

River Ambassador's Report

SuAsCo Wild & Scenic

RSC Meeting

January 27, 2026

Warners Pond Update

Charge:

The Warner's Pond Management Committee is established to prepare and support the implementation of an Adaptive Management Plan, which aims to improve the ecological health and recreational capacity of the pond. The Committee shall be a sub-committee of the NRC and shall receive support from the Division of Natural Resources. Committee members should all be committed to preserving and protecting the pond. The Committee shall involve stakeholders, such as the Friends of Warner's Pond, the Concord Scouts, and OARS, as they develop their recommendations



Elissa - nominated for 1 year term
Carlene - nominated for 2 year term

First meeting - February 5th

Sherman's Bridge



The Towns of Sudbury and Wayland are proposing a rehabilitation project to:

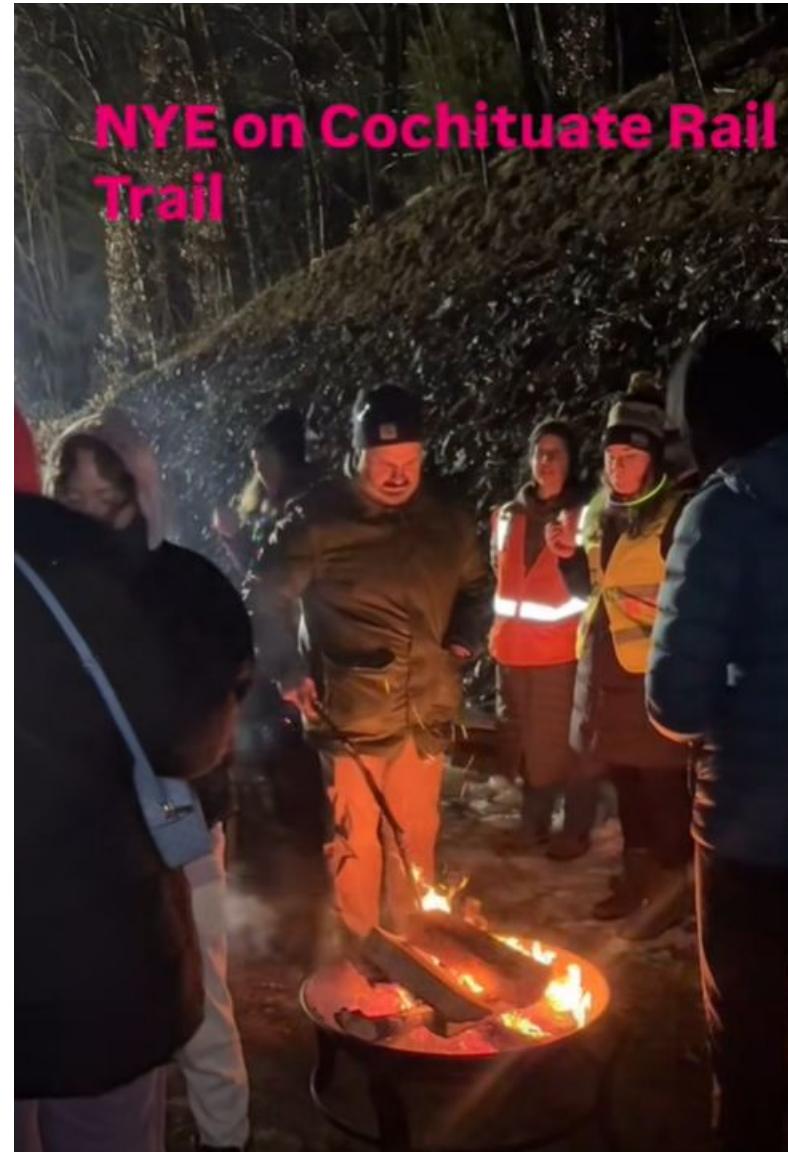
- Replace the current wooden deck with a stronger glulam timber deck and asphalt overlay.
- Install crash-tested bridge railings and approach guardrails.
- Complete targeted substructure repairs to extend the bridge's life and improve safety.
- Reduce maintenance costs, improve travel safety, and protect the Sudbury River.

Design and permitting will continue through 2025, with final plans expected in early 2026. Construction is targeted for summer or fall 2026, pending funding and permits. The work will take an estimated 3-6 months.

Major changes

- Wooden wearing surface
- 5' wide sidewalk on northern side

Cochituate Rail Trail - First Night



Other Meetings

Attended

- NMCOG Meeting re: Talbot Mill Dam
- Sherman's Bridge Meeting
- Metrowest Conservation Alliance Meeting
- Concord Conservation Coffee
- Sherman's Bridge Updates
- Wetlands and Wildlife Open House - Assabet River Wildlife Refuge
- OARS Water Quality Presentation - Abby McCarthy
- OARS/Concord/MAPC Climate Collaborative
- OARS "Give Back" Get Together
- Indigenous Consultation

Around the Watershed

Billerica Conservation Commission - Talbot Mills Dam continued to February 9th

Concord Community Preservation Act - Conservation Fund

Lincoln Conservation Commission - Mt Misery Boardwalk

Wayland Community Preservation Act - Heard Pond Herbicide Treatment

Sudbury Community Preservation Act - Hop Brook Water Quality

Framingham - Carol Getchell Trail

