

River Ambassador's Report

SuAsCo Wild & Scenic

RSC Meeting

March 25, 2025

# RSC Sponsored Talk for Concord250

## **Discord on the Concord**

By Professor Robert Thorson, University of Connecticut



The Sudbury, Assabet and Concord  
**WILD & SCENIC**  
River Stewardship Council



**Discord on the Concord:**

**River Ice Breakup and the Revolution of the Seasons (Then and Now)**

**Saturday, May 3, 10 AM**

**Concord Free Public Library**

**Goodwin Forum**

**129 Main Street, Concord Mass.**

# 2025 Annual CISMA Spring Meeting

## March 11, 2025



Kristen O'Brien and  
Jane Maloney



Tom Flannery, DCR

# Other Meetings/Activities

## OARS Coordination:

- Strategic Plan Update -  
Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee
- Concord River Map Update - Comments
- Sudbury River Map Update - Comments

**SGAR Meeting** - Second Generation Anti-Coagulant Rodenticide

**Boat Ramp** - Map restocking, trash removal, aquatic hitchhiker signs

**Assistance with Concord250** - Presence on the water 4/19

- Elissa, Marlies, Julia Khorana



# Building a Regional Water Resources Collaborative for SuAsCo Watershed

MVP Action Grant Proposal - to establish a formal framework for coordinating collaboration around water resources management and climate resiliency



- 1) Foster relationships and build regional collaborations across municipalities, partner organizations, and the public**
- 2) Assess regional water resources needs**
- 3) Identify resources and opportunities to leverage funding**
- 4) Facilitate and coordinate climate resiliency efforts across the watershed and region**
- 5) Increase communication, education, and engagement across all stakeholders**

# Yankee Doodle Bike Path

## Billerica, MA

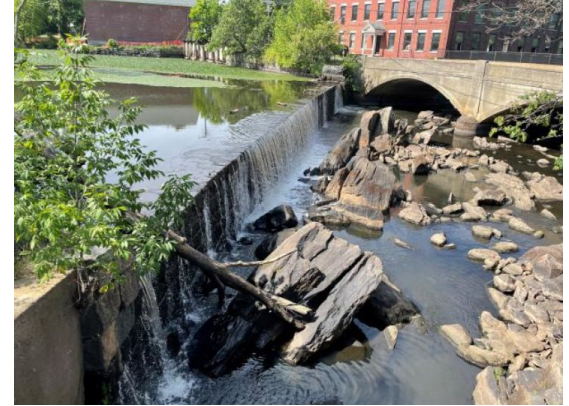


Phase II - From Richardson St to Concord Road



# Talbot Mill Dam Billerica, MA

ConCom hearing continued to 5/12/25,  
ConCom waiting for MA DEP 401 Water Quality Certificate



## **401 Water Quality Certification:**

The project, which involves removing the Talbot Mills Dam on the Concord River, requires a 401 Water Quality Certification from MassDEP because it involves a discharge to state waters.

## **Clean Water Act:**

This certification is mandated by the federal Clean Water Act, which gives states the authority to review projects that require federal permits and result in a discharge to state waters.

## **Purpose of 401 Review:**

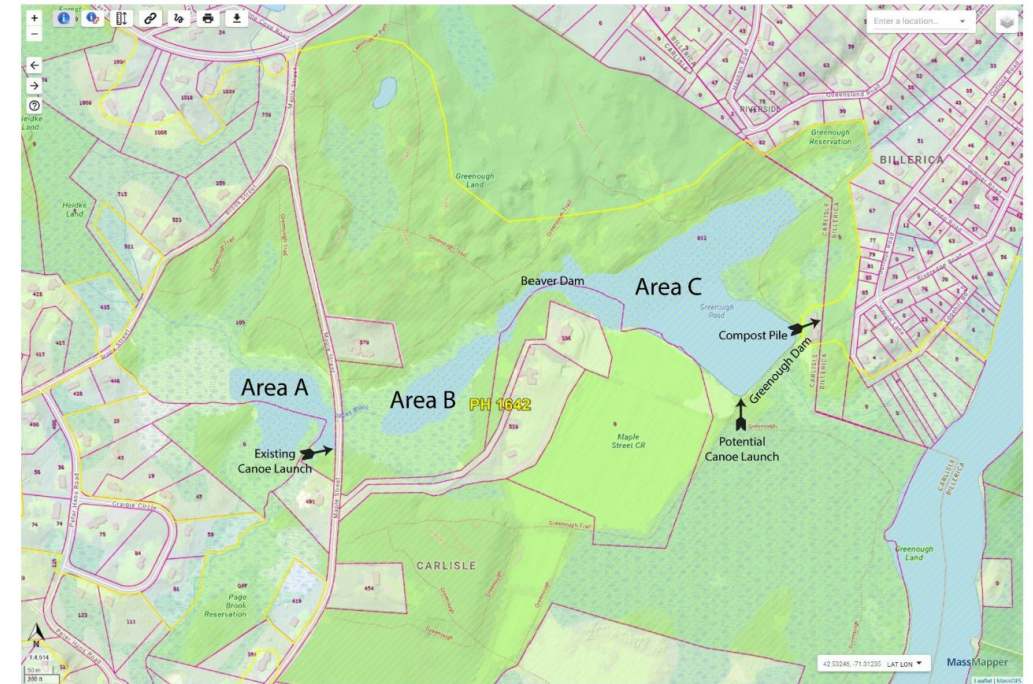
The purpose of the state 401 review is to ensure that the project will comply with state water quality standards and other relevant requirements of state law.

