NEPONSET RIVER GREENWAY **EDGEWATER TRAIL**

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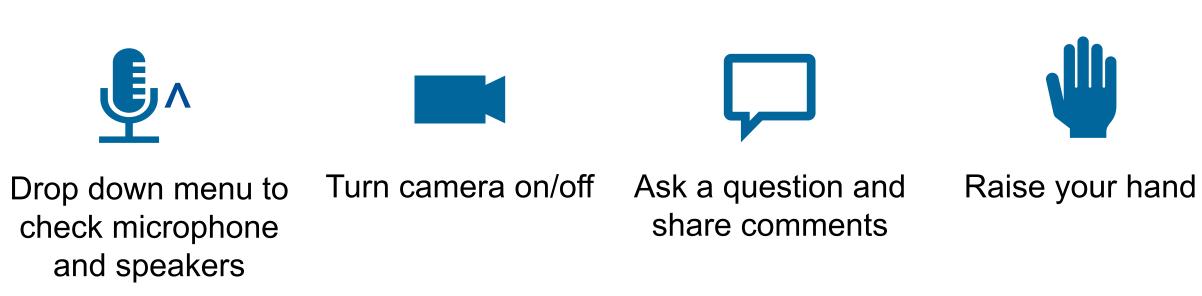
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Belnel Family NA

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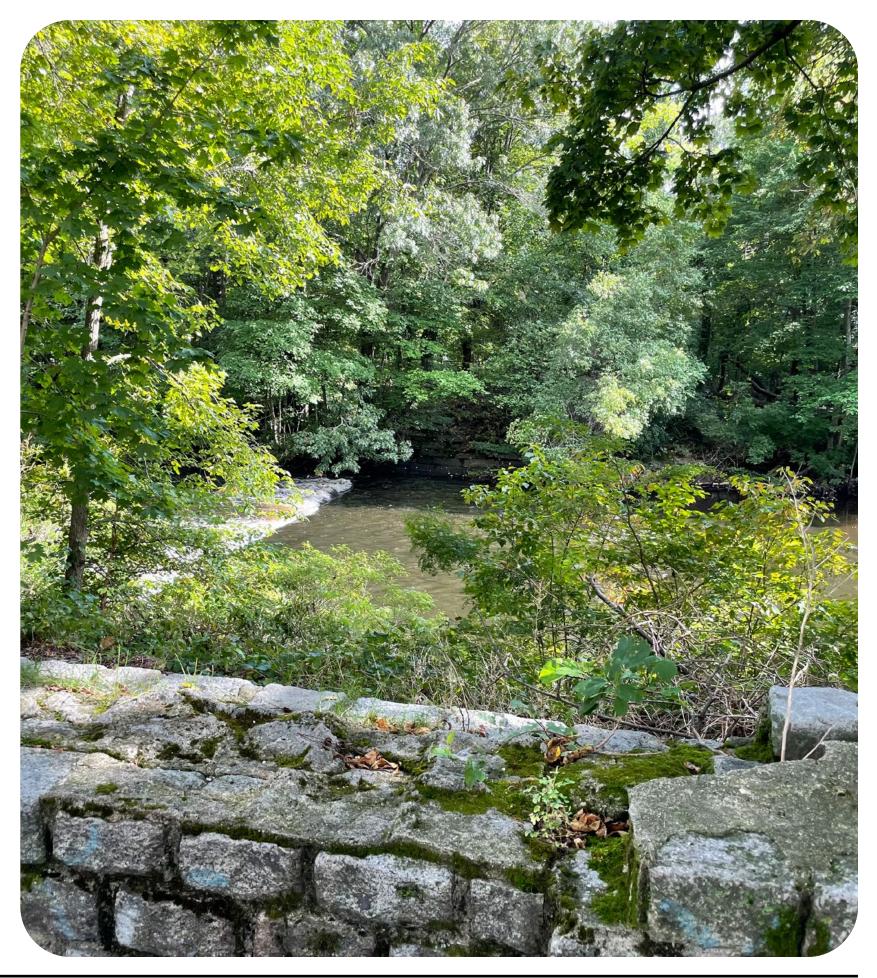




Agenda

OUR AGENDA IS FOCUSED ON GETTING FEEDBACK ON:

- **1. Trail Character: Widths & Materials**
- 2. Gateways & Design Alternatives
- **3. Desired Programming**
- Project Background
- Site Analysis
- Goals
- Site Opportunities
- Concepts
- Gateways
- Project Schedule
- Questions and Comments

