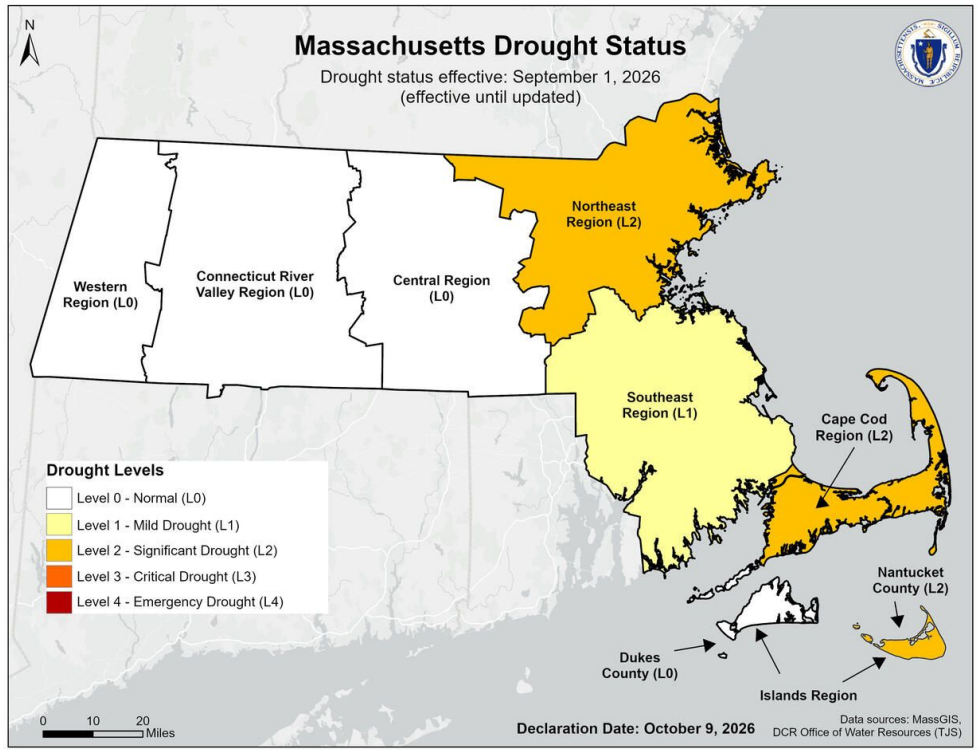
River Ambassador’s Report
SuAsCo Wild & Scenic
RSC Meeting
October 27,2026

Drought Status



As of October 9, 2026

Northeast region is back in Level 2 - Significant Drought

Rainfall totals in September ranged from 5 to 12 inches, with the lowest totals in the northeast. Groundwater deficits continue.

Drought Management Bill - Conference Committee is still finalizing the bill; Final report expected sometime after mid- October

OARS 2026 Bacteria Report

Table 2. OARS *E. coli* (CFU/100 mL) Results, 2026.

Site #	Description	Town	River	18 May	1 Jun	15 Jun	29 Jun	13 Jul	27 Jul	10 Aug	24 Aug	14 Sep
ABT-033	Rt. 62 Pump Stn.	Concord	Assabet	105	249	133	115	166	91	162	548	238
ABT-077	USGS gage	Maynard	Assabet	80	96	579	248	155	98	219	201	115
ABT-079	Walnut St Bridge	Maynard	Assabet	61	96	276	104	93	365	219	148	308
ABT-080	Main St and Walnut St	Maynard	Assabet	73	78	461	131	99	115	91	113	86
ABT-084	Maynard Town Hall	Maynard	Assabet	37	112	119	125	52	96	48	147	99
ABT-089	Rt. 117	Maynard	Assabet	66	45	39	61	127	43	55	122	59
ABT-176	Wheeler Rd	Hudson	Assabet	105	248	179	225	65	75	54	980	461
SUD-004	Nashawtuc Rd	Concord	Sudbury	31	42	45	24	82	44	24	1046	411
SUD-144	Sudbury Landing	Framingham	Sudbury	55	86	68	64	23	71	46	210	30
SUD-177	Kellog St	Framingham	Sudbury	172	118	210	435	151	82	82	>2420	435
SUD-236	Rt 135	Ashland	Sudbury	105	108	411	250	157	167	291	1986	210
CND-009	Rogers St Bridge	Lowell	Concord	64	179	127	236	214	285	130	411	613
CND-093	Rt 4 Carter Ave	Billerica	Concord	32	29	8	9	56	41	24	276	20
RVM-001	Lawrence St.	Lowell	River Meadow	261	173	1300	172	387	649	517	>2420	>2420

Table Legend:

Dark Orange Highlighting: sample concentration exceeds recommended boating levels (Recommended that 90% of samples ≤1260 CFU/100 mL.)

