

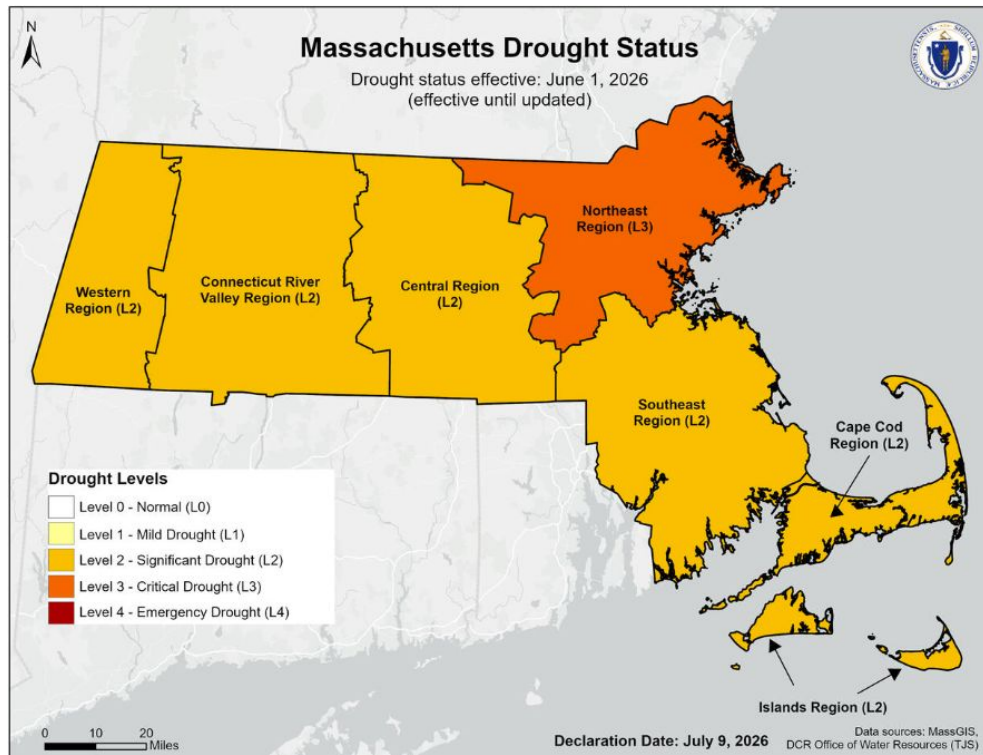
River Ambassador's Report

SuAsCo Wild & Scenic

RSC Meeting

July 28, 2026

Drought Status



Issued July 9, 2026

Over the past 6 months (January 7–July 6), longer-term precipitation deficits continued across the Commonwealth, running about 60 to 90 percent of normal. The largest deficits continued to be confined to areas in western, eastern and northeast Massachusetts and the Islands, where precipitation ranged between 50 to 75 percent of normal.

Non-essential water use (i.e., lawn irrigation)

