonymus (burning bush),
Easthampton



STUFF TO TAKE AWAY

- Don't be afraid to talk to landowners
 - Listen to their concerns
 - Be flexible
 - If necessary, start with a handshake agreement or short-term license or easement
- Arrange for proper trail inspection and maintenance
 - Engage partners

A dirt trail winds through a lush forest. The path is surrounded by green grass, ferns, and other vegetation. The background is filled with tall, thin trees, likely evergreens, creating a dense canopy. The lighting is soft, suggesting a shaded forest environment.

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DCR Greenways & Trails Program

MARTAB Board

Double Tree Hotel & Conference Center

Many others....

ISSUES AND QUESTIONS

- Will land value be diminished (or enhanced)?
 - Are there neighbors who will object?
- Will an existing APR or CR prevent a trail easement?
 - Is the physical route suitable?
- Are there permitting issues (archaeological-historical, **wetlands, NHESP, town regs, ...**)
 - Liability (re Chap 21 sec 17C)
- Has there been a history of trespass or misuse?
- Will there be objections to bike or vehicle use?
 - Will farmers be bothered by public trail use?
 - Are there wildlife or rare species concerns?
 - Can parking be accommodated?