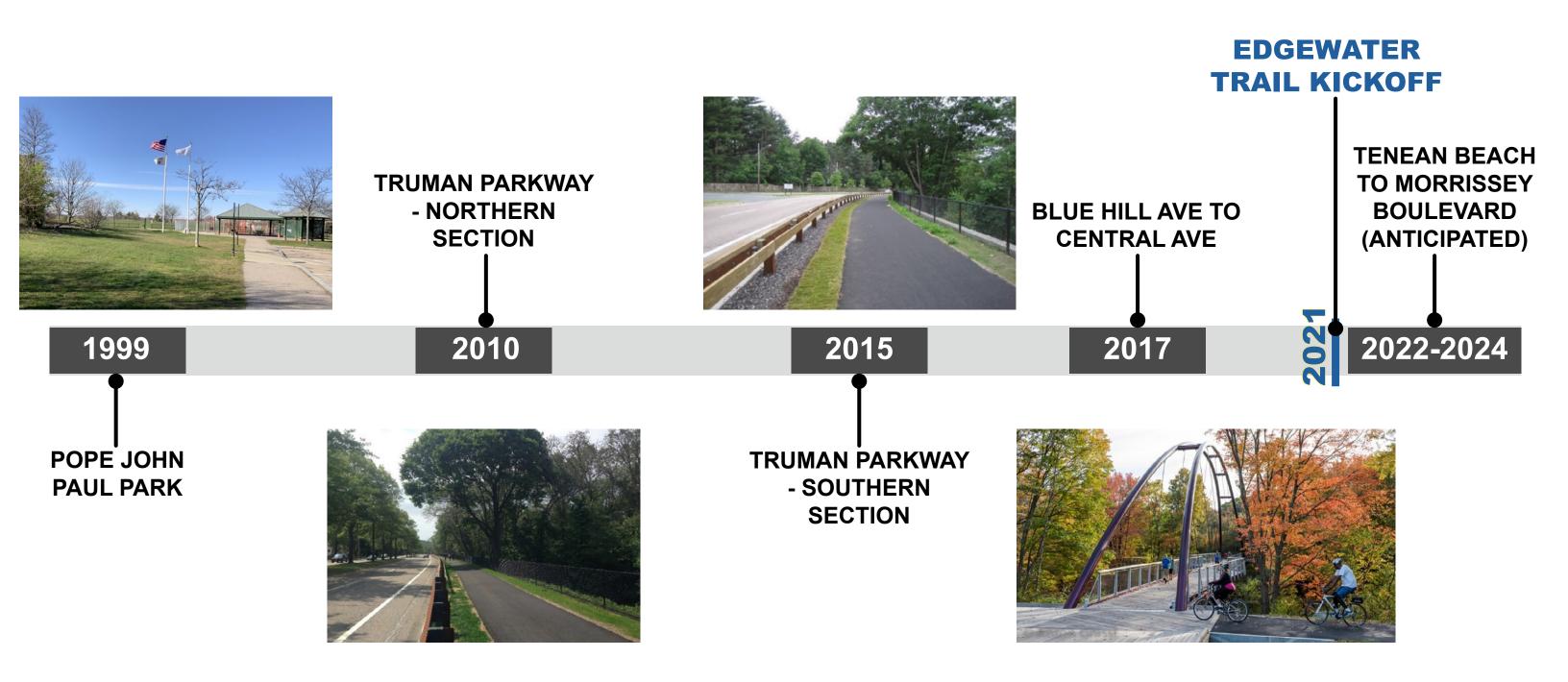








Neponset River Greenway Development



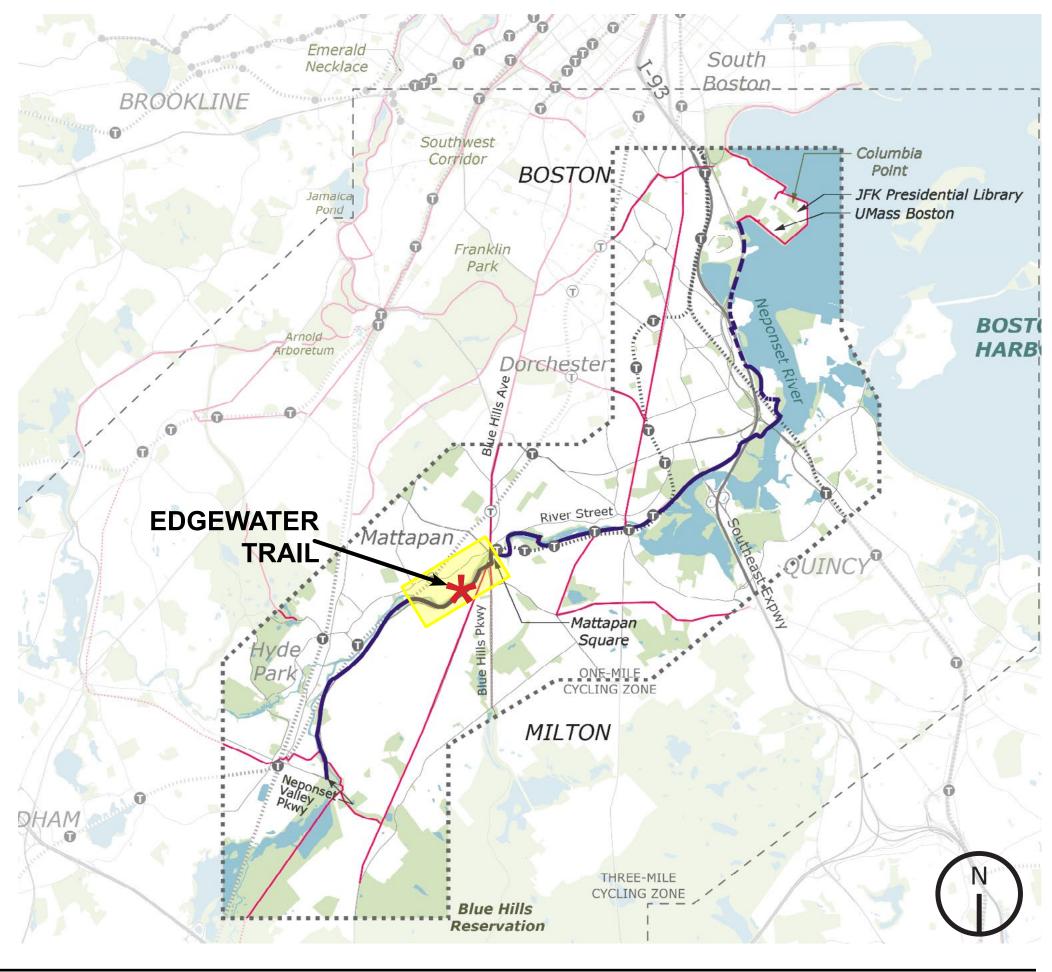








Neponset River Greenway



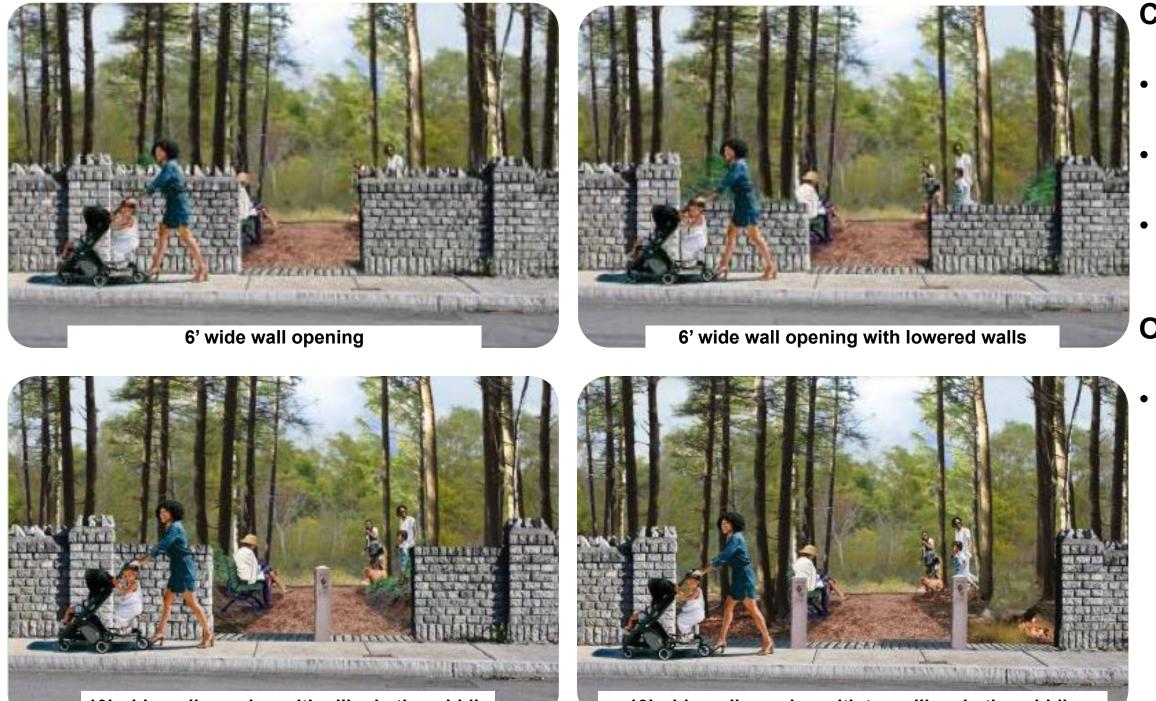






Project Background

Edgewater Neighborhood Association Survey - Wall Opening Ideas



10' wide wall opening with pillar in the middle

19' wide wall opening with two pillars in the middle



COMMUNITY PREFERENCES

- As many openings as possible.
- Openings at the end of
 - Mattakeeset Street.
- Large openings with lowered walls.

OTHER ASPECTS

Some openings to be wide enough for maintenence and emergency vehicle access.



**This information is from the report by the Edgewater Neighborhood Association in partnership with Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition, Lawrence and Lillian Soloman Foundation, Neponset River Watershed Association, Trust for Public Land, Fairmount Greenway Collaborative, Belnel Family Neighbourhood Association.





Project Background

Community Open House Feedback

CONNECTIVITY:

- Provide a pedestrian bridge across the river
- Provide trail and wayfinding signs

SAFETY:

- Dense vegetation at specific locations make trail feel unsafe
- Do not allow motorized vehicles

ACCESS:

- Increase accessibility
- Provide historical markers
- Provide lighting at trail entrances
- Provide wall openings at the end of every street
- The trail can expand on the other side of the wall
- · Increase accessibility to the playground
- Provide a boardwalk along the river

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND AMENITIES

- Provide an overlook deck
- Provide benches and picnic tables
- Find a way to recall childhood memories of the wall
- Provide an opportunity to interact with the river by making the wood stairs non-slippery
- Provide play and exercise equipment for adults









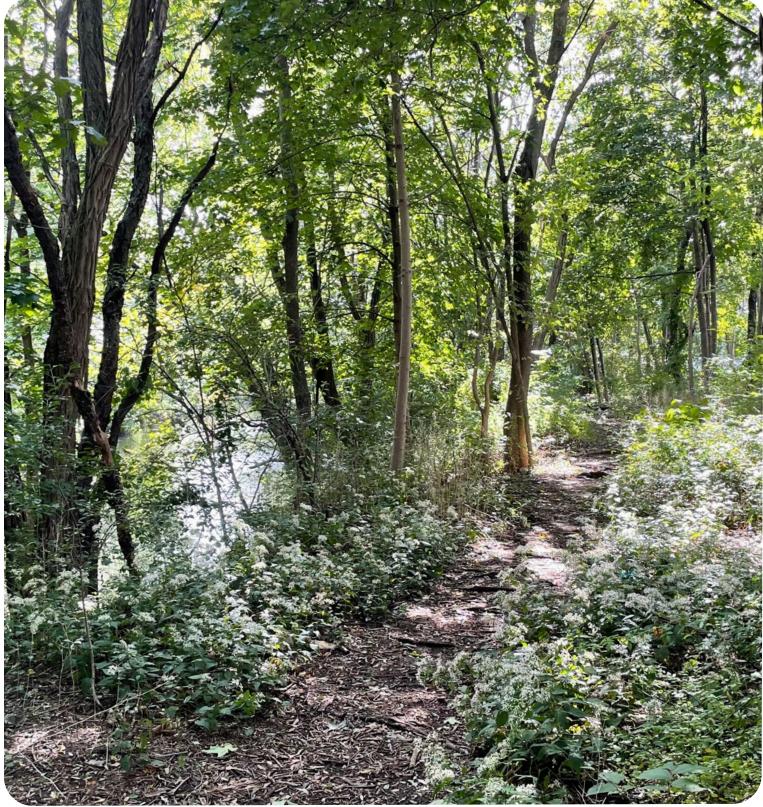


Vision

To provide a safe accessible trail along the Neponset River and create a natural sanctuary for the community.