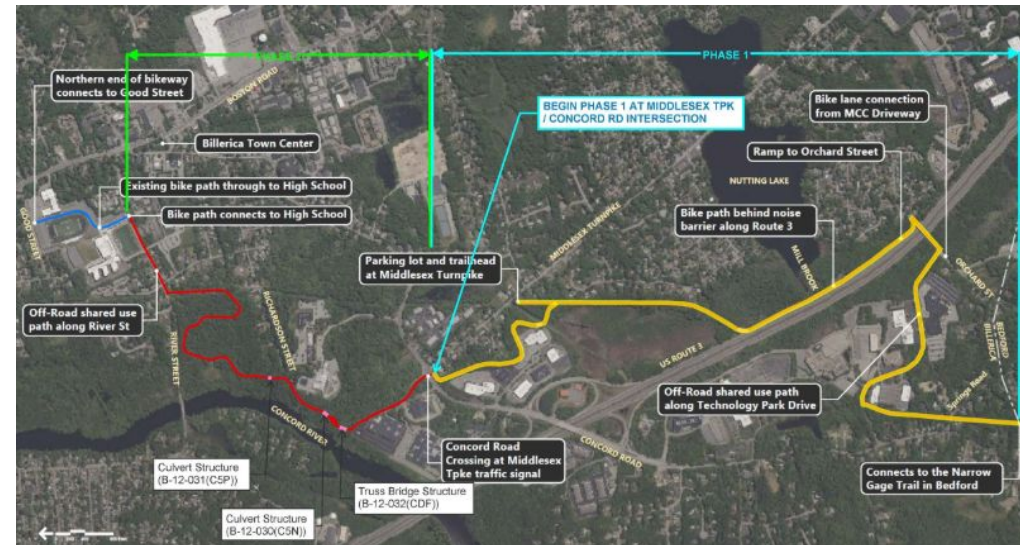
- Framingham: MWRA water/no restrictions
- Wayland: No watering, mandatory
- Sudbury: Odd/even address on weekend only
- Lincoln: Once/wk on weekend, mandatory
- Concord: Once/wk at night, mandatory
- Bedford: MWRA water/no restrictions
- Carlisle: All private wells, conservation encouraged
- Billerica: No watering, mandatory

