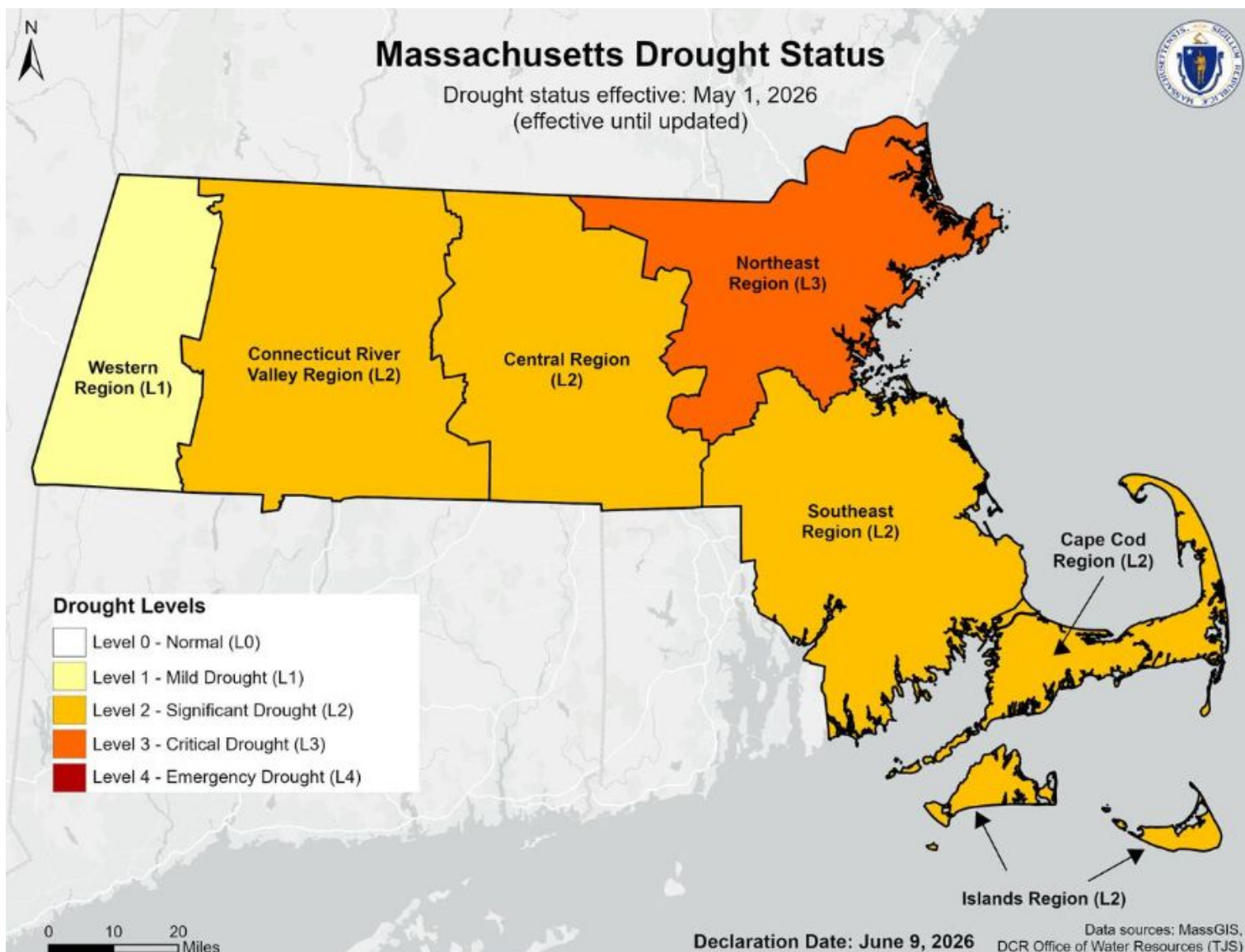


River Ambassador's Report
SuAsCo Wild & Scenic
RSC Meeting
June 30, 2026

Drought Status



Issued May 1, 2026

During May, the state received between 1-3 inches of rain, which was 1.3 to 3 inches below normal. Rivers and streams throughout the region are running below normal levels, even if they may have seen a slight increase right after a rain event. These decreasing levels are an indicator that groundwater levels continue to go down.

As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level 3 – Critical Drought requires affected communities to implement a ban on nonessential outdoor water use.

