

River Ambassador's Report

SuAsCo Wild & Scenic

RSC Meeting

April 29, 2025

# Meetings/Activities

## OARS Coordination -

- Strategic Plan Update - Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee
- Wild and Scenic Film Festival

## SVT Coordination - Attended volunteer orientation

## Concord250 -

- On the water, at Old North Bridge on April 19th
- Elissa, Marlies and Michelle, Julia Khorana and Mike Duclos, Peter Hogan

## Boat Ramp -

- Map restocking, trash removal, aquatic hitchhiker signs
- Back on the water!



# Website Updates

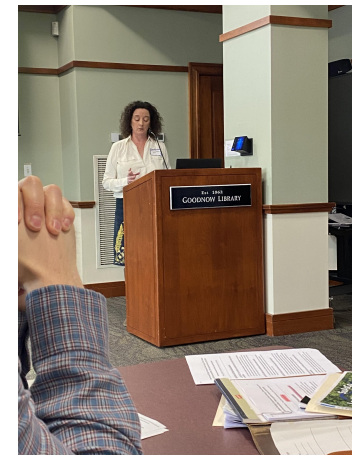
## Tabling Events

- Locker cleanup
- Carlisle Road to Sustainability - April 27

## MCA Conservation Alliance - April 29th

## Meetings with Legislators/Regulators

- Organized by OARS - Eldridge, Hogan, Gentile, Cataldo
- Organized by MA Rivers
  - Stephanie Cooper – Undersecretary for the Environment, MA EOEEA
  - Bonnie Heiple - Commissioner of MA Dept of Environmental Protection
  - Timothy O'Shea - Commissioner MA Department of Fish and Game



# Framingham, MA

## CPC Application - Carol Getchell Trail Middle Section

- CPA funds were requested for design services, site engineering, permitting and related documents for the Middle Section of the Carol Getchell Nature Trail (1,833 feet) and Stapleton Stairs
- The funding request for the Stapleton Stairs was withdrawn by the applicant (estimated cost \$33,500)
- Funds will be used for design services of universally accessible trail along the Wild and Scenic Sudbury River to connect the North and South Sections of the trail, which are currently under construction



**Land Manager Position Cut - ???**

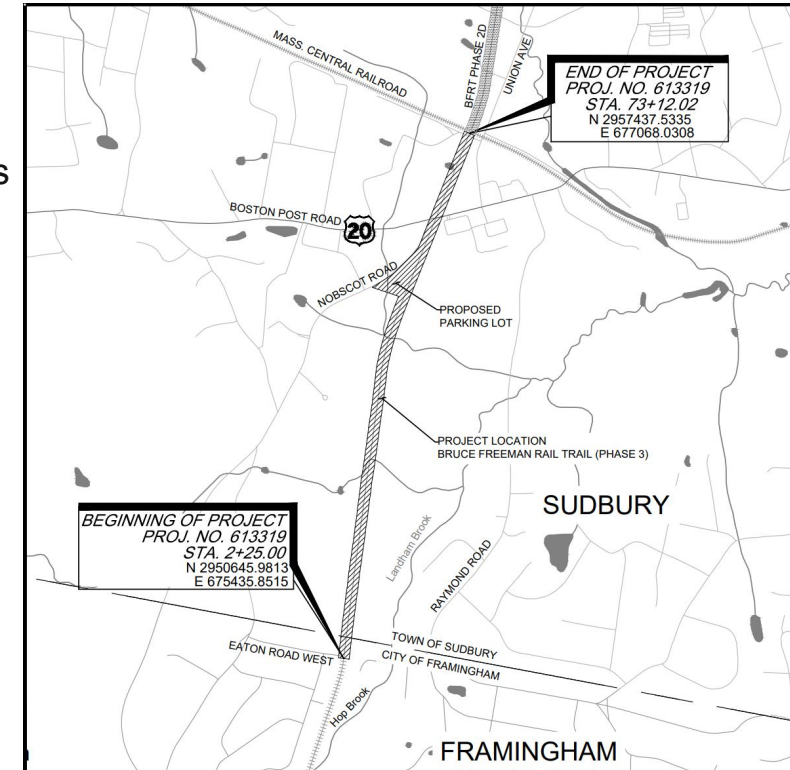
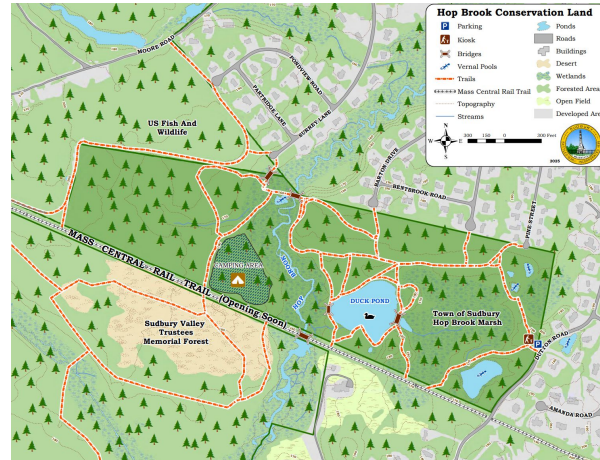
# Sudbury, MA