Billerica

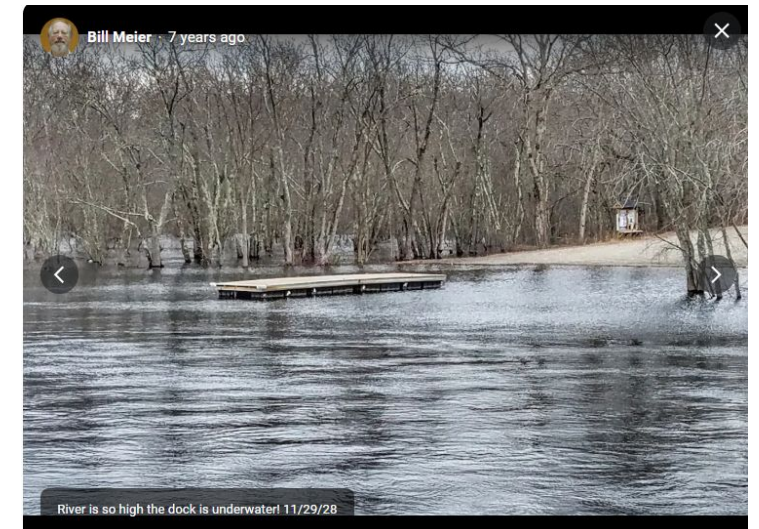
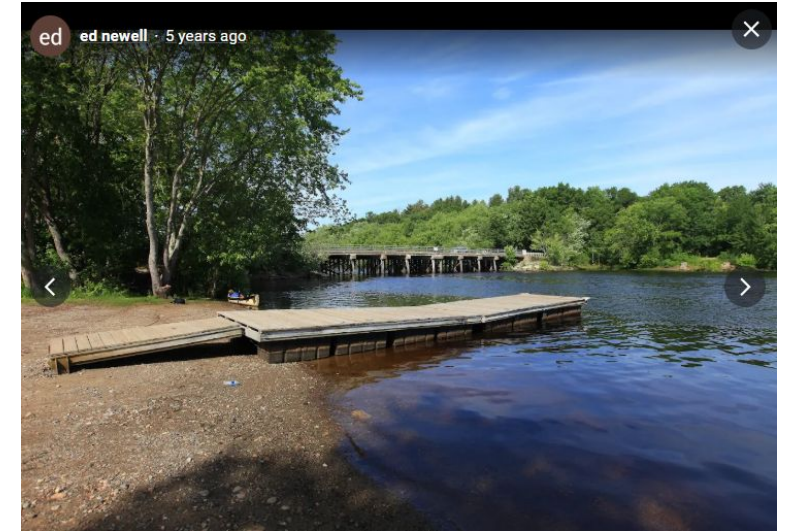
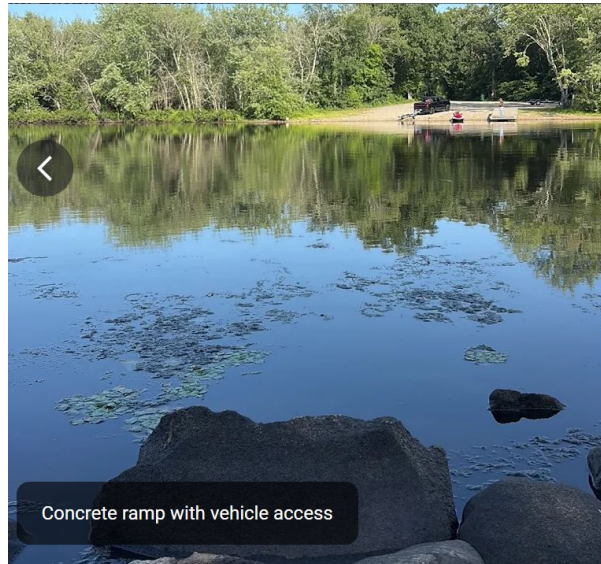
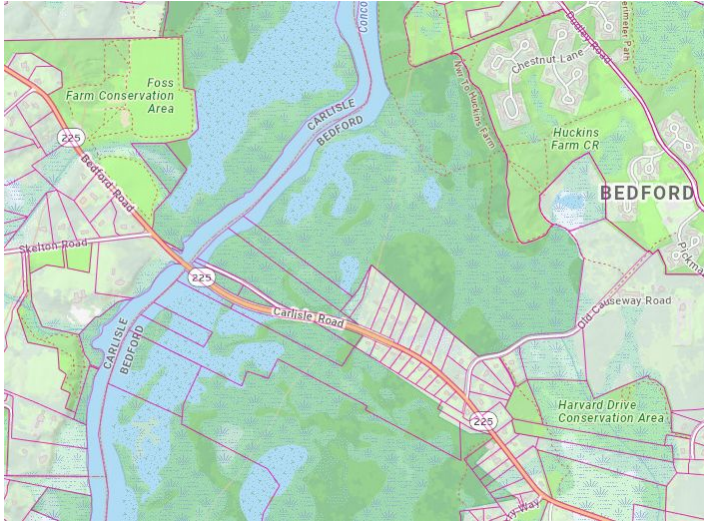
Talbot Mills

- Court found HDC required to issue Hardship Certificate, Meeting Monday night
- Conservation Commission NOI continued to August 17