Orange Highlighting: sample concentration exceeds Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standard based on primary contact, such as swimming. (Recommended that 90% of samples ≤410 CFU/100 mL.)

Light Orange Highlighting: Sample concentrations exceeding the Beach Action Value (BAV) of 235 CFU/100 mL.

Table 3. OARS *E. coli* (CFU/100 mL) Geomean of Results, 2026.

Site #	Description	Town	Geomean of all Samples	18 May	1 Jun	15 Jun	29 Jun	13 Jul	27 Jul	10 Aug	24 Aug	14 Sep
ABT-033	Rt. 62 Pump Station	Concord	171	nc	nc	nc	nc	146	142	130	173	200
ABT-077	USGS Gage	Maynard	164	nc	nc	nc	nc	176	184	217	175	150
ABT-079	Walnut St Bridge	Maynard	157	nc	nc	nc	nc	109	156	184	163	202
ABT-080	Main St and Walnut St	Maynard	115	nc	nc	nc	nc	128	140	144	109	100
ABT-084	Maynard Town Hall	Maynard	84	nc	nc	nc	nc	80	96	81	85	81
ABT-089	Rt. 117	Maynard	63	nc	nc	nc	nc	62	57	59	74	74
ABT-176	Wheeler Rd	Hudson	171	nc	nc	nc	nc	147	137	101	142	164
SUD-004	Nashawtuc Rd	Concord	72	nc	nc	nc	nc	41	44	39	74	130
SUD-144	Sudbury Landing	Framingham	60	nc	nc	nc	nc	54	57	50	63	54
SUD-177	Kellog St	Framingham	232*	nc	nc	nc	nc	195	168	156	255*	255*
SUD-236	Rt. 135	Ashland	249	nc	nc	nc	nc	179	196	239	328	317
CND-009	Rogers St Bridge	Lowell	207	nc	nc	nc	nc	149	201	188	238	288
CND-093	Rt. 4 / Carter Ave	Billerica	30	nc	nc	nc	nc	21	22	21	42	50
RVM-001	Lawrence St.	Lowell	582*	nc	nc	nc	nc	330	396	493	558*	947

Table Legend:

Bold text: Geometric mean calculated from all samples

Dark Orange Highlighting: 5-Sample Running Geometric Mean concentrations exceeding the Massachusetts Secondary Contact Recommendation (boating) of 630 CFU/100 mL.

Light Orange Highlighting: 5-Sample Running Geometric Mean concentrations exceeding the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standard based on primary contact (swimming) of 126 CFU/100 mL.

nc: not calculated

* geomean calculated using 2420 when sample reported as >2420

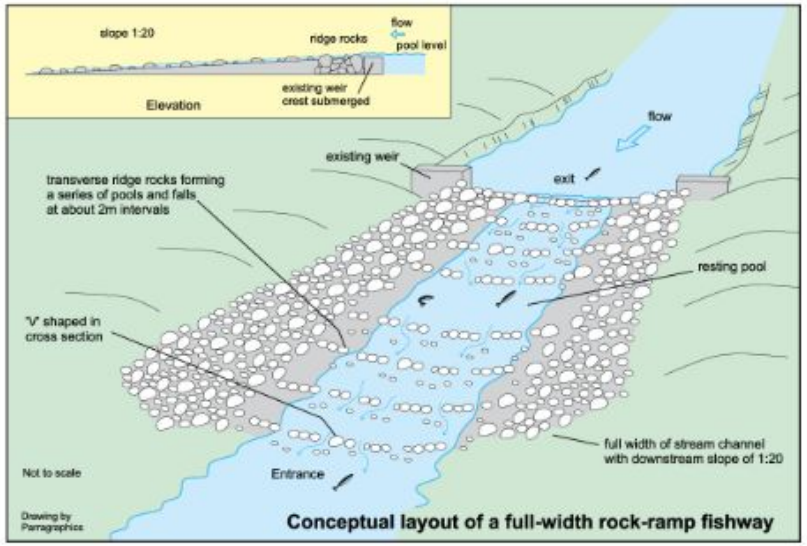
Billerica

- Talbot Mills Ecological Restoration Project Conservation Commission NOI continued to November 16th; All documents available at:
  https://tinyurl.com/TalbotDamRemovalPublic