Billerica Water Chestnut Removal

Bartlett's Landing, May 31, 2026



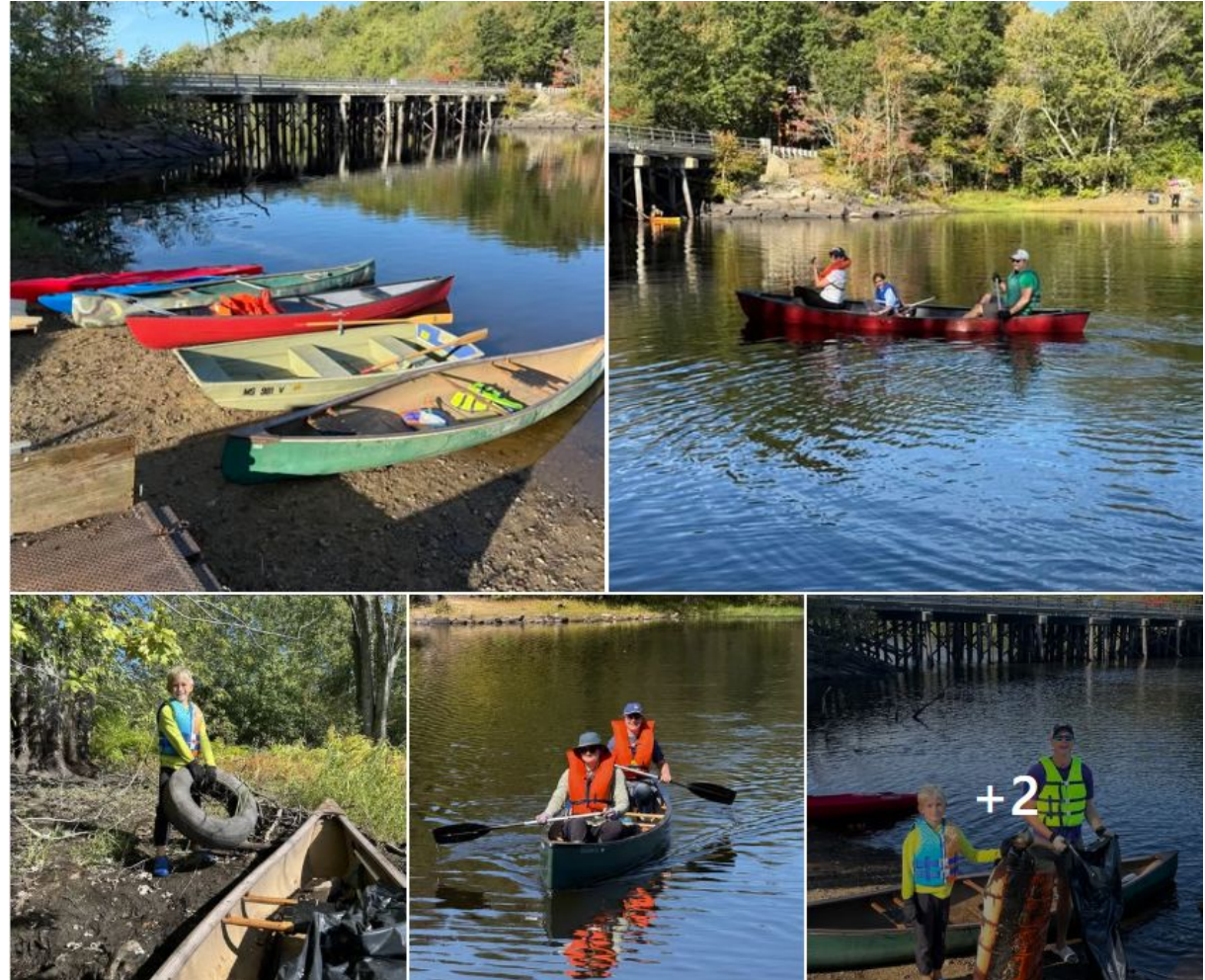
Carlisle Water Chestnut Pull/River Cleanup

Bedford Boat Ramp, June 13, 2026

Removed water chestnuts and cleaned the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

Filled a 5x10 trailer with trash and debris.

