



Neponset River Greenway Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Foley Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan, MA

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Guests

2. Along the Greenway with Stella Lensing, DCR Project Manager

Signage: *How much can the DCR do, and how much will we raise money to match funding?*

Maintenance issues: *Invasive species management, Graffiti on murals, Sea wall, Trail erosion, Tenean Beach*

Mattapan:

- Segment 2 – Central Ave to Mattapan Square: *Is there a date for an opening ceremony? How about expedited sign placement, trash barrels, comfort station along Segment 2*
- Segment 6 – Crossing Blue Hill Ave.: *Is there any progress for a crossing along River St.?*
- Apartments on Mattapan Station parking lot. *Construction start date?*

Dorchester:

- Segment 8 – Morrissey Blvd. drawbridge to UMass: *Report from public meeting*
- Segment 3 – Victory Rd to Morrissey Blvd *Is there a design completion date? MassDOT contact?*
- Segment 4 – Tenean Beach to Victory Rd. *Bridge vs. MassDoT Dog pollution at Victory Rd. Park in ACEC MassDOT Project 608843, Project Manager: Edmond Libsch*

Milton:

- Segment 6 – Crossing Blue Hill Ave. *Are Milton crossing lights working?*
- *Why is Brush Hill Road southbound signed for 45 mph?*

Hyde Park:

- Segment 7 – Fairmount to Dana Ave. *Next steps toward something along Truman Parkway?*
- Segment 9 – Connecting Trail to Paul's Bridge *Is anything happening yet*

3. Future Events

- Saturday, August 5 at 10:00 am–1:00 pm: Neighborhood Rides: Dorchester, meet at Ashmont Cycles
- Saturday, August 12, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Tenean Beach Day
- Tuesday, August 15, 7:00 pm – Port Norfolk Civic Association Bar-B-Q
- Saturday, September 23 8:30 am–1:00 pm: Neponset River Cleanup: Meet at Martini Shell.
- Saturday, September 23 at 1:00–3:00 pm: Neighborhood Rides: Mattapan

4. Past Event Reports

- Saturday, July 22, 2017 8:00 am – 3:00pm: Mattapan on Wheels 7th Annual Bike-a-thon, Mattapan
- Saturday, July 22, 10:00am-2:00pm: Neponset RiverFest, DCR Neponset II Park, Dorchester
- Bike rides from Dedham and Allston

Upcoming Meetings – Meetings held first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm

September 6, 2017 Milton Yacht Club, Milton (potluck at 6:00)
November 1, 2017 Somewhere in Dorchester

October 4, 2017 Hyde Park Police Station, Hyde Park
August 2, 2017 Foley Senior Residences, Mattapan

Issues on the trail? (non-emergency) MassParks line: 617-626-1250, 0 for operator or email mass.parks@state.ma.us

Join neponsetgreenway@googlegroups.com to take part in discussions between Greenway Council meetings

Join the *Neponset River Greenway Council* group on Facebook to keep track of Greenway events.

See our web site at <http://www.neponsetgreenway.org>

Signage Along the Neponset Trail

From Martha McDonough

- Wayfaring Signs everywhere you meet a major junction or entry point along the trail (Use mileage where possible)
- Signs for "No Motorized Vehicles, except ADA where appropriate"
- Trail Etiquette signs (Be sure to include trash carry-in and carry-out)
- Keep Right signs (using pictorial symbols)
- Signage for restrooms/water at major junctions
- Where appropriate - signage for PCB, E Coli, and poison ivy Dangers (Use Kiosks)

From Lee Toma

- Pictograms for non-English speakers, for as many sign subjects as possible
- 'No bathrooms' notice at each end of the new trail segment
- Pass with care / do not speed
- Do not eat fish (at any possible fishing spot and canoe launches)
- Do not jump off bridges
- Clean up after dogs
- "All dog owners must be leashed"
- Informational (need more detail):
 - Fauna and flora
 - Historical
- Wayfaring signs to be placed at trailheads - we need to suggest details
- Should companies and organizations be allowed to post signs and/or sponsor existing signage? Say perhaps the different farmers markets and local restaurants? And if so, what guidelines or limits should there be?
- And how about trail cleaning or maintenance sponsorships, like you might see on highways?

Signs Along the Neponset River

From Martha McDonough

- 500 yards(?) upstream of T&H Dam a rope high up across the river warning of dam ahead
- Lewis Chemical - signs in sediment warning paddlers of contamination
- Signage along river bank letting paddlers know when they are entering a different community such as Milton, Mattapan, etc
- Directional signs at every canoe launch since most of the time there is no obvious current (For example, at Martini Launch - a sign directing them towards Paul's Bridge or towards T&H)
- Historical signage where appropriate. For example, where Mother Brook meets the Neponset and more historical signs if they land their watercraft there @ Blake Estate Urban Wild. This is a very historical area...
- Sign where ever there is a canoe launch or landing from the river's embankment (Especially at Paul's Bridge, Martini Landing, where Mother Brook meets the Neponset and by the Kennedy Playground)
- Warning signs about fishing - wherever, there is a potential fishing hang-out (Barbara is having Denise Dodds get more info from Boston Public Health as to where the signs had been placed in the past - many are too faded or gone. Everyone should look along their own neighborhoods for new locations. I am recommending that we add them to Tileston Hollingsworth Dam, River Street Terrace, and between B Street Pedestrian Bridge and Mother Brook