Based on the analyses presented in this report, the proposed Fordway Bar rock vane grade control is expected to maintain existing low and normal water levels upstream of the bar, reduce flood levels, provide effective passage for diadromous and resident fish species, and stabilize the riverbed at a natural hydraulic control point. No permanent impacts are anticipated to wetland resources or buffer areas, infrastructure, water supply, water quality, rare species, cultural resources, EJ communities, aesthetics, or other resources.

This design brief will be provided to regulatory agencies reviewing the dam removal project to amend permit applications or issued permits to incorporate the proposed rock vane aspect of the project.

What is a Rock Vane Grade Control?









From Sullivan & Gomez presentation, 9/29/26

Concord

Reimagine MCI Concord - Draft Zoning Changes

MCI Concord Master Plan and Zoning



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Planning Update

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

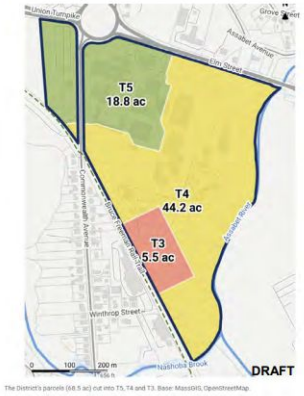


Zoning

What the WCJ amendment changes

One article creates the West Concord Junction (WCJ) District and touches several parts of the Bylaw: the district list and the Zoning Map, the use and dimensional tables, and a new Section 7.14.

Bylaw section	What changes
2.1 Classification of Districts	Adds the WCJ to the Business districts
2.2 Zoning Map	A new sheet: the WCJ and Subdistricts T3, T4 and T5
Table I, principal uses	A WCJ column and a new use, Multi-unit dwelling
Table II, accessory uses	A WCJ column
Table III, dimensions	A WCJ row; heights and lots by Subdistrict
Table IV, parking	Switched off; ratios come from the Regulating Plan
Section 7.14, new	The District itself: uses, heights, the unit cap, parking, affordability, sustainability, the Master Plan and the Regulating Plan



Coming up…

- Joint Planning Board – Select Board meeting **November 10** to discuss draft zoning text
- Town Meeting vote on draft zoning: **Spring 2027**

Concord

Deaconess - Independent Living Residential Building

Replace 3 existing buildings with one 4-story building

Possible viewshed concerns?



Locus



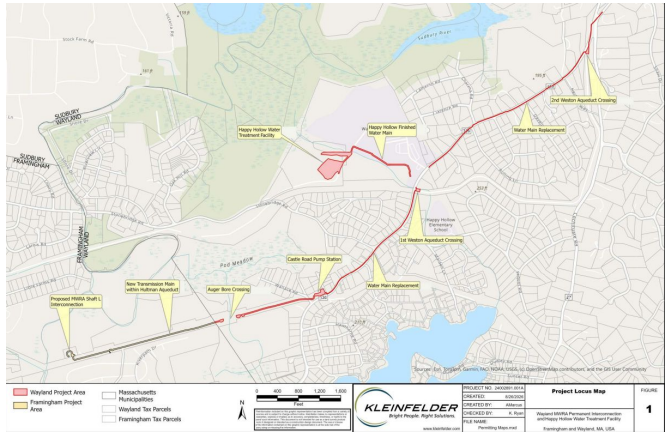
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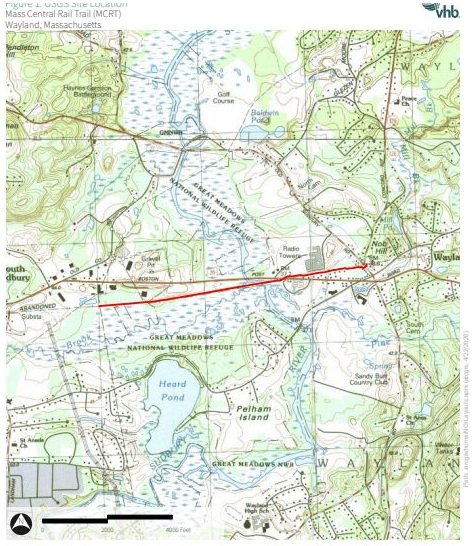
Elevation View (from river