The Carlisle Conservation Foundation collaborated with OARS, the Carlisle Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC), the RSC and USFWS



Warners Pond Update

Conservation Committee will be soliciting applications for a new member to replace me

The Committee is working to prepare a RFP for a pond consultant



Carlene co-led a stakeholder meeting with Jeff Collins (OARS), Peter Alden, Vicki Alani (FOWP), Christine Larkin (Prison Farm), Anna Feldweg (West Concord Advisory Committee), Allison Aley (West Concord Advisory Committee), Julia ? (Girls Scouts)

Warners Pond Water Chestnut Removal

June 28, 2026

Water chestnut biomass found to be significantly reduced due to previous events



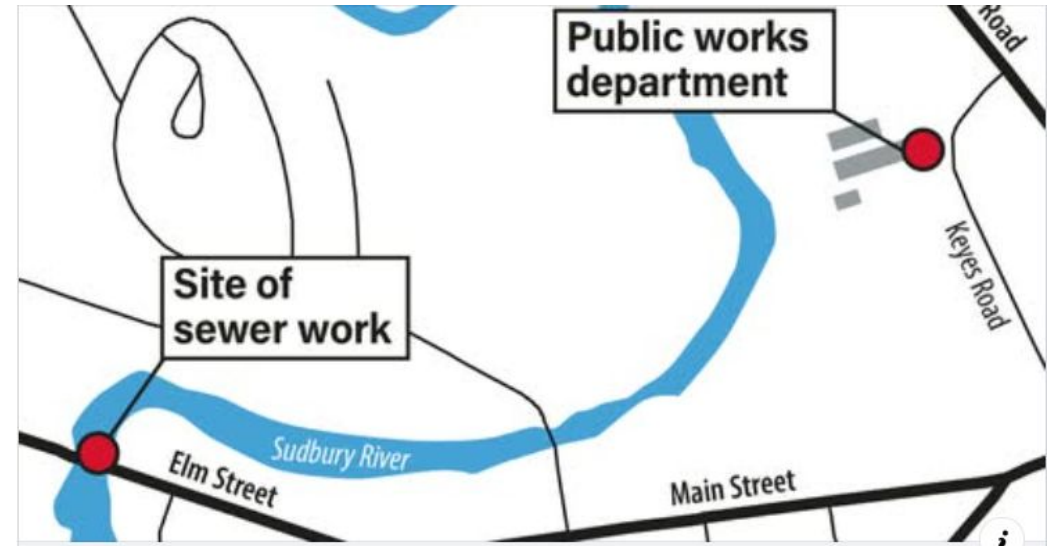
Septage Spill Concord River

June 8, 2026, Concord

200 gallons of septage spilled onto town roads from town truck with leaky valve after leaving septage site on River Road

DPW crew had been clearing blockage at Elm Street

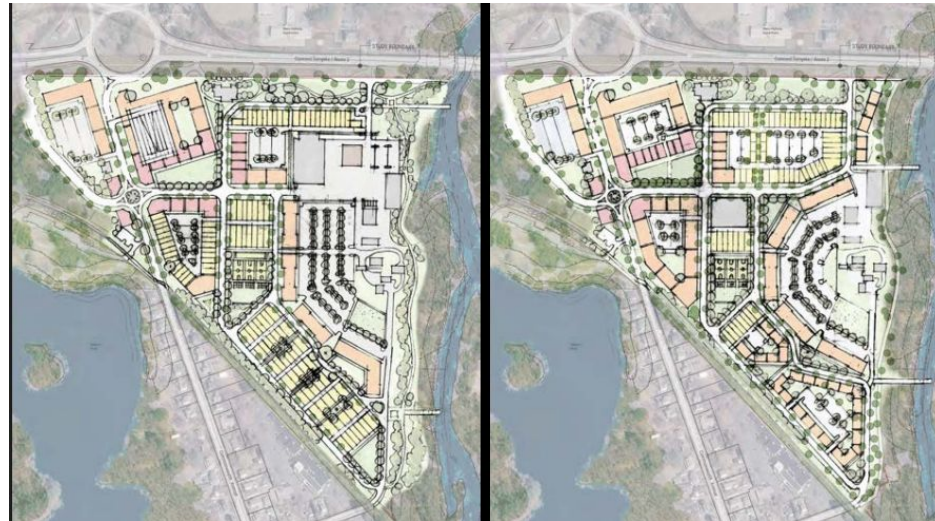
Town flushed streets with 8,000 gallons of water, issued 48-hour no contact order



