



# Neponset River Greenway- Blue Hill Avenue to Central Avenue



NEPONSET RIVER GREENWAY  
BLUE HILL AVENUE to CENTRAL AVENUE

CONTEXT PLAN  
Scale 1" = 100'  
0 100 200 400

## DCR Public Meeting

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 7:00pm to 8:30pm  
The Foley Senior Residence, 249 River Street, Mattapan



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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# DCR Mission Statement

*To protect, promote and enhance our common  
wealth of natural, cultural and recreational  
resources for the well being of all*

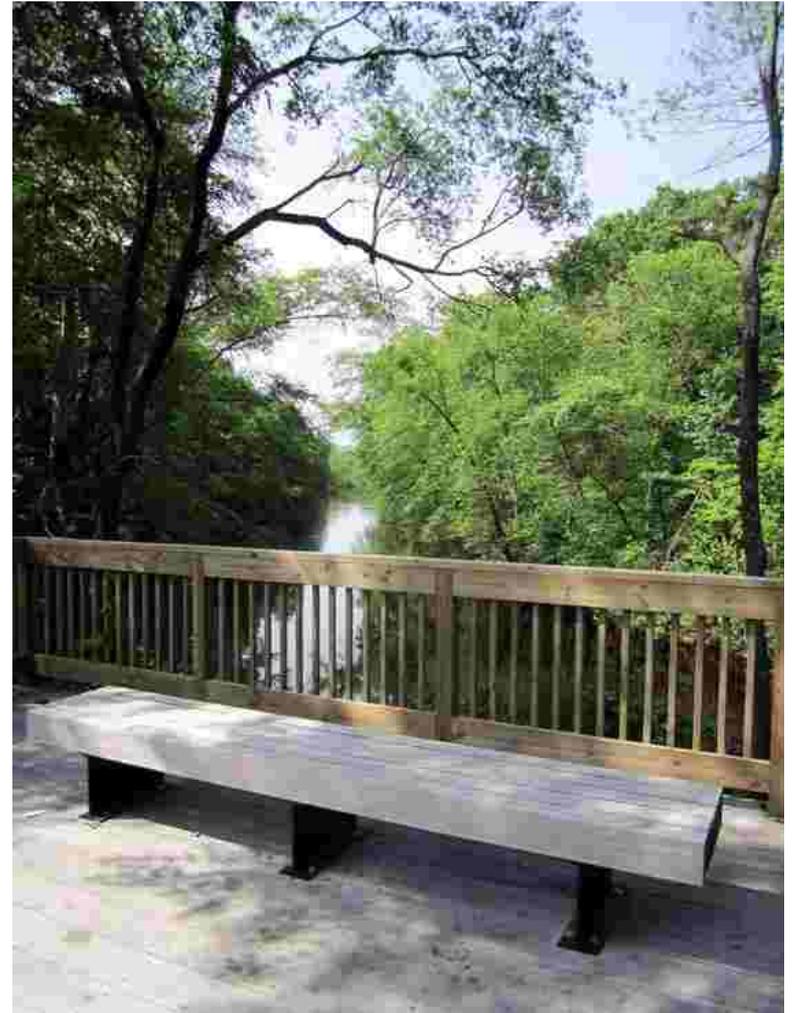
# Tonight's Meeting - Purpose

- 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

2007

2008

2009

2010

Neponset Open House  
Mar 8, 2006

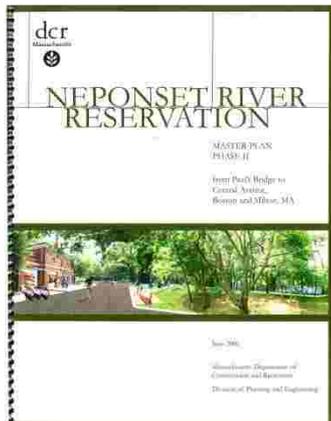
Master Plan Complete  
2006



Martini Shell Park & Nep. Esplanade  
Park Construction  
Complete  
Fall 2010

Public Meeting  
May 17, 2010

Public Meeting  
April 26, 2006



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



Site Walks  
Summer  
2010





# Public Process

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

**Public Meeting for Project Update/Potential Design Opportunities**  
*November 17, 2011*

**TIGER III Grant Application**  
*Oct 30, 2011*

**Neponset Trail Package Complete for Construction**  
*Sept 2014*

**Neponset Trail Construction Begins**  
*April 2015*

**Neponset Trail Extension Construction Begins**  
*Aug 2014*

**Public Meeting**  
*Aug 30, 2011*

**MEPA and NEPA Permitting**  
*Sept 2011*

**Public Meeting Design Update**  
*2012*

**Neighborhood Const Schedule Public Mtg**  
*Oct 2014*



**Milton & Boston Conservation Commissions**  
*Spring 2012*



**Boston Conservation Commissions**  
*Feb 2014*

**Neponset Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony**  
*Dec 2014*





# 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

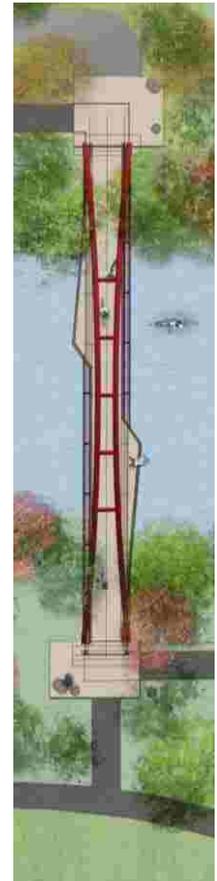
**Connection at Central Avenue to Completed Trail**  
**Trail and River Bridge**  
**Canopy Walk**  
**Boardwalk at Mattapan Square Station**



# Central Avenue Crossing



# Trail and River Bridge



# Canopy Walk



# Boardwalk at Mattapan Square Station





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# Construction Contractors



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# Construction Timetable

MAY

JUL

SEP

NOV

JAN

MAR

MAY

JUL

SEP

