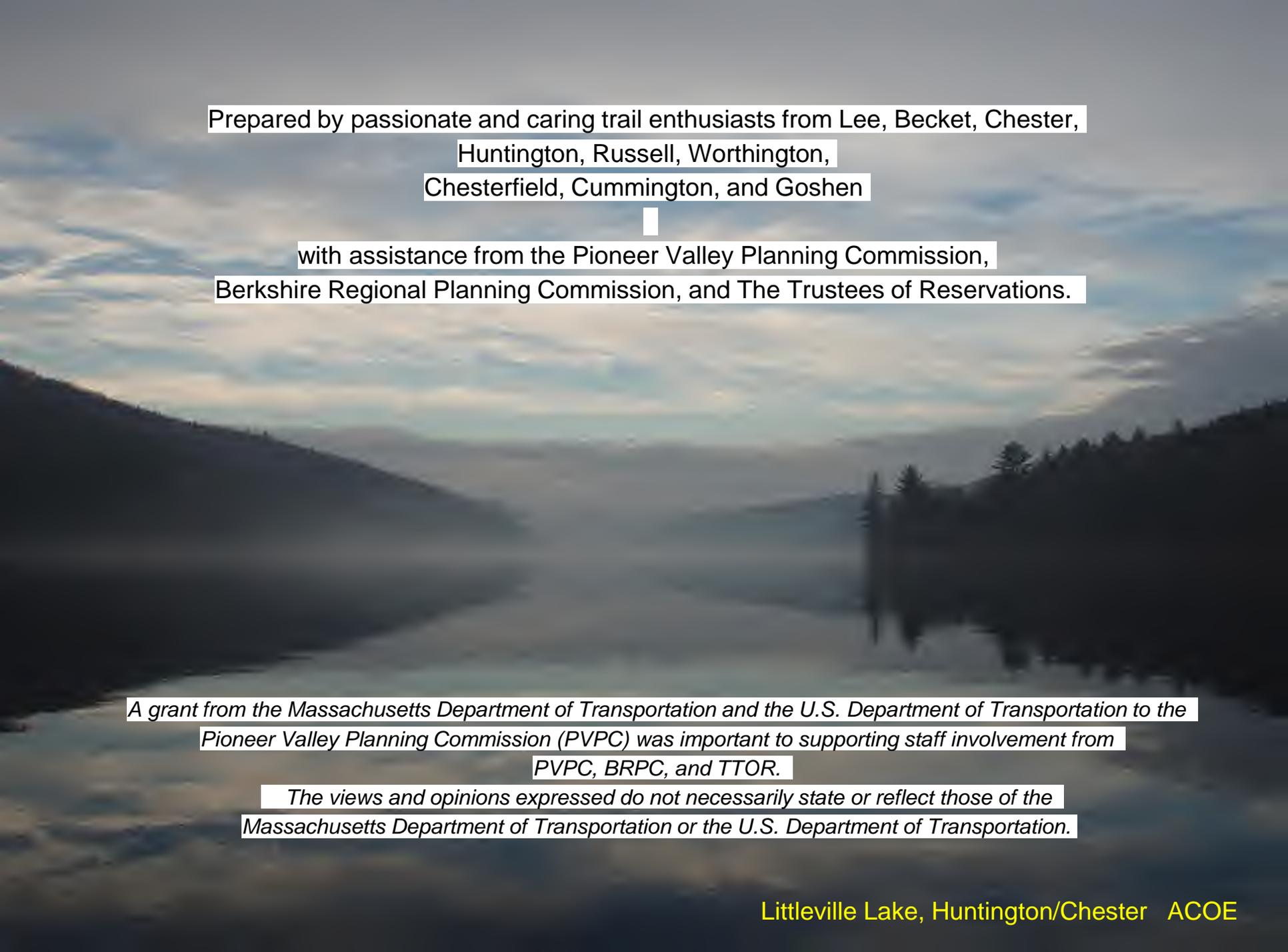




The Highlands Footpath

Linking the Western Massachusetts Highlands Villages along the Route 112
and Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byways



Prepared by passionate and caring trail enthusiasts from Lee, Becket, Chester,
Huntington, Russell, Worthington,
Chesterfield, Cummington, and Goshen

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The Origin of the project

Bird's eye view of Huntington, Mass



Gold Mine Brook Falls
Chester Blandford S. F.



view north from Mount Shatterack, Russell
MassWildlife



Littleville Lake, Huntington/Chester ACOE



Smith Pyramid, Chesterfield Gorge
National Wild and Scenic Westfield River



Trails linkages committee - Highlands Footpath Meeting at Stanton Hall, Huntington, Mass

How the Project grew





gps/recon Hike Lily Pond, Goshen



Meredyth Babcock, gps hike/recon
Mt Gobble Vernal Pool TNC



Bill
Warren
GPS/
Recon
Walnut
Hill
Mass
Wildlife



Ed Neumuth, GPS/Recon, October Mt State Forest



Jeff and Chris Wilkinson gps/recon
Mt Shatterack, Russell, MassWildlife



Cavanaugh Wolski
gps hike/recon
Mt Gobble TNC



Partners and
Inspiration



Ashfield Trails plankway
off West Street



Private "Ghost" Trail



East Branch Trail, Knightville ACOE

Our Approach
and Lessons Learned



Bill Babcock, Biking the East Branch Trail Knightville Valley Huntington ACOE



Winter Trail Sharing
Littleville Fire Road
ACOE



Shatterack Brook
Falls
Russell
MassWildlife

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respect the
quiet &
privacy.

Ashfield Trails
Neighbory Signs

Historical information signs

County Road #14

At this point, the trail follows, for a short distance, the path of an old County Road #14, which was laid out in 1798 by the Hampshire County Commissioners. This road went from the home of Edward Wing, in the northeast corner of Goshen, to the Zachariah Field Tavern, on Ashfield's Main Street. A branch of this road went to the home of Barnabas Alden, on Bug Hill Road. Another branch went to Apple Valley, and then to the home of William Flower in Buckland. This part of the road was discontinued as a county road, by petition, in 1812.

Please contact the Ashfield Historical Society for more detailed information.





sponsored hike
Observation Hill
Chester-Blandford State Forest

Status and Outcome of the Highlands Footpath



Chet Brett leading Sponsored Hike, cosponsors Highlands Footpath, Nat. Wild and Scenic Westfield River Mount Gobble TNC



Sponsored Hike; cosponsors Highlands Footpath and National Wild and Scenic Westfield River
Sanderson Brook Falls, Chester-Blandford State Forest



The Highlands Footpath

looking North Mount Shatterack, Russell, Ma Mass Wildlife