MCI Concord Redevelopment

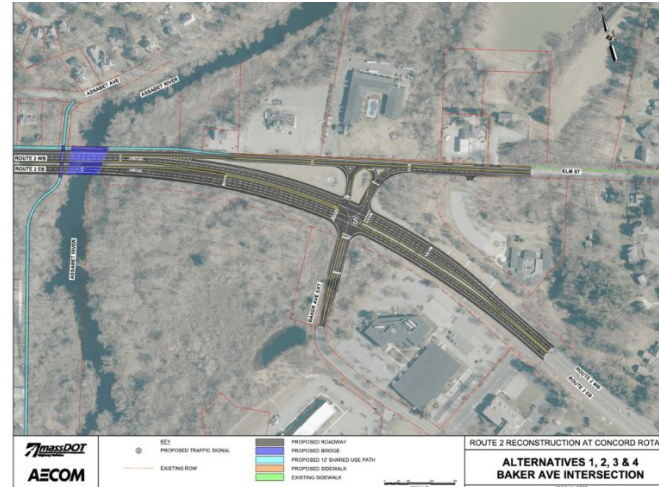
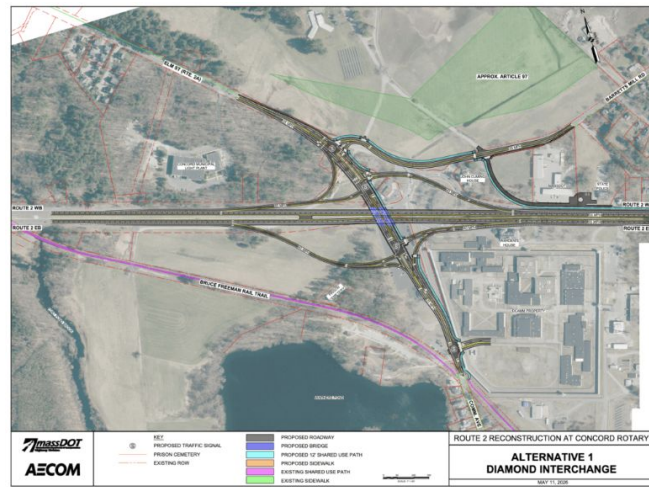
June 11th Update

- Preliminary design plans shared with over 180 Concord and Acton residents
- Concord DPW will take over existing WWTP and move operations to the site
- Two river access points and walking trails along river
- Consultants are requesting people respond to survey by July 1st
- The revised master plan will be shared next on Sep 9th at CCHS



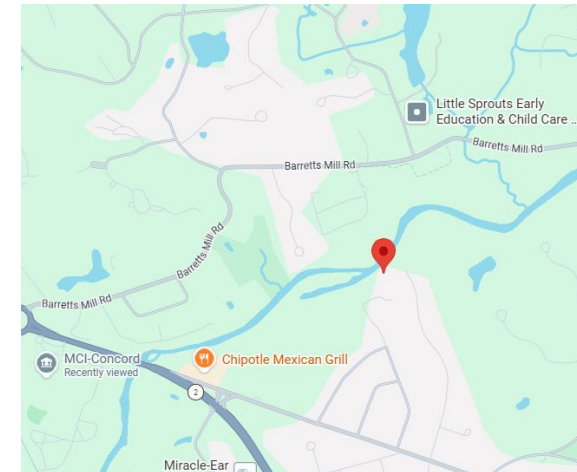
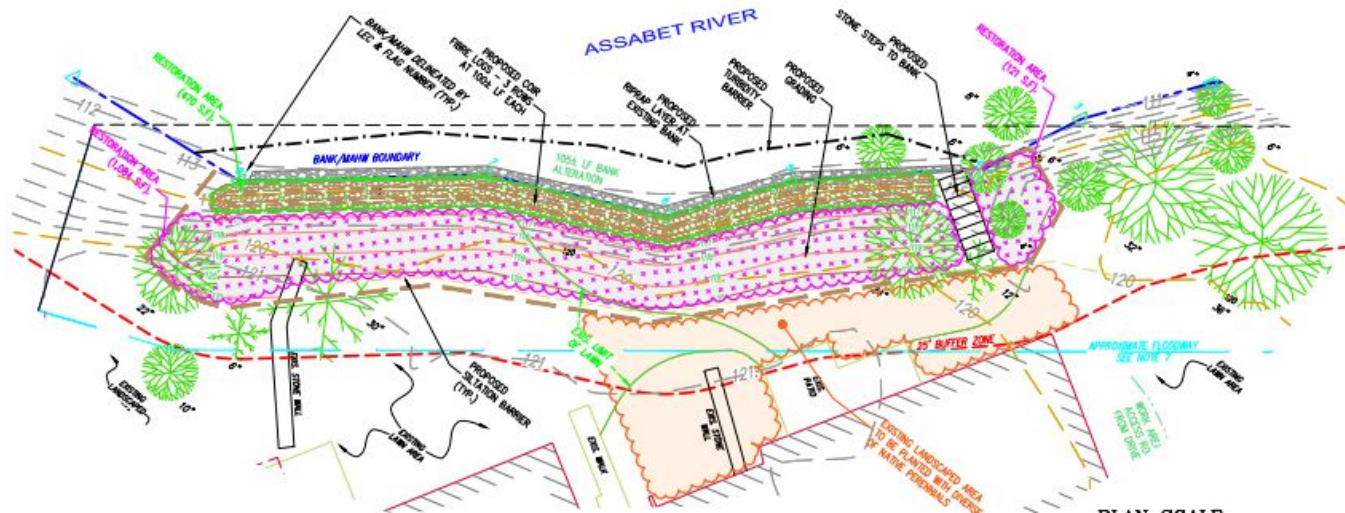
MassDOT Route 2 Rotary and Baker Avenue Intersection Re-design