## BFRT

## Mass Central Rail Trail

- MCRT Sudbury – Hudson: This 7.5-mile stretch from [Sudbury Substation](#) to [Wilkins Street, Hudson/Connection to Assabet River Rail Trail](#) will be built by DCR. Construction will begin in the spring of 2025.
- MCRT Wayland to Sudbury: [Route 126, Wayland to Sudbury Substation](#): This 1.9-mile segment is designed by DCR and will be funded and constructed by MassDOT. Design and permitting is anticipated to be complete in 2026.

## Hop Brook Conservation Area Trail Map





# Wayland, MA

## Heard Pond -

- Aquatic Invasive Species Management



## Greenways - Upland Invasive Species Management

## Town Meeting - 4/31

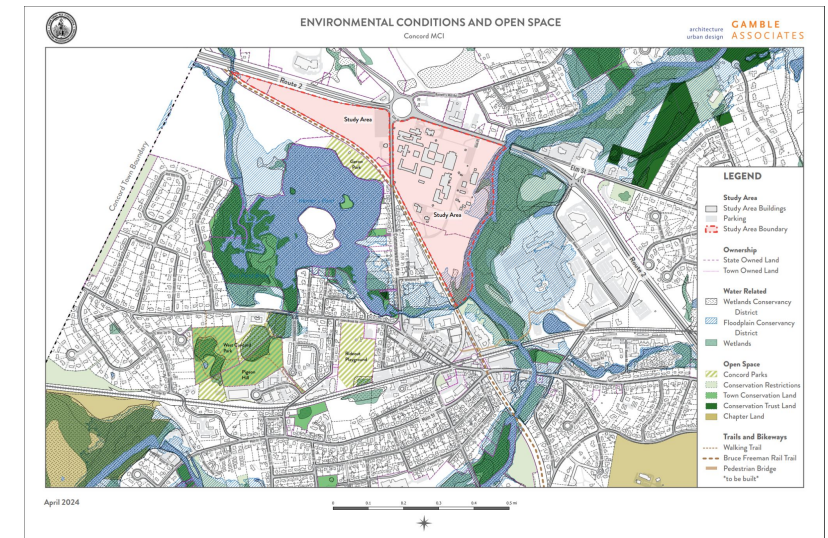
- High School Turf Field Remediation
- SGAR Ban

# Concord, MA

## Warner's Pond Task Force

## MCI Concord Advisory Board

- Draft Comments
- Public Forum - April 30, 2025

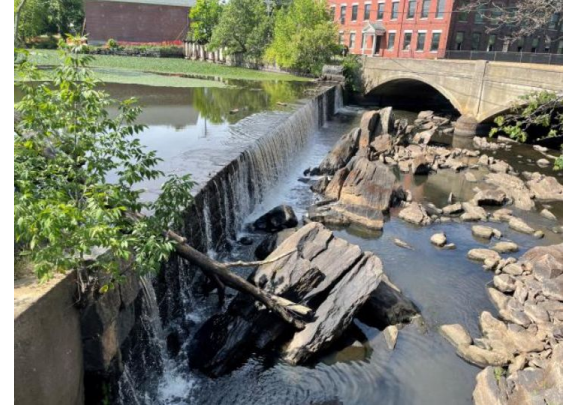


## Assabet River Bluff

- Conservation Restriction - 6 acres

# 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.



# 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.**

# Summer Solstice Paddle - June 21st

## Concord, MA

### Partners

- Concord250/Julia Khorana
- Musketaquid
- Art for All



Cabinet card of 1875 version of North Bridge, printed by A.W. Hosmer from negative #VI.24