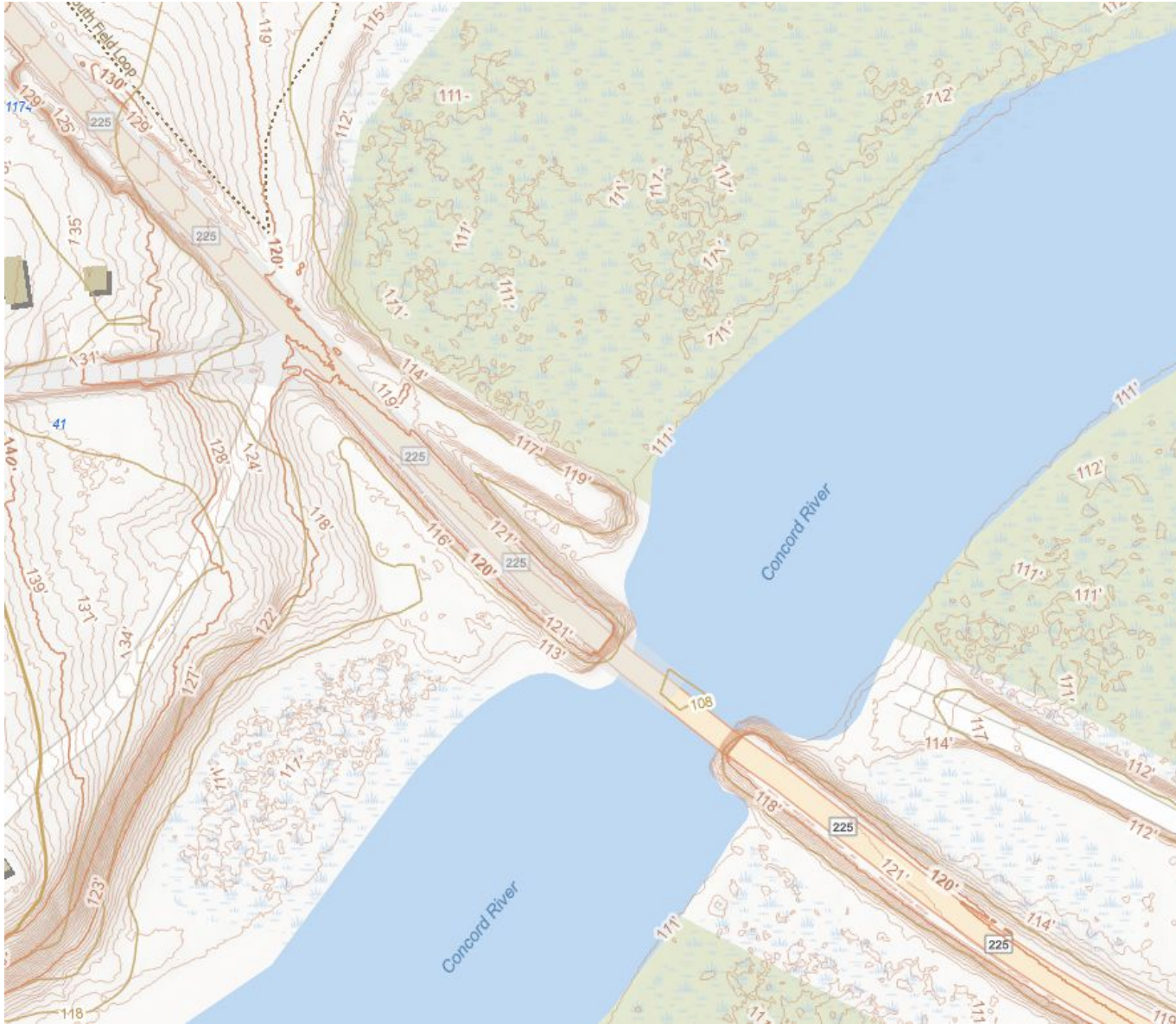
MA DCR MassTrails Grant \$120,000 for the Yankee Doodle Bike Path
Phase 2 construction anticipated summer 2027



Bedford



Carlisle



Concord River elevation
111'

Ramp road elevation
119'