Goals for Edgewater Trail:

- Develop an inviting trail that connects the community to the river and its wooded banks.
- Provide opportunities for recreation, outdoor fitness and engagement with nature.
- Incorporate canoe launch, outdoor gathering spaces and viewing platforms.
- Enhance environmental equity and health benefits that also address climate resilience.
- Improve the ecological value of the corridor.
- Create a valued neighborhood resource that better integrates the community garden, playground and trail.
- Link and foster connectivity with the Neponset River Greenway.

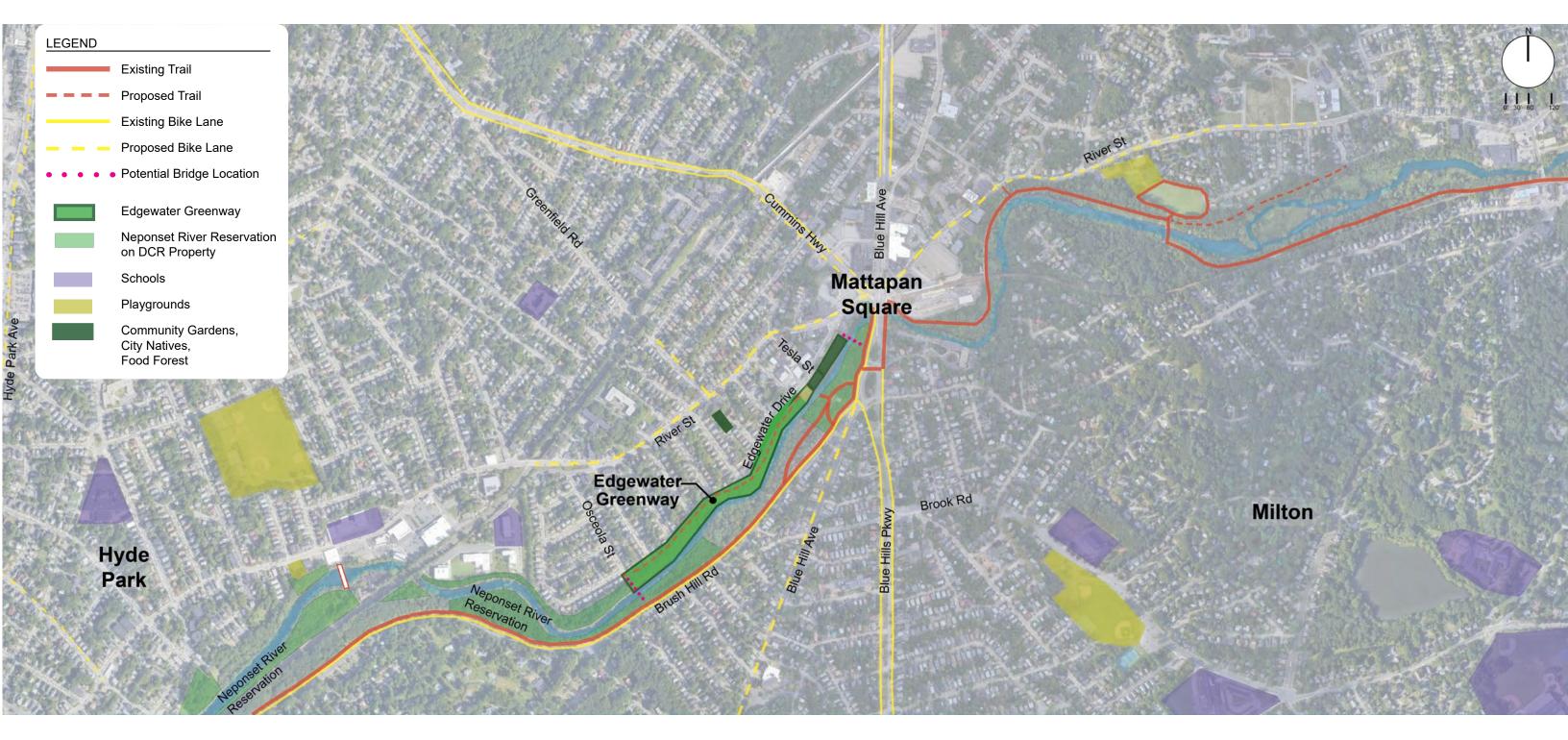








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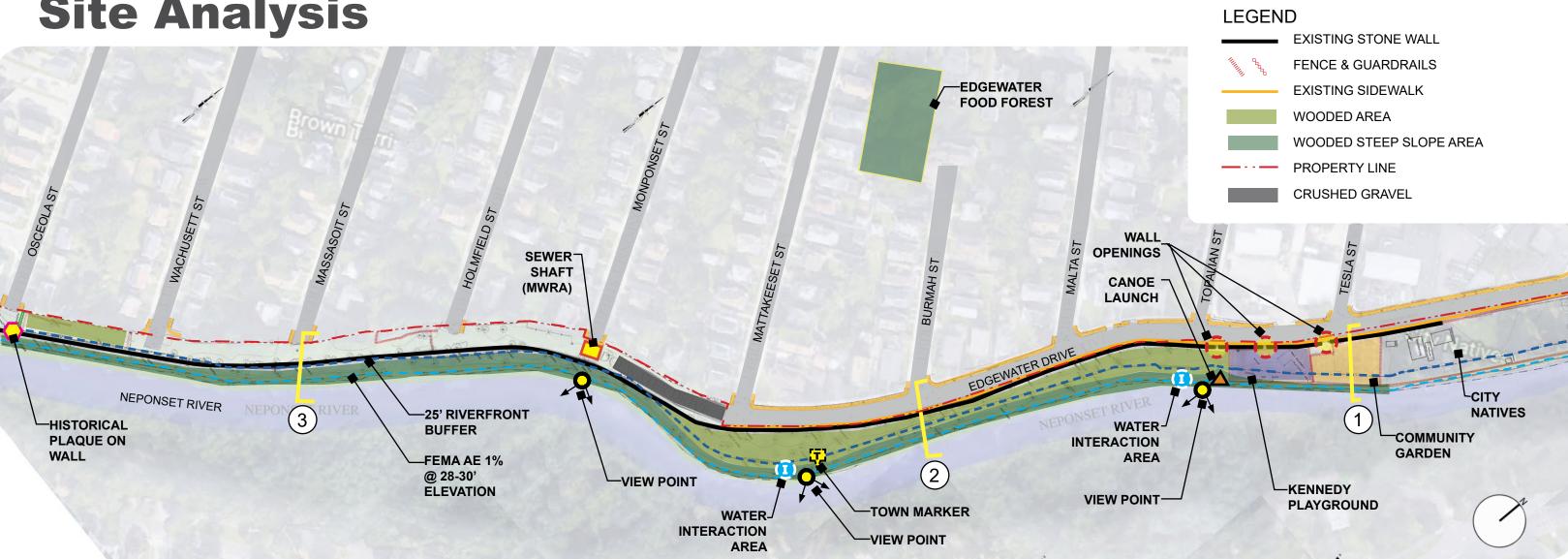