- Several different potential design options presented
- All included is replacement of the Assabet River Bridge
- Design expected to be complete by 2030
- Work expected to be complete by 2035



NOI for Bank Stabilization

261 Park Lane, Concord



Sherman's Bridge

Order of Conditions has or will be issued Wayland and Sudbury Conservation Commissions

555 sf of floodplain loss

Rejected chromated copper preservative (CCA)

Will use DCOI instead

DCOI is not an EPA-restricted pesticide and contains no heavy metals, dioxins, or PAHs.

No stormwater management

No in-water work in Wayland, some water control in Sudbury for pile rehab

Sandbag cofferdam, floating silt fence, compost filter tube on banks

Preservative	Base	When applied	Where applied
CCA	Water	Before gluing and fabrication	Structural glulam deck panels
DCOI	Oil	After fabrication	Structural glulam deck panels
Copper Naphthenate	Oil	After fabrication	Structural glulam deck panels
MCA	Water	Applied to finished lumber	Sawn all-wood



Wayland Post announces plan to examine Thoreau's Sudbury River

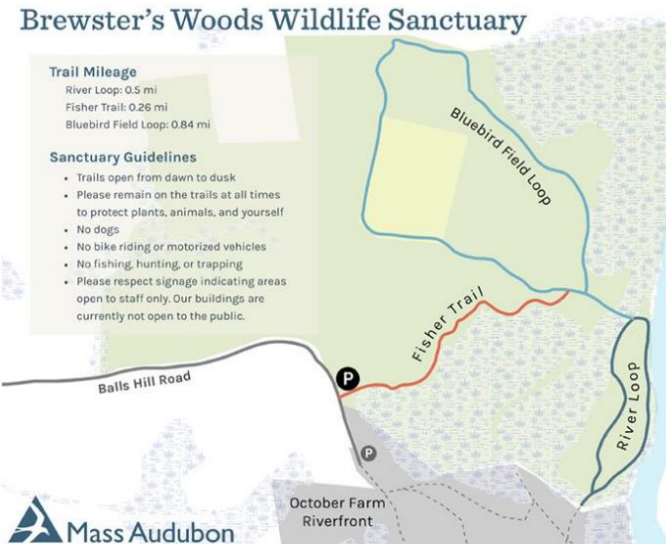
The River Stewardship Council has awarded a grant to document Henry David Thoreau's Sudbury River today. Through three feature stories and a short documentary video, the Wayland Post will examine the transformation of the Sudbury River watershed and spotlight how its ecosystem and identity have changed since his journaling of the 1840s.

Look for the upcoming articles that will cover the uniqueness of the Sudbury River ecosystem and how the life of the river and life of the people, flora and fauna that rely on it are deeply intertwined. You may be surprised at how much Wayland residents of today are a part of the ongoing story of the Sudbury River and why you want to go visit it in person.