# 812 Maple Street, Carlisle

## Greenough Pond Water Chestnut Removal

### Notice of Intent

Hand removal of a moderate amount of invasive Water Chestnut (*trapa natans*), around 1000 plants as of 2024. It will be composted on in a grassy upland area outside of wetland buffer zones and priority habitat areas prior to disposal with the Department of Public Works. Also, hand removal of <500 sq feet of invasive Glossy Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*) for pond access.



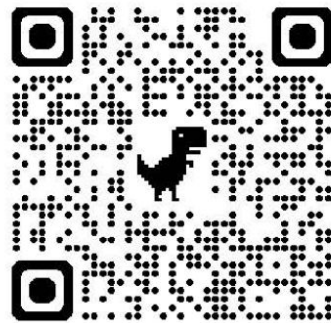


# Warner's Pond Public Forum

## Concord - APRIL 3, 2025

### Warner's Pond Task Force Community Meeting

*Scan this code to pre-register for the zoom meeting.*



*Join us on Thursday, April 3 to learn about and provide feedback on alternatives to support the ecological health and recreational opportunities at the Warner's Pond system, a community resource located in West Concord. View the proposal at the Warner's Pond Task Force website:*

*[www.concordma.gov/3520/Warners-Pond-Task-Force](http://www.concordma.gov/3520/Warners-Pond-Task-Force)*



**Topic:** Warner's Pond Restoration Alternatives

**Date/Time:** April 3, 2025 at 7:00 pm

**Location:** 22 Monument Square, Hearing Room, Concord, MA

**Zoom Registration:** [https://cbi-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_p1JTH9STQ6KRANuUxTOuWg](https://cbi-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_p1JTH9STQ6KRANuUxTOuWg)