Concord

Nashawtuc CC - irrigation system renovation NOI

Fenn School - ANRAD

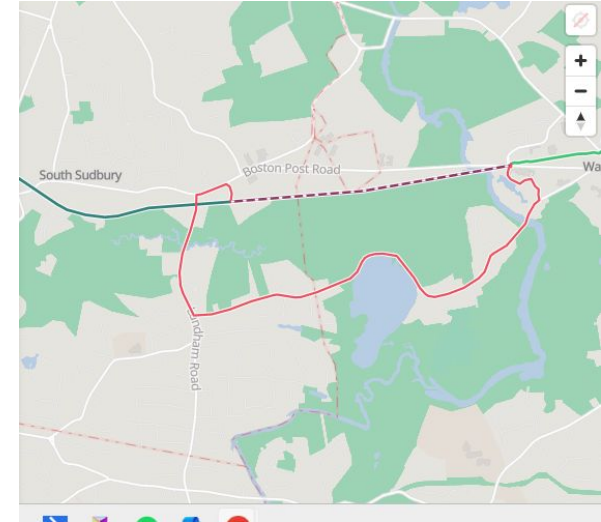


Concord

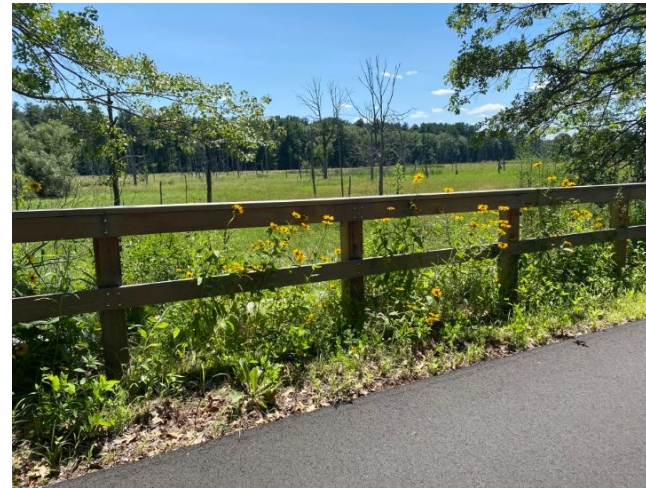
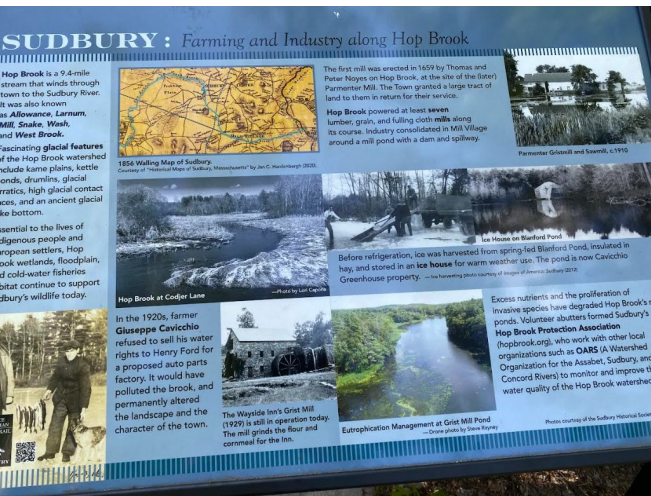