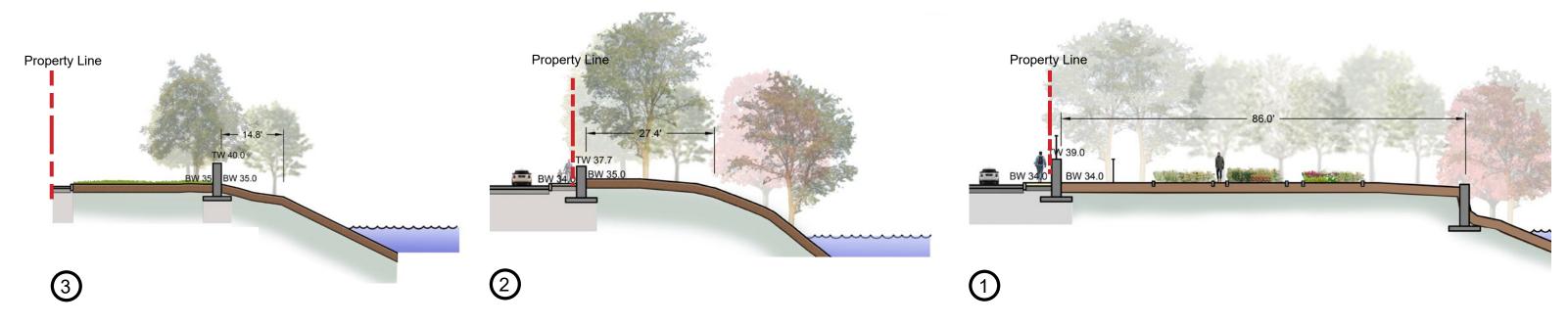




Site Analysis



Understanding the differing widths of the proposed Edgewater trail









Site Analysis - Tree Inventory

Native Tree Species



Red Maple

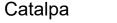


American Sycamore



Black Cherry







Walnut

- There are about 600 trees on site with a diameter of 4" or more.
- The majority of trees are young and small (4-8"diameter).
- A little more than half are invasive species.
- There are almost 30 native trees with a diameter of over 24".

Non Native Tree Species



Linden



Crabapple



Mulberry



Invasive Tree Species



Sycamore Maple



Black Locust



Norway Maple







Site Opportunities

Riverfront Area and Neighborhood Connection









- ACTIVE RECREATION
- PASSIVE RECREATION:
- **RIVERFRONT TRAIL ZONE**





Site Opportunities







OUTDOOR FITNESS

SEATING



GATHERING OPPORTUNITY



OVERLOOK OPPORTUNITY









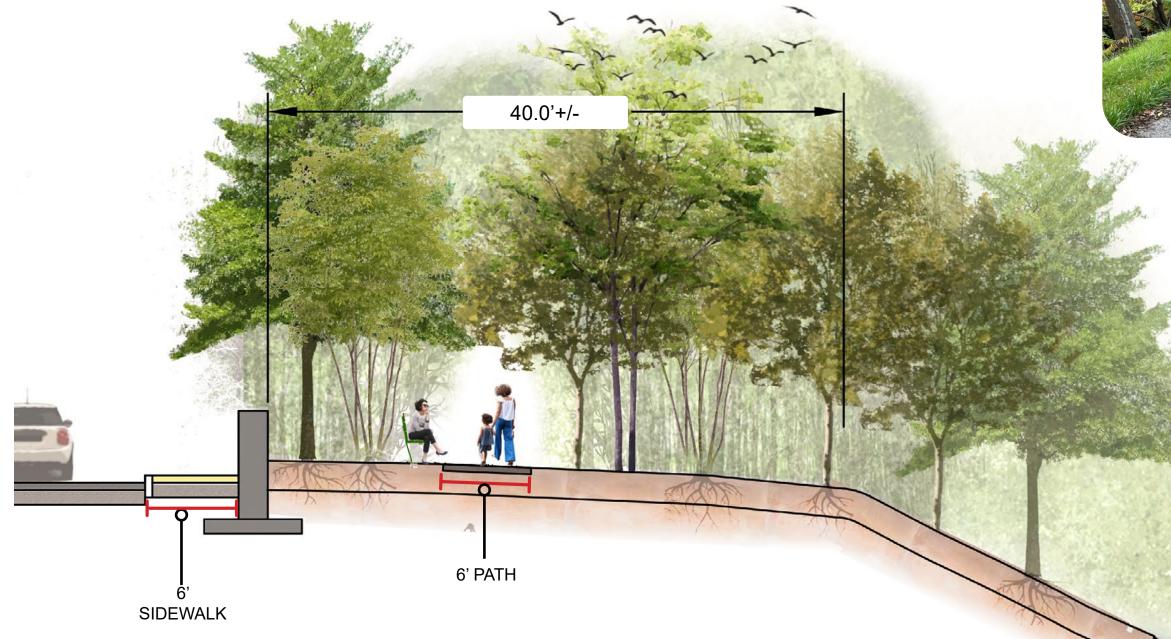
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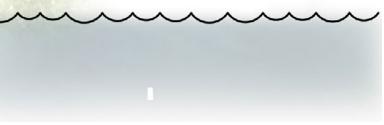