**Contact the Division of Natural Resources for more information: 978.318.3285**

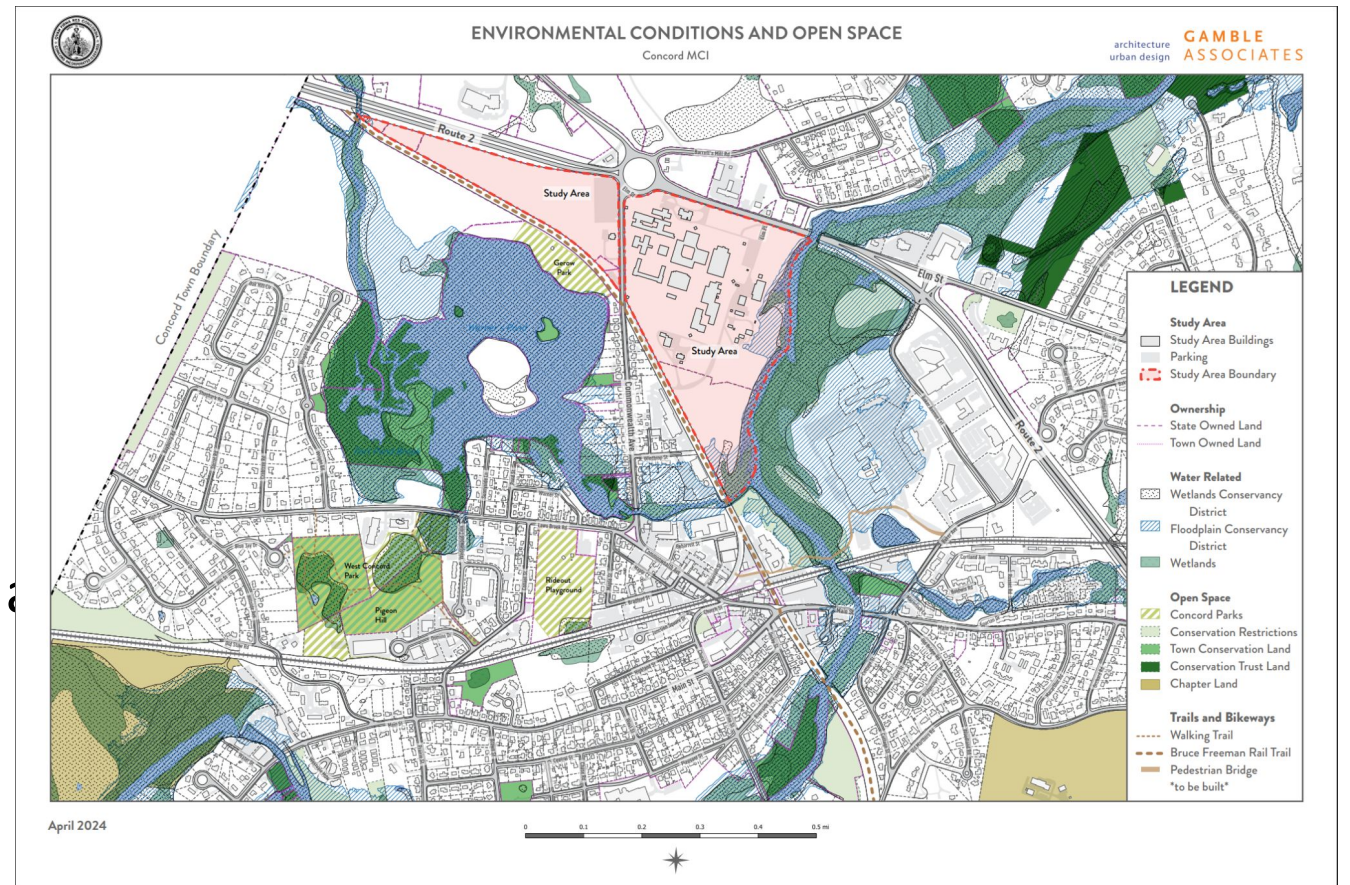
# MCI Concord Advisory Board

## Kickoff Meeting - February 25, 2025

### Subcommittees

- Legal & Government Affairs
- Land Use Planning & Strategy
- Community Outreach

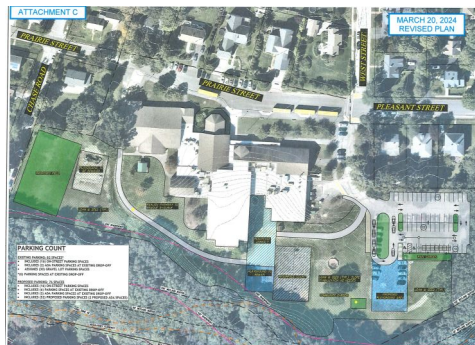
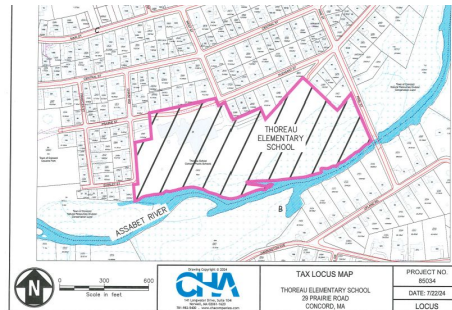
Upcoming Public Outreach - Presentation at  
the Concord School Committee Meeting -  
March 25, 2025, 6:00 PM





# Concord FY26 CPC Warrant

Town of Concord/Concord Public Schools – Thoreau Athletic Fields and Greenspace	Recreation			\$222,480	\$222,480
	Open Space			\$222,480	\$222,480
Town of Concord/Recreation – Gerow Recreation Area – Design and Cost Estimation	Recreation			\$45,000	\$45,000
	Open Space			\$45,000	\$45,000



Thoreau School

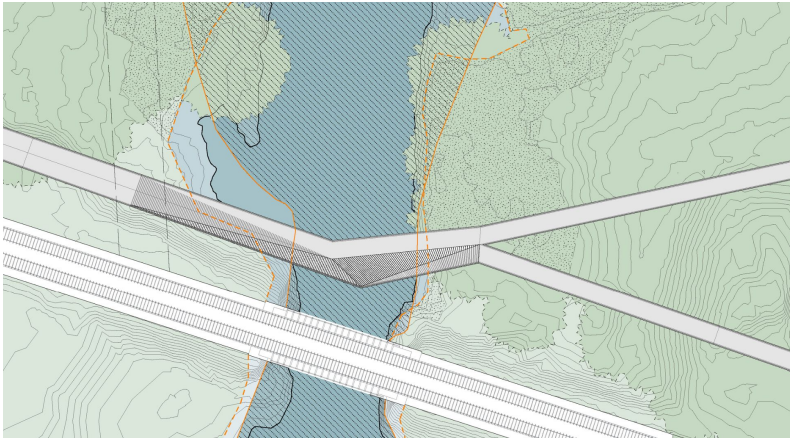


Gerow Park

- 1) Design, engineering, and cost estimation for three enhancements to the Park:
  - a. water access through a boat dock/launch and fishing pier structure(s);
  - b. an ADA-accessible and inclusive natural playground; and
  - c. Access paths and additional landscaping improvements associated with the water access and playground features
  
- 2) Creation of a comprehensive Operations, Maintenance, and Capital Replacement plan and budget for the park based on already built features and the alternatives evaluated for the water access and playground features



# Assabet River Pedestrian/Bike Path Bridge - Update Meeting



<https://www.concordma.gov/2398/Assabet-River-Bridge-Trail>

# Wayland Conservation Commission

## High School Turf Field Update

Tom and I confirmed presence of swale  
to Sudbury River

Tom met with Conservation  
Administrator and Chair

Cleanup by Town promised by Town  
Manager