Wayland

Notices of Intent



MWRA Interconnection and Happy Hollow Water Treatment Facility - submitted by DCR for construction of new water infrastructure in Wayland. The proposed work includes three connection to the MWRA water system, construction of a pump station and water treatment facility, and replacement of a water main.



Massachusetts Central Rail Trail - submitted by DCR for the construction of a 1.9 miles trail on an RR ROW. Work will be required in LUWW for structural modifications to the existing bridge structure over the Sudbury River. Work will be limited to removing and replacing portions of existing 12-inch wooden supports below the high-water mark which is considered dredge of approximately 3 cubic yards (CY) of material. No sediment dredging is proposed as part of the Project.

Sudbury
Mass Central Rail Trail







DCR is proposing a 1.9-mile segment of the MCRT in Wayland and Sudbury. The project stretches from the Eversource Substation just east of Landham Road in Sudbury to Boston Post Road (Route 20) near the intersection with Andrew Avenue in Wayland. Approximately 0.34-miles (1,800 feet) is in Sudbury.

Wayland

Sherman's Bridge

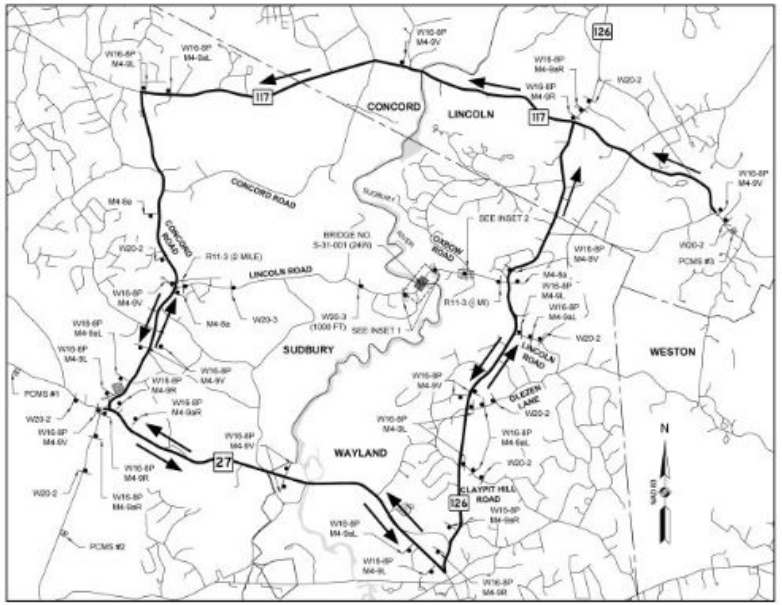


The Towns of Wayland & Sudbury will begin the Sherman's Bridge Rehabilitation Project on **Monday, November 9, 2026**.

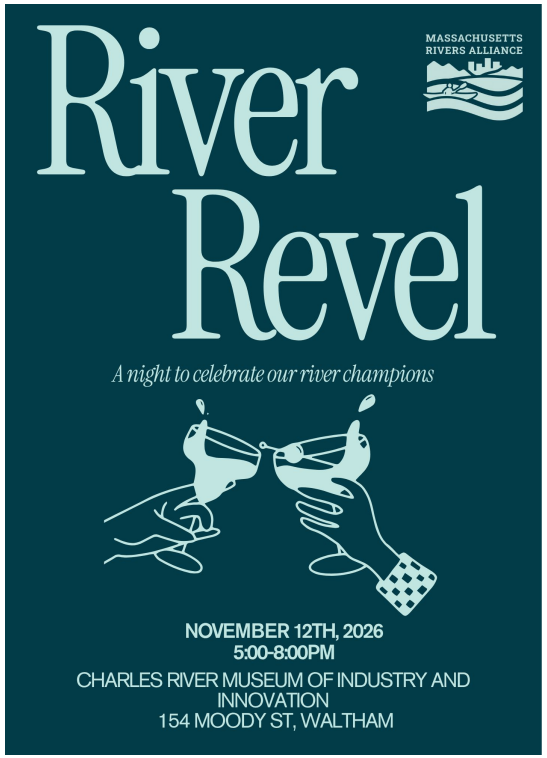
Full Bridge Closure: Sherman's Bridge will be fully closed to all traffic for the duration of construction. No access across the bridge will be permitted. Detour route signage will be in place for the duration of the project.