**SITE PREPARATION**

**TRAIL CONSTRUCTION**

**SITE RESTORATION**

**MARCH, 2015**  
**CONSTRUCTION**  
**BEGINS**

APR

JUN

AUG

OCT

DEC

FEB

APR

JUN

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OCT

**NOVEMBER, 2016**  
**CONSTRUCTION**  
**EXPECTED TO BE**  
**COMPLETED**

# Construction Access Points



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# 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](mailto: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](mailto:scott.ryan@state.ma.us)

Neponset River Greenway  
Blue Hill Ave to Central Ave

**TWO WEEK LOOK-AHEAD**  
April 6, 2015 – April 17, 2015

The Neponset River Greenway—Blue Hill Avenue to Central Avenue is the continuation of a bike path walkway to complete a public access corridor along coastlines, marsh and the riverbank from Castle Island in South Boston to the Neponset Valley Parkway in Hyde Park. Last spring the DCR received funding from Mass DOT to complete missing segments of the Neponset River Greenway. This segment of the Greenway consists of a ~1.3 mile multi-use recreational trail along the Neponset River extending from Blue Hill Avenue, Boston to Central Avenue, Milton. Construction is expected to be completed during the summer of 2016. 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. This segment includes demolition of existing fence, pavements and other site features; excavation and grading; and installation of pavements, boardwalk, canopy walk, river bridge, connector, footbridges furnishings, planting, fencing, drainage improvements and signage.

During construction, construction equipment will utilize entrances to the project site from Blue Hill Avenue, Meadowbank Avenue, and Central Avenue.

The following are activities you can expect to see over the next two weeks for the Neponset River Greenway—Blue Hill Avenue to Central Avenue:

- Mobilization and staging area preparations at Ryan Field
- Trail layout and staking
- Erosion control installation

Construction Work Schedule: Monday-Friday, 7AM to 5 PM, weekday; not to exceed 6 hours.

# Project Benefits- Improved Trail Access



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# Project Benefits- Water Access and Views





# Additional Information

## For more information:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/>

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/>

***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  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600  
Boston, MA 02114

# Q & A / Discussion

