



Norwottuck Rail Trail Reconstruction Project Update

July 19, 2013

Lots of work behind the scenes!

Although excavation and trail closures are still a few weeks off, lots of work has been going on behind the scenes on the Norwottuck Rail Trail Reconstruction Project. The Contractor, C&A Construction, has been developing the health and safety plan, storm water protection plan, and preliminary project schedule. A field office has opened and survey work on the trail has begun.

In the next few weeks, crews trimming and removing trees, cutting roots, and installing erosion control will begin work. These activities will require path closures, and users should prepare to avoid closed sections of the path and find alternate routes.

Connecticut River Bridge Project

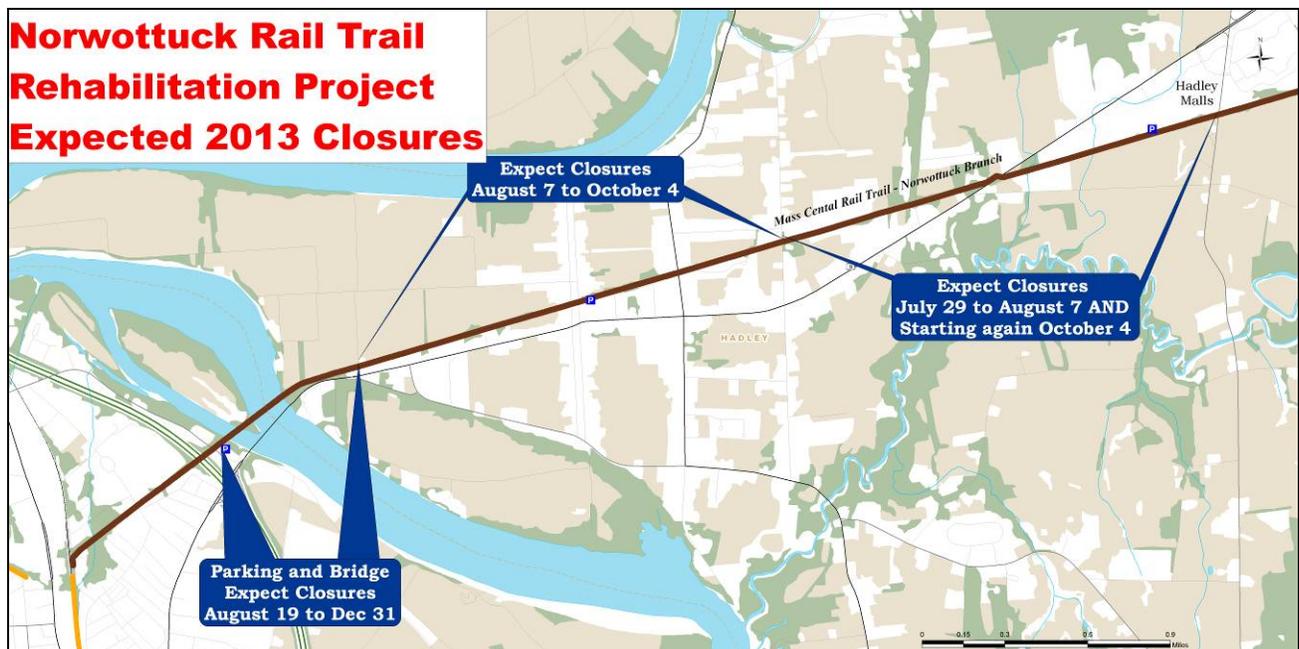
Under a separate contract, DCR will be re-decking and repairing the Connecticut River Bridge. Bids will be opened for this project at the end of July. The bridge and Damon Road parking lot will be closed for up to 6 months once this project begins later this summer or early in the fall. During this closure, there will be signage directing pedestrians from Damon Road and Cross Path Road to use the sidewalks on Bridge Street.

Users should be prepared to find alternate parking and trail access points other than Damon Road.

Current Anticipated Schedule and Closures

The project will be worked on in stages. At this time, we expect the following schedule of path closures. All dates are subject to change.

| Stage | Expected Closure | Type of Work | Possible On-Road Alternatives |
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| East St, Hadley to South Maple St, Hadley | July 29, 2013 to August 5, 2013 | Tree work, root cutting and erosion control | East St to Rocky Hill Rd to North Maple St. Or Route 9 to Mill Valley Rd. |
| Cross Path Rd, Hadley to East St, Hadley | August 5, 2013 to October 4, 2013 | Tree work, erosion control, excavation and repaving | Cross Path to Cemetery Rd to West St to North Ln to Middle St to Newton Ln to East St. |
| Damon Rd parking lot, Connecticut River Bridge to Cross Path | August 19, 2013 to December 31, 2013 | Bridge re-decking and repairs and project staging | Sidewalks, Damon Rd to Coolidge Bridge to Cross Path. |
| East St, Hadley to South Maple St, Hadley | October 4, 2013 to December 1, 2013 | Excavation and repaving | East St to Rocky Hill Rd to North Maple St. |
| Additional stages from South Maple St, Hadley to Station Rd, Amherst | Beginning around April 1, 2014 to November 15, 2014 | | |



More Information?

DCR will post future information, updated schedules and closures on our project web page at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/planning-and-resource-protection/projects/norwottuck-rail-trail-rehabilitation-project.html>.

We will also provide updates via our Norwottuck Reconstruction ListServe. You can sign up for the ListServ at the link above.

Thank you for your patience and support.