June 28th water chestnut removal in
Warners Pond

Sudbury



Current workaround in Wayland



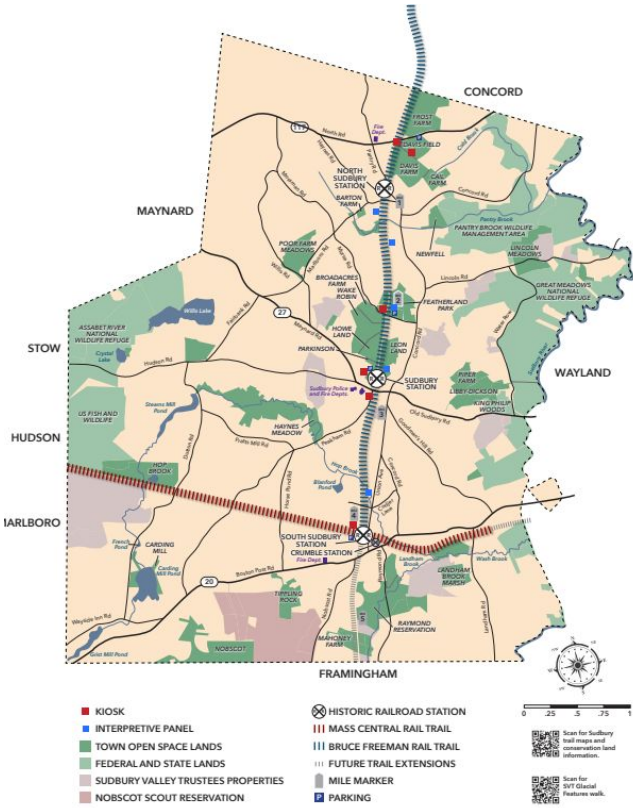
Hop Brook Wetlands on MCRT



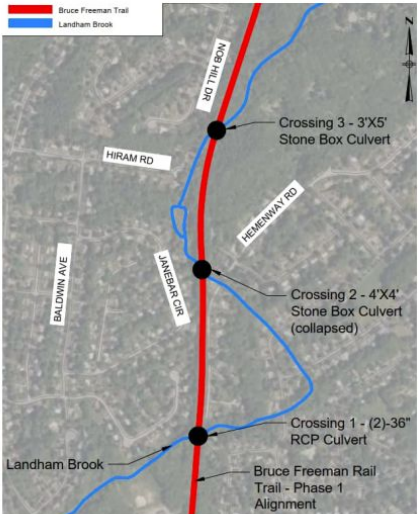
Heard Pond

On the BFRT

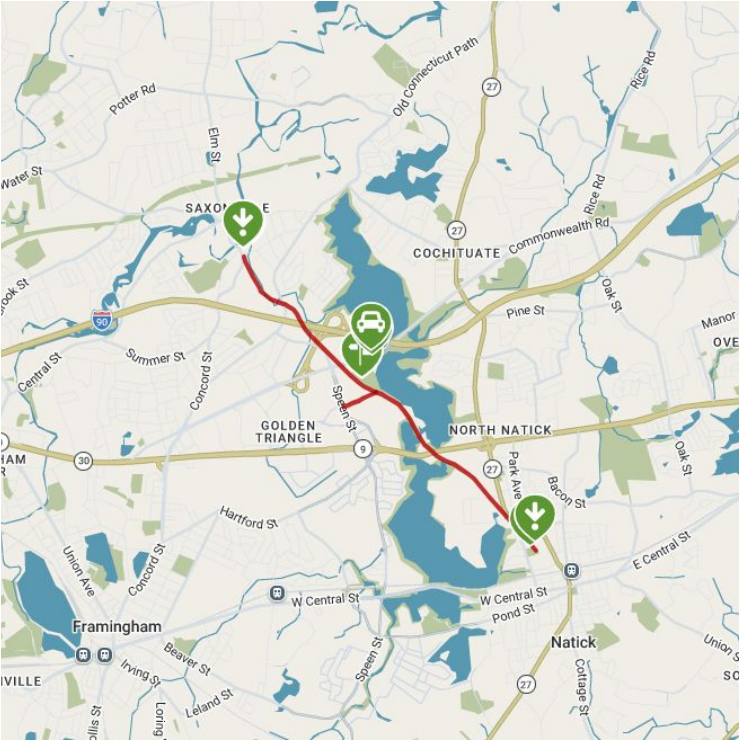
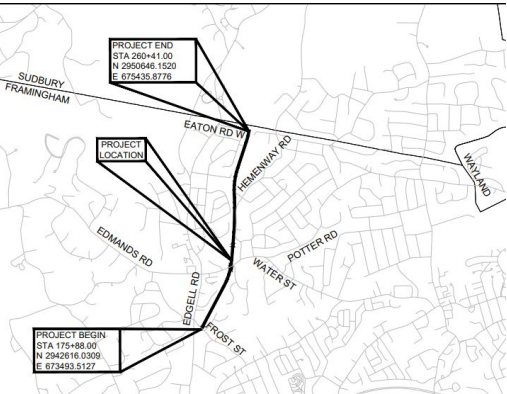
Framingham



Culvert Upsizing



Flooding improvements



Cochituate River Rail Trail

Miscellaneous

Attended

