

Getting Rail Trails Built

Overcoming Challenges



Surmounting Challenges – Reinventing the Wheel

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Encroachments



**Soil
Contamination**

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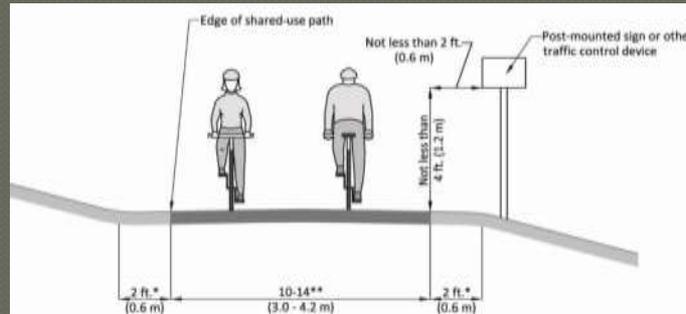
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*6:1 Maximum Slope (typ.)

** More if necessary to meet anticipated volumes and mix of users, per the Shared Use Path Level of Service Calculator (4)



Getting Rail Trails Built Progress Made

Rights of Way:

- MBTA Alternative Transportation Corridor Policy and Community Lease
- EOT Policy on Rails with Trails
- Legislation has passed to help protect private owners from liability
- Communities beginning to make progress negotiating with private ROW holders such as utilities and rail companies

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Site Conditions:

- In 2003-2004 both legislation and DEP Best Management Practices were established to help communities address soil contamination issues and liability
- Private companies, like Iron Horse Preservation, emerged to help communities address rails, ties and site prep at minimal cost

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Funding:

- Continues to be a challenge in MA

Public and Abutter Relations:

- Will always be critical to project success
- Importance of a public outreach strategy
- Growing appreciation of benefits and values of rail trails

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Design, Surface, Road Crossing:

- Many good models and examples form other communities for addressing these

STONE DUST TRAIL CROSS SECTION

NOT TO SCALE