Construction is anticipated to take approximately **12 weeks**, with substantial completion and the reopening of the bridge anticipated by February 1, 2027, weather and conditions permitting. The schedule may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances.

Please visit the project website for detour routes, project information, and construction updates:
https://sudbury.ma.us/dpw/shermans-bridge/



Mass Rivers Alliance River Revels



Who wants to go?

Hats



Who wants one?

Miscellaneous

Attended

- Assisted with OARS Cleanup day at the Nashoba Brook/Assabet River Confluence and along Assabet River, particularly near the railroad bridge and the 7-11 strip mall
- Attended SVT annual meeting
- Reviewed MCI Concord proposed zoning update
- Attended Friends of Pine Hawk presentation by Dr. Curtis Hoffman on indigenous stone structures in our area. FYI - Friends of Pine Hawk are presenting this evening on long-distance connections among Native Communities
- Reviewed Talbot Dam NOI - Rock vanes
- Attended Concord Conservation Coffee
- Met with Rob Munro; walked MCI property along the Assabet
- Walked Carol Getchell Trail
- Visited “Shoddy” dam removal site on Fort Pond Brook
- Attended Mass Rivers Alliance Policy Suboup Meeting
- Attended Mass Rivers Alliance Culvert Assessment webinar

Administrative

- Obtained hats for reps

Miscellaneous - Continued

Administrative

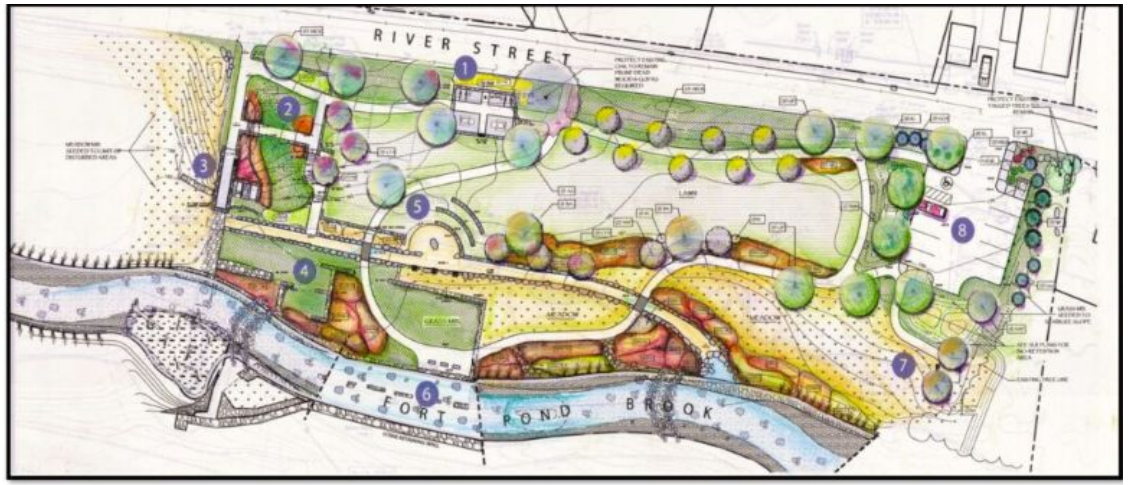
- Obtained hats for reps
- Drove around river crossings with signage to determine need for posts

On the River

- Paddled Concord River from Constitution Park to Talbot Dam
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“Shoddy” Dam Park - 53 River St, Acton

Post Dam Removal



Final park layout drawing. Drawing: Courtesy, Town of Acton

Fort Pond Brook flows into Nashoba Brook and then into the Assabet River just above Warner’s Pond









