Neponset River Greenway-
Blue Hill Avenue to Central Avenue

DCR Public Meeting

Monday, April 13th, 2015 – 7:00pm to 8:30pm
The Foley Senior Residence, 249 River Street, Mattapan
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 plans for construction of the Neponset River Greenway Blue Hill Avenue to Central Avenue
- Review the construction schedule for the course of the project
- Answer questions regarding trail construction process
- Introduce the team and provide avenues for residents to receive further updates on construction activities
The DCR Neponset River Greenway Corridor Completion Project
Existing Neponset River Esplanade
What We’re Building

• A formalized, continuous 10’ wide multi-use path along the Neponset River

• Integrated boardwalks and overlooks, a river crossing, a canopy walk, and two entrance plazas

• Multiple community access points along the trail

• Universal access along the Neponset River

• New fencing and planting for security and beautification of the trail network

• Formalized trail signage for wayfinding
Consultant Design Team

Crosby Schlessinger Smallridge, LLC – Landscape Architects
Deneen Crosby – Principal-in-Charge/Project Manager

AECOM – Structural Engineers
Richard Devanna – Project Engineer

BSC Group – Civil Engineers
Peter Reed – Project Engineer

Epsilon – Permitting
Mike Howard – Project Manager

Nitsch Engineering – Surveyors
Paul LeBaron – Project Surveyor
Public Process

2006
- Neponset Open House
  Mar 8, 2006
- Public Meeting
  April 26, 2006

2007
- Master Plan Complete
  2006

2008
- Martini Shell Park & Nep. Esplanade Park Construction Begins
  Spring 2009

2009

2010
- Public Meeting
  May 17, 2010
- Site Walks
  Summer 2010
- Martini Shell Park & Nep. Esplanade Park Construction Complete
  Fall 2010
Public Process

2011
- Public Meeting for Project Update/Potential Design Opportunities
  November 17, 2011
- TIGER III Grant Application
  Oct 30, 2011
- MEPA and NEPA Permitting
  Sept 2011
- Public Meeting
  Aug 30, 2011

2012
- Public Meeting Design Update
  2012
- Milton & Boston Conservation Commissions
  Spring 2012

2013
- Neponset Trail Package Complete for Construction
  Sept 2014
- Neponset Trail Extension Construction Begins
  Aug 2014
- Neighborhood Const Schedule Public Mtg
  Oct 2014

2014
- Boston Conservation Commissions
  Feb 2014
- Neponset Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony
  Dec 2014

2015
- Neponset Trail Construction Begins
  April 2015
Project Scope

• This project consists of construction of a section of DCR’s Neponset River Greenway and includes a +/- 1.3 mile multi-use recreational trail along the Neponset River extending from Blue Hill Avenue, Boston to Central Avenue, Milton

• The project will link two previously-completed segments of the Neponset River Greenway, providing pedestrian and bicyclists with a scenic, safe pathway from Neponset Valley Parkway in Hyde Park to Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester

• Work includes the installation of a multi-use trail, a boardwalk at Mattapan Station, a canopy walk over the railroad, a river bridge, furnishings, plantings, fencing, drainage improvements and signage
Key Elements

Connection at Central Avenue to Completed Trail
Trail and River Bridge
Canopy Walk
Boardwalk at Mattapan Square Station
Central Avenue Crossing
Trail and River Bridge
Canopy Walk
Boardwalk at Mattapan Square Station
Construction Contractors

S&R Corporation
706 Broadway Street
Lowell, MA 01854

TEL   978-441-2000
FAX   978-441-2002
http://www.sandrcorp.com/
Construction Timetable

MARCH, 2015
CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

NOVEMBER, 2016
CONSTRUCTION EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED

SITE RESTORATION
Construction Access Points
Construction Staging
Construction Information

• Project work limited to work day hours between 7am and 5pm

• Primary staging at Ryan Field in close proximity to project. Project includes full restoration of the Ryan Field to athletic field conditions and a new gated entrance from Meadowbank Avenue.

• Limit of Work confined to area immediately bordering trail and trail structures.

• Limited and dispersed points of access to minimize construction traffic impacts.
Construction Information

• Project “Two Week Look-Aheads” available by email

  • Sign-up at this meeting or contact mass.parks@state.ma.us

• Questions regarding construction activities on site should be directed to the Scott Ryan, Resident Engineer, between 7am and 5pm.

  • Resident Engineer Trailer to be located at Ryan Field

  • scott.ryan@state.ma.us
Project Benefits- Improved Trail Access
Project Benefits - Water Access and Views
Additional Information

For more information:
http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/

If you have further questions or if you would like to
subscribe to receive project updates:

E-mail: mass.parks@state.ma.us
Please note “Neponset River Greenway- Blue Hill Ave to Central Ave” in the subject line.

Call: 617-626-4973

Write: Department of Conservation and Recreation
Office of Public Outreach
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Boston, MA 02114
Q & A / Discussion