



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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## Norwottuck Rail Trail Rehabilitation Project Update

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During the fall of 2009, the project team developed pre-25% design plans, completed revisions to the Rare Species Habitat Assessment for the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program, continued work on the vegetation management plan and wetlands analysis and began preparing an Expanded Environmental Notification Form for the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) filing.

Next steps are estimated below:

### January 2010

- Complete wetland analysis including recalculating wetland impacts, wetland functions and values assessment, and wetland impact avoidance and mitigation analysis.
- Refine pre-25% Design
- Finalize Vegetation Management Plan
- Draft Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF)

### February 2010

- Pre-MEPA filing coordination meetings with state and federal agencies
- Final Expanded ENF Submission for MEPA review

### March 2010

- MEPA review with public comment.

### April 2010

- Finalize 25% Design for submission to MassDOT for review.

The timetable after March 2010 will be greatly determined by the outcome of the MEPA review.