Typical Trail: Width 6 Feet





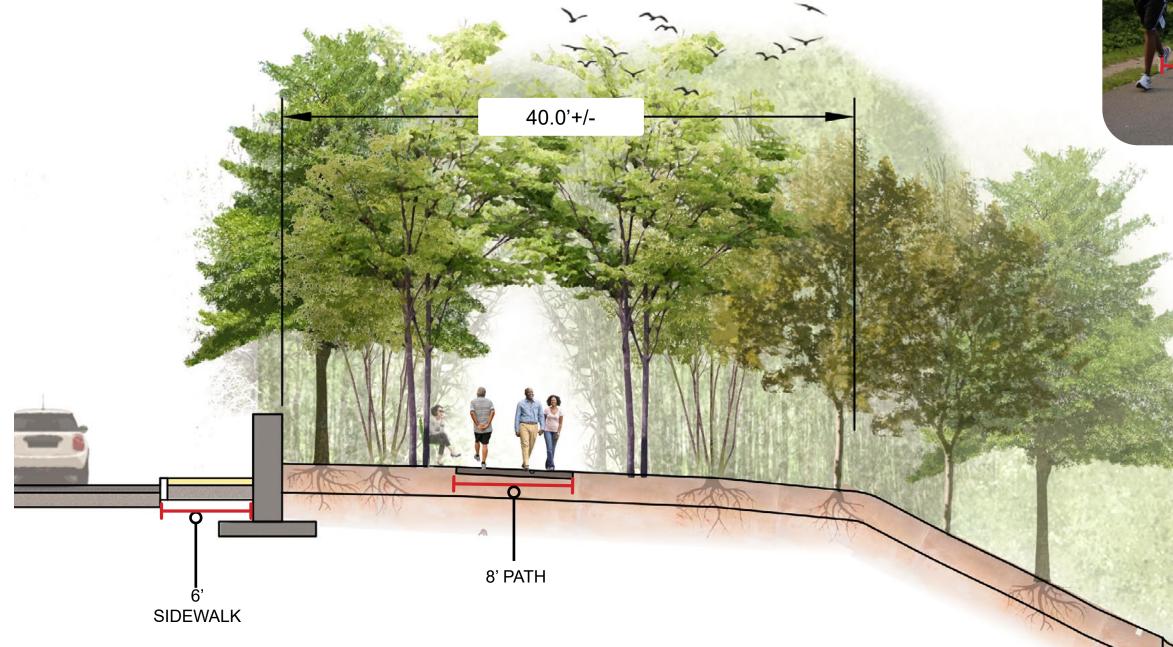






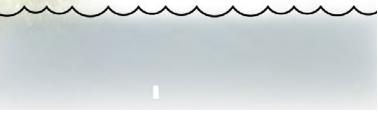


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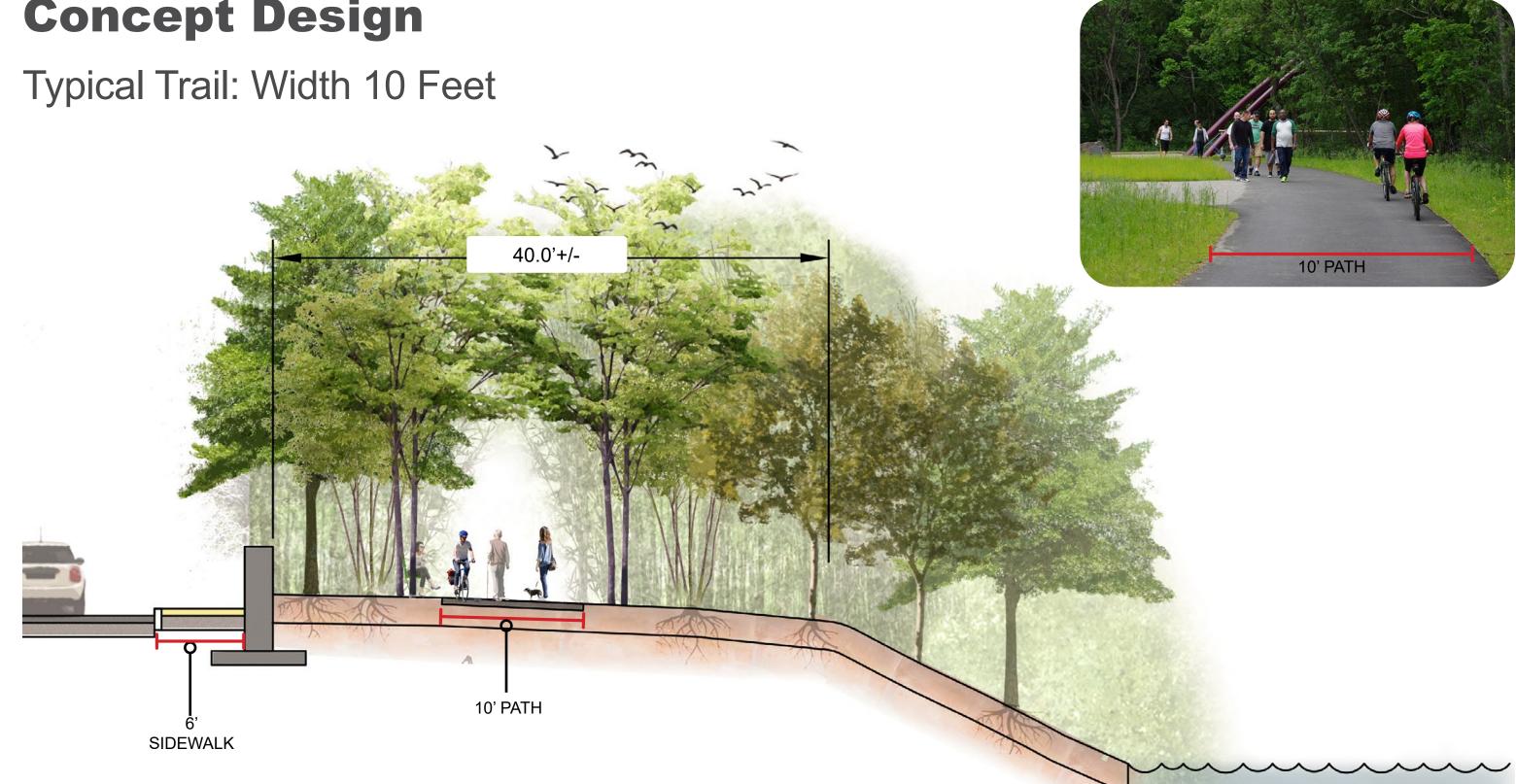




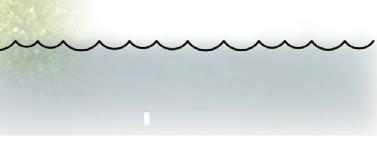


















Typical Trail: Material





PROS

- Best cost/lifespan ratio
- Easy to repair
- Resilient to rain and snow •
- Soft on joints
- ADA accessible •

CONS

- Requires resealing every few years
- Susceptible to weathering

STABILIZED AGGREGATE

PROS

- This is a surface that looks natural
- ADA Accessible
- Soft on joints





CONS

- If not maintained correctly, the path can become rutted
- not ideal for multi-use
- snow removal is a challenge
- difficult to remove vegetation





Proposed Greenway

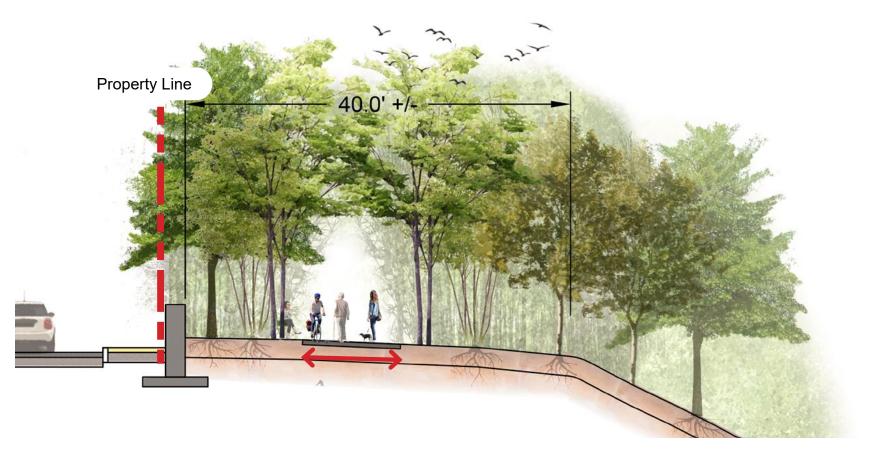


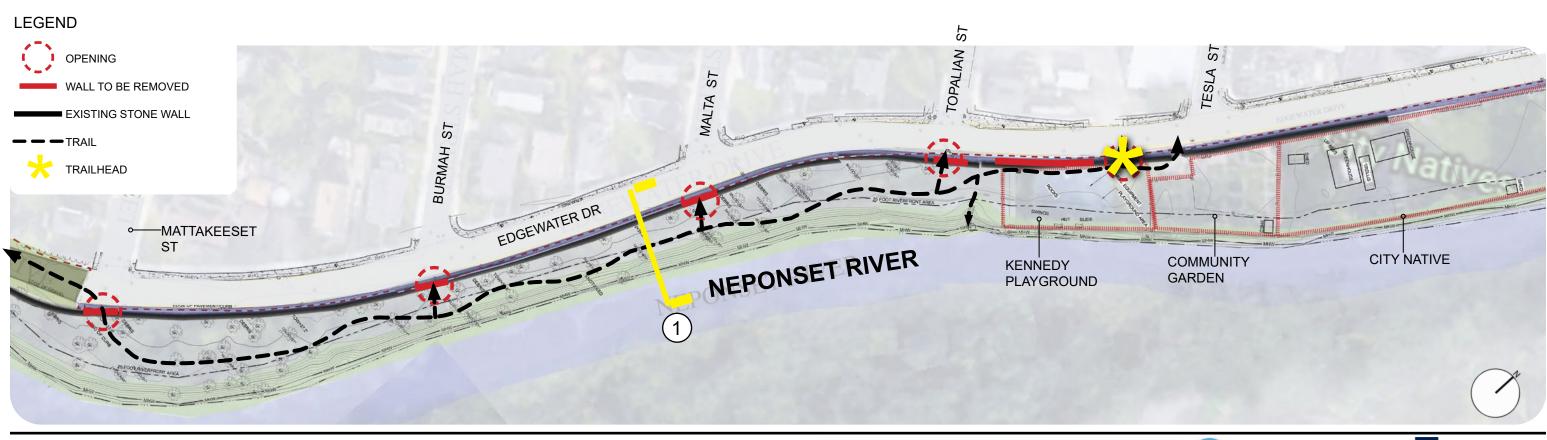






Riverfront Trail: Kennedy Playground to Mattakeeset Street Access at Every Neighborhood Street