AMC150 Accessible Trail Walk

MA Audubon Brewster's Woods Sanctuary



RSC funded kayak rack



AMC150 Paddle

Route 117 to Old North Bridge

Ross brought coffee and doughnuts
About 16 paddlers from CT to NH



Summer Solstice - June 21st

Old Manse and North Bridge

Music, crafts, and picnic on the grounds of the Old Manse followed by lantern walk and release of float down the Concord River



SuAsCo Roadway Sign Update

SuAsCo Wild and Scenic	Lincoln Rd - Sherman's Bridge						
City/Town	Road	River	Sign?	Condition	Date (month/yr)	Who?	replace
Billerica	Rte 3 - Eastbound ('South')	Concord	installed 2017	good	5/26	MH	no
	Rte 3 - Westbound ('North')	Concord	installed 2017	lost in 2026	5/26	MH	yes: 1
	Nashua Rd (Rte 4) Northbound	Concord	replaced 2017	good	5/26		no
	Nashua Rd (Rte 4) Southbound	Concord	replaced 2017	good	5/26		no
Bedford	Carlisle Road Rte 225 Westbound	Concord	Present	Good	5/26	JDK	no
Carlisle	Bedford Rd - Route 225 Eastbound	Concord	Missing		6/26	JDK	yes
Concord	Monument St - Northbound	Concord	Present	Good	6/26	JDK	no
	Monument St - Southbound	Concord					
	Lowell Road - Northbound	Concord	Present	Badly Faded	6/26	JDK	yes
	Lowell Road - Southbound	Concord	Present	Badly Faded	6/26	JDK	yes
	Nashawtuc Road - Northbound	Sudbury	Missing		6/26	JDK	yes
	Nashawtuc Road - Southbound	Sudbury	Missing		6/26	JDK	yes
	Elm Street - Eastbound	Sudbury	Present	Good	6/26	JDK	no
	Elm Street - Westbound	Sudbury	Present	Good	6/26	JDK	no
	Main Street @ South Bridge - Eastbound	Sudbury	Present	Good	6/26	JDK	no
	Main Street @ South Bridge - Westbound	Sudbury	Present	Good	6/26	JDK	no
	Route 2 - Eastbound	Sudbury	Present	Good	6/30	EJB	no
	Route 2 - Westbound	Sudbury	Present	Good	6/30	EJB	no
	Sudbury Road - Southbound	Sudbury					
	Sudbury Road - Northbound	Sudbury					
	Rte 2 - Eastbound	Assabet	Present	Good, obscured by trees	6/26	JDK	no
	Rte 2 - Westbound	Assabet	Present	Worn			
	Main St @ W Concord	Assabet	Present	Green Background, OK	6/26	JDK	no
	Main St @ W Concord	Assabet	Present	Green Background, OK	6/26	JDK	no
	Main St @ Damonmill Eastbound	Assabet	Missing		6/26	JDK	no - the wild
	Main St @ Damonmill Westbound	Assabet	Missing		6/26	JDK	no - the wild
	Pine Street Northbound	Assabet	Present	Good	6/26	ES	no
	Pine Street Southbound	Assabet	Present	NWS part is faded	6/26	ES	maybe
Lincoln	S Great Rd - Rte 117 Eastbound	Sudbury	Present	good	5/26		no
	S Great Rd - Rte 117 Westbound	Sudbury	Present	good	5/26		no
Wayland	Sherman's Bridge Westbound	Sudbury	Missing		5/26	EB	yes
	Boston Post Rd - Rte 20 - Eastbound	Sudbury	present	good	5/26		no

Up to 10 signs need to be replaced

Miscellaneous

Attended

- Attended OARS Annual Meeting
- Attended farewell for Jane Gruba- Chevalier, Concord Land Conservation Trust
- Met with Rob Munro and walked Egg Rock trails along Assabet River
- Attended and commented on Concord Climate Action and Resiliency Plan
- Warners Pond Management Committee
- Met with Sudbury Public Library re: July 22nd walk

Administrative

- Made and delivered business cards

On the River

- Bateria and chlorophyll monitoring in the Upper Sudbury
- Water chestnut removal at the confluence
- Trash removal, Map Re-Stocking
- Checking on aquatic invasives and shoreline activities