Cape Cod Rail Trail
Wellfleet Extension Project Update

Thursday, June 13, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wellfleet Elementary School Gymnasium
DCR Mission Statement

To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all.
Purpose of Meeting

• To present an update of the design for a two-mile extension of the Cape Cod Rail Trail along the former rail corridor running from Lecount Hollow Road trailhead to CCRT Terminus, Wellfleet.

• Share updated parking lot designs for Lecount Hollow and CCRT terminus trailheads.

• Provide an opportunity for public comment and feedback.
The Vision
History of the Cape Cod Rail Trail

- Wellfleet to Dennis – 22 miles
  - Managed by DCR
  - First constructed in 1980
- Regional significance & connections
  - Abutter access & connectivity
History of the Cape Cod Rail Trail

- Popularity drove rehabilitation of trail in 2008
- Success drove expansion
  - West: Dennis, Yarmouth
  - East: South Wellfleet
- Phased expansion
Western Extension – Bass River Bridge
Guiding Principles for Design

- 10-foot wide, multi-use, fully accessible pathway, 2 foot shoulders
- Maximum grades of 5% to ensure accessibility
- Safe Connections
- Avoid, minimize, and mitigate rare species impacts
- Avoid impacts to wetland and cultural resources
- Create safe trailhead termini
Consultant

- Full-service, multidisciplinary design firm
- Recognized regional leader in trail projects
  - Over 500 miles of shared-use paths in planning, design or already constructed
- Design Team:
  - Stantec – Shared-use path design
  - SMC – Survey & basemapping preparation
  - LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc.– Resource flagging and permitting
Existing Condition
Proposed Condition
Lecount Hollow Parking Lot
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Lecount Hollow Parking Lot
Proposed Condition
Lecount Hollow Road
Existing Condition
Lecount Hollow Road
Proposed RRFB

- For midblock locations
- Motorist yielding rates increased 18.2% to 81.2% for 2 beacons and to 87.8% for 4 beacons (TRB)
- Pedestrian activated (pushbutton or passive)
- Warning device
- Can be solar powered or hard wired
Private Drive
Existing Condition
Private Drive
Proposed Condition
Trail Design Elements

Trail Washout

Trail Access to Power Lines
Proposed Condition
Trail Design Elements

Landscaping

- 160+ Native Trees
  - 138 Pitch Pine
  - 16 Northern Red Oak
  - 12 White Oak
  - 7 Serviceberry
  - 3 Eastern Red Cedar

- 625+ Native Shrubs
  - 171 Arrowood Viburnum
  - 167 Northern Bayberry
  - 88 Sweetfern
  - 76 Black Chokeberry
  - 70 Lowbush Blueberry
  - 56 Virginia Rose

- Shoulders and slopes planted with native grasses in addition to trees/shrubs
Old Kings Highway
Existing Condition

Reduce grade to meet ADA Accessibility.
Old Kings Highway
Proposed Condition
Old Kings Highway
Proposed Condition
Wellfleet Terminus
Existing Condition
Wellfleet Terminus
Current Concept Design
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If you have comments or suggestions on this project:
Submit online: www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment
Write: Department of Conservation and Recreation
Office of Public Outreach
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Boston, MA 02114
Deadline: Friday, June 28, 2019
Note: Public comments submitted to DCR may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety, and no information, including contact information, will be redacted.

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