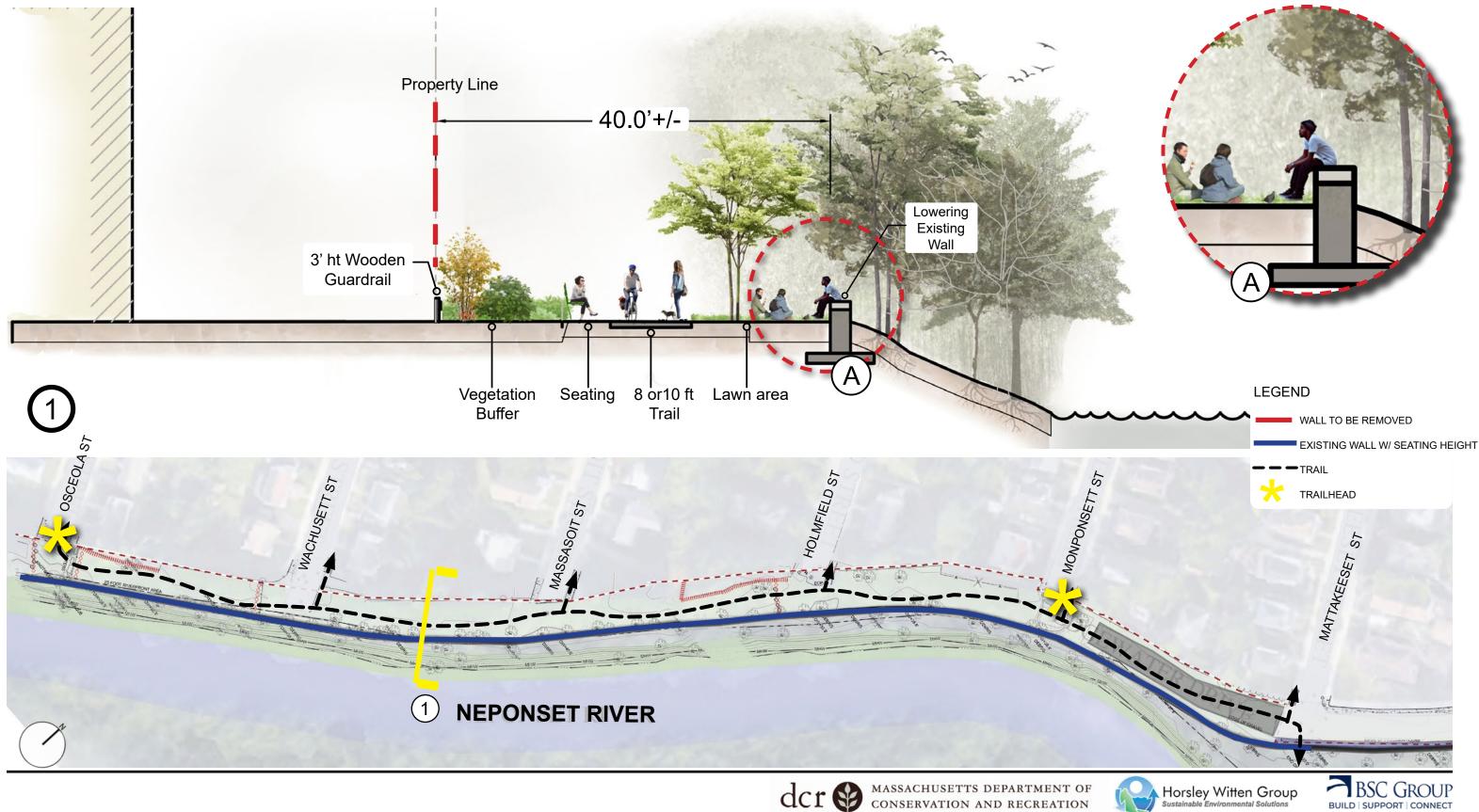








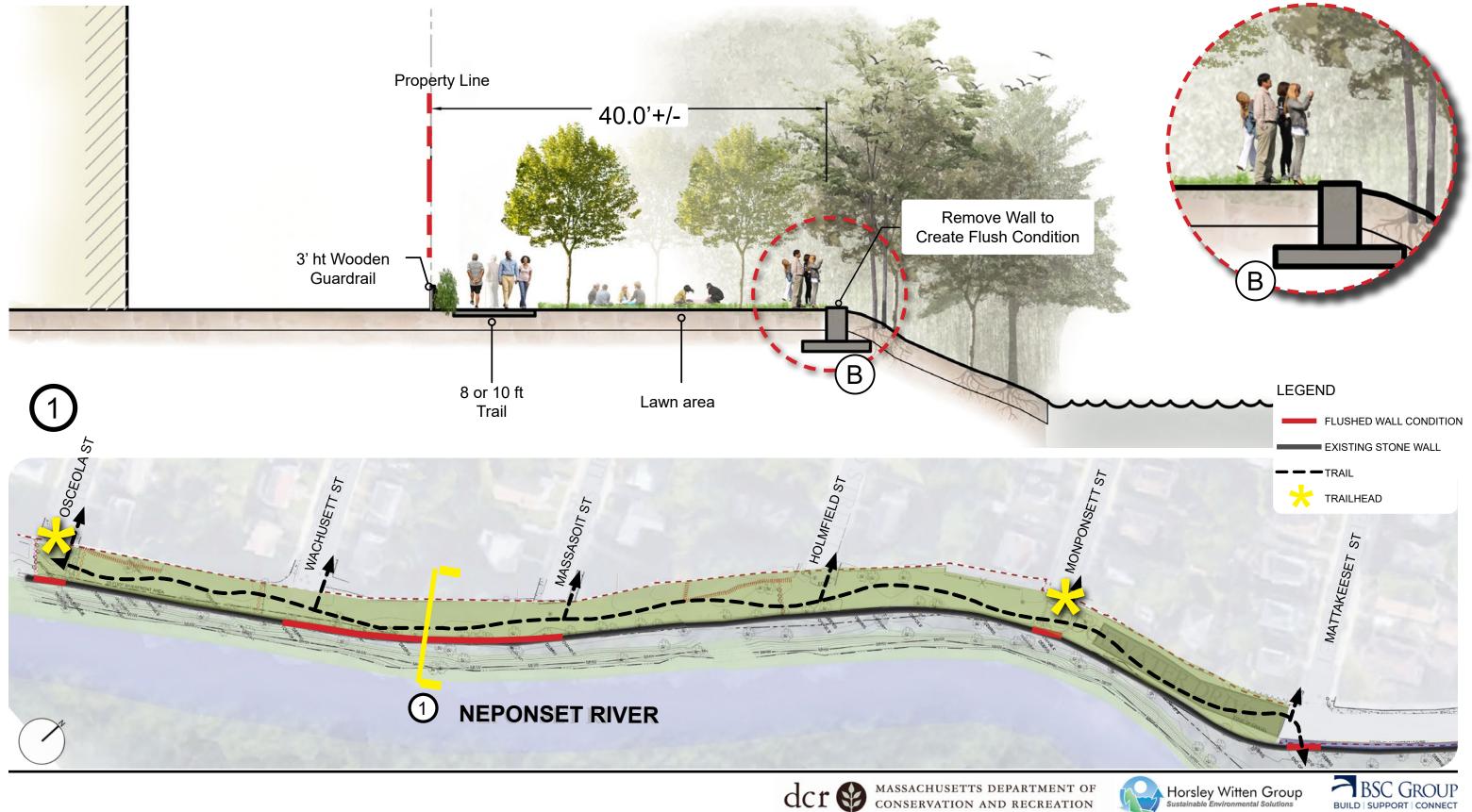
Neighborhood Trail: Mattakeeset Street to Osceola Street Alternative 1: Seat Wall from Mattakeeset to Osceola Street





BUILD | SUPPORT | CONNECT

Neighborhood Trail: Mattakeeset Street to Osceola Street Alternative 2: Remove Sections of the Wall



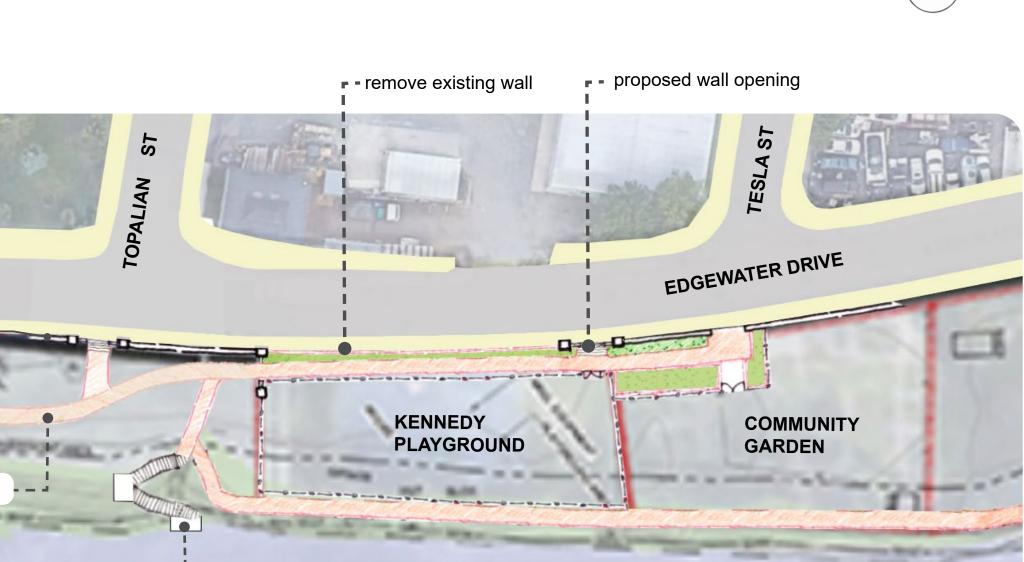


Gateway Kennedy Playground

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KEY PLAN



new accessible

canoe launch

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NEPONSET RIVER







picnic area



woodland trail



bird watching



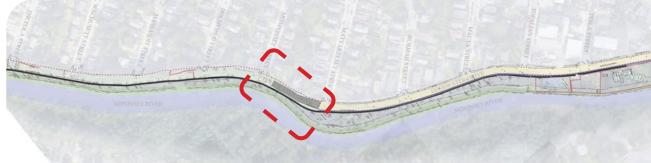
proposed fence





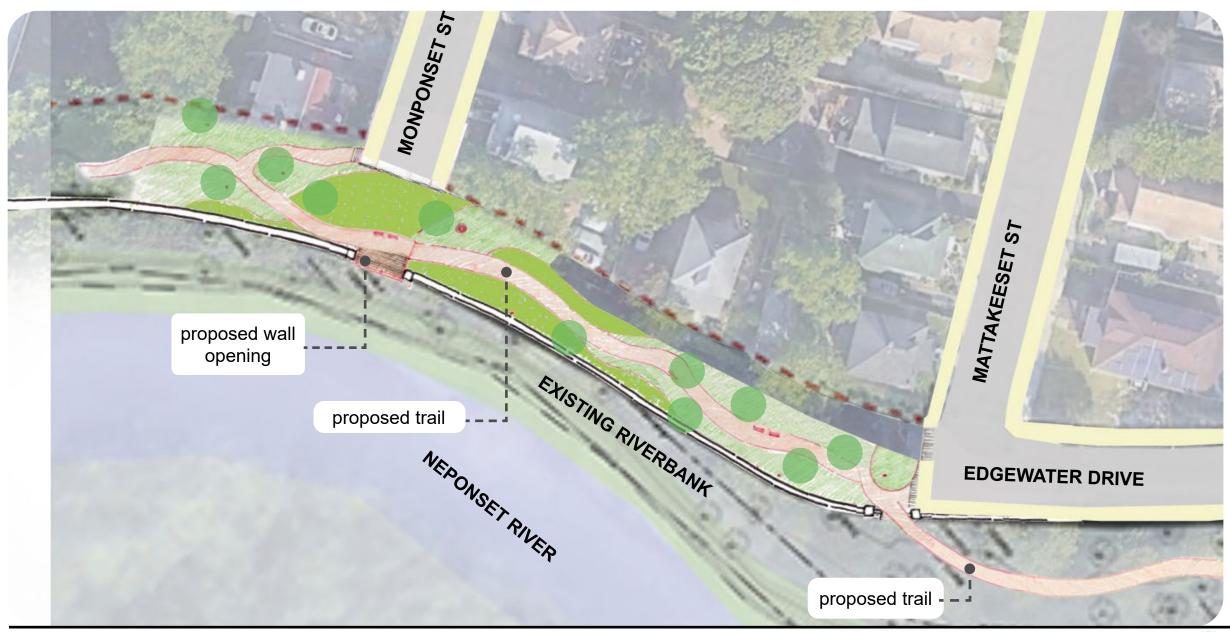
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KEY PLAN











lawn area



groundcover / shrub planting



outdoor fitness stations



overlook deck





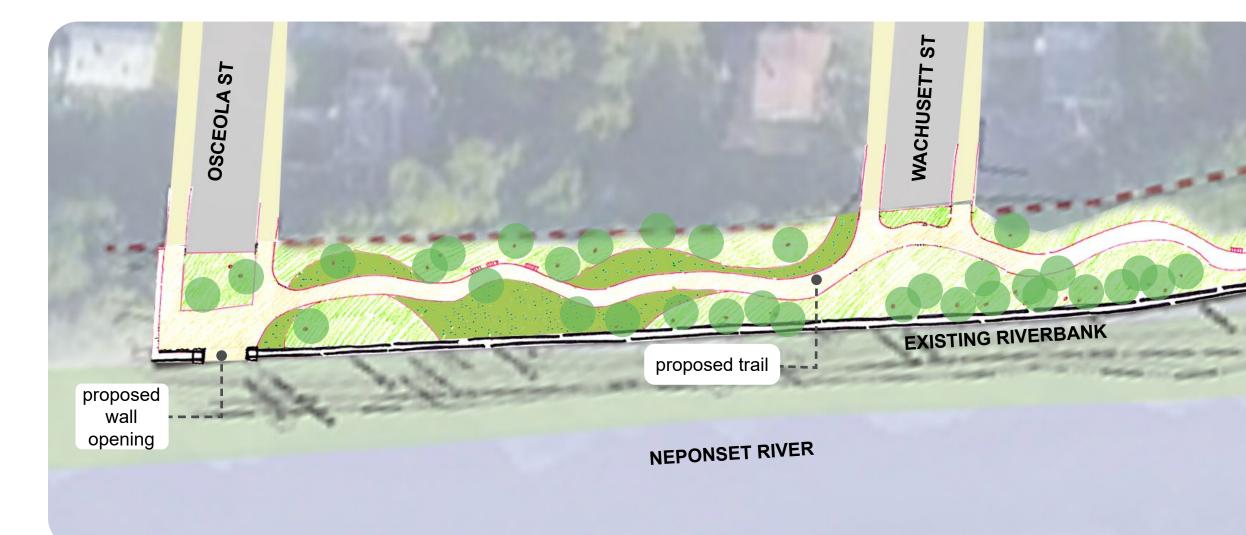
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Osceola















seating



lawn area



yoga

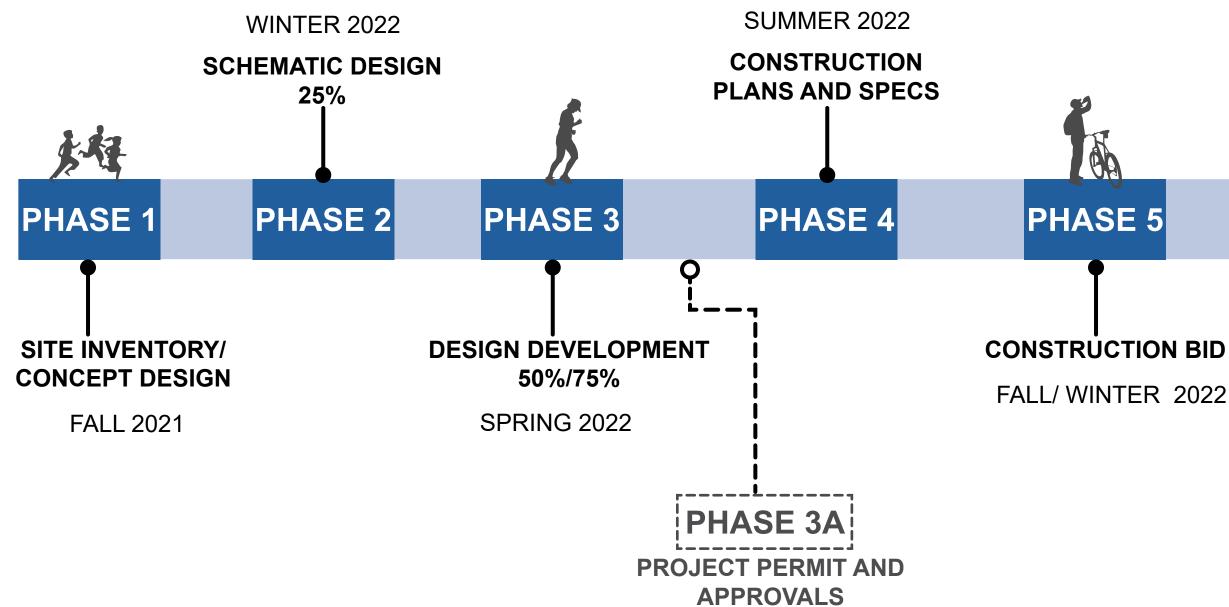


bird watching

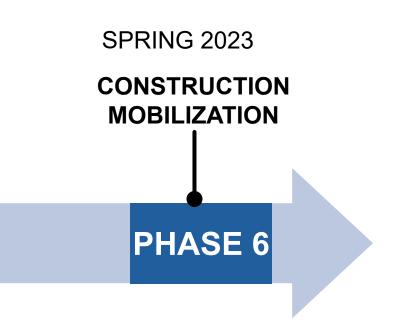




Project Schedule











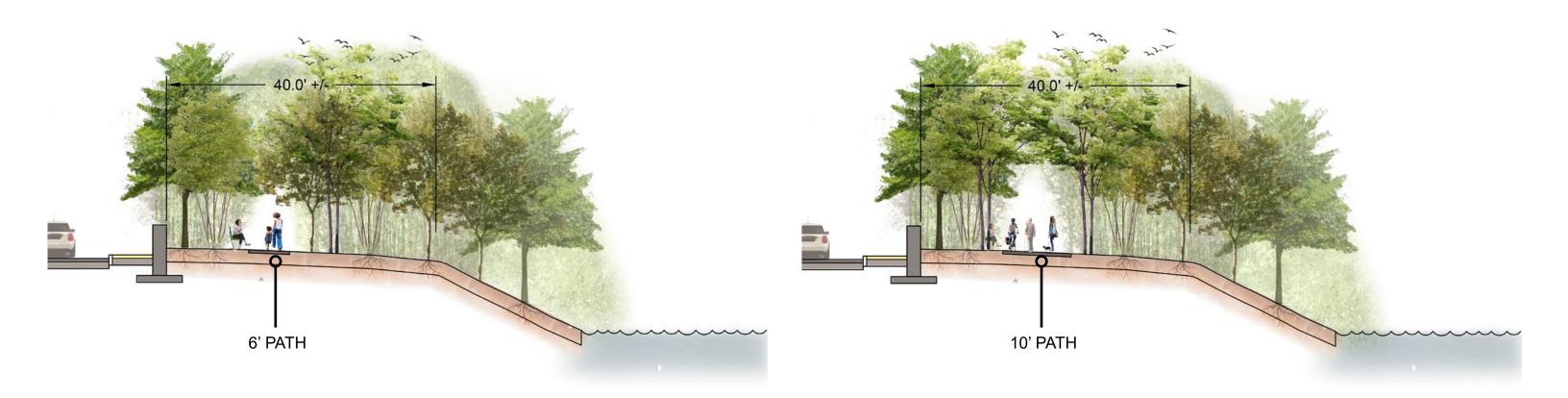


















Typical Trail Width

Which do you prefer? 6' or 8' or 10'



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Trail Material

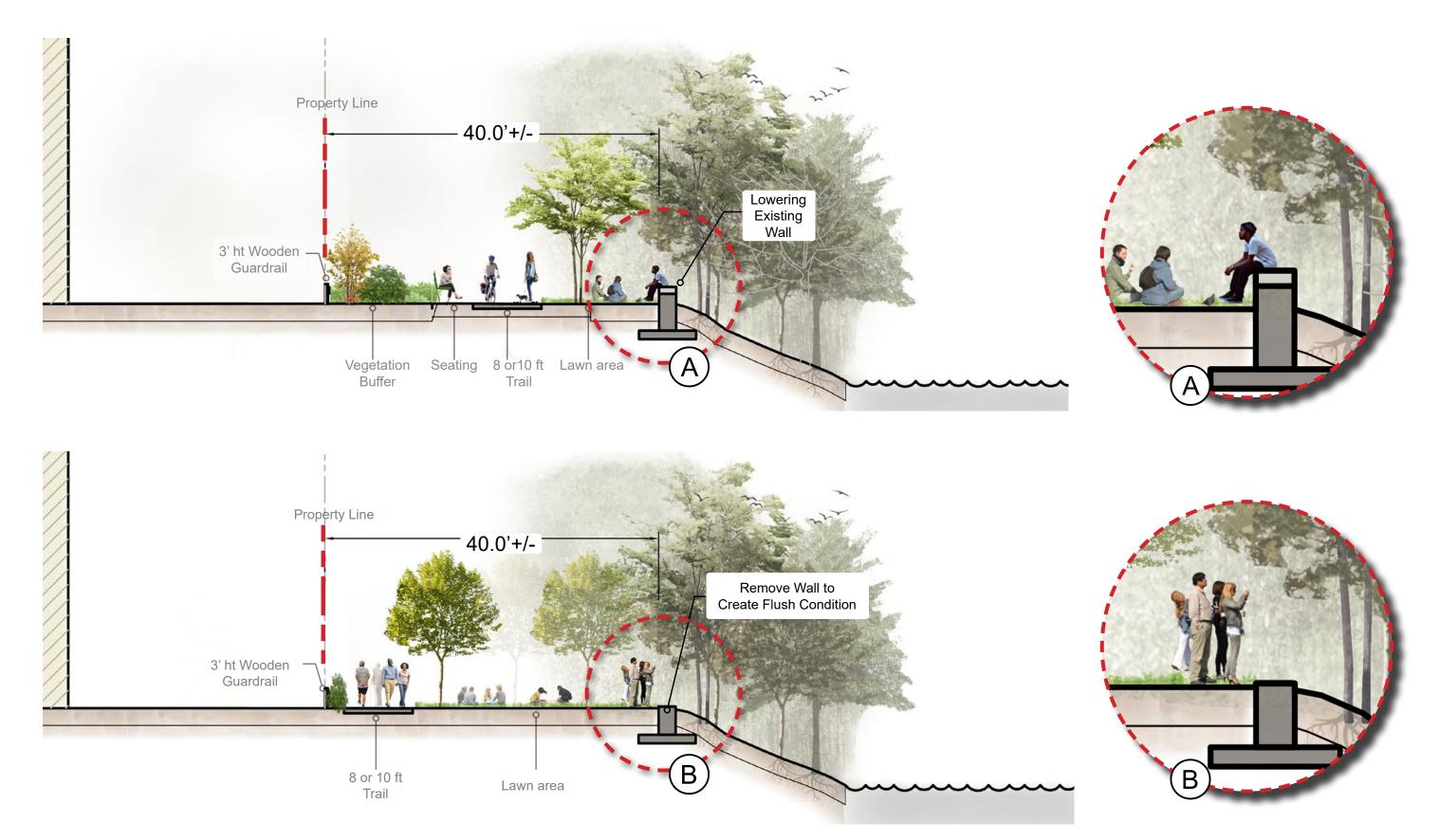
Which do you prefer? Asphalt or Stabilized Aggregate or combination Do you prefer different options for Riverfront Trail and Neighborhood Trail











Which wall treatment do you prefer? Seat Height Wall or Flush Condition Wall













picnic area



lawn area



seating



lawn area









groundcover / shrub planting



woodland trail



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overlook deck

Which programs would you like to see on the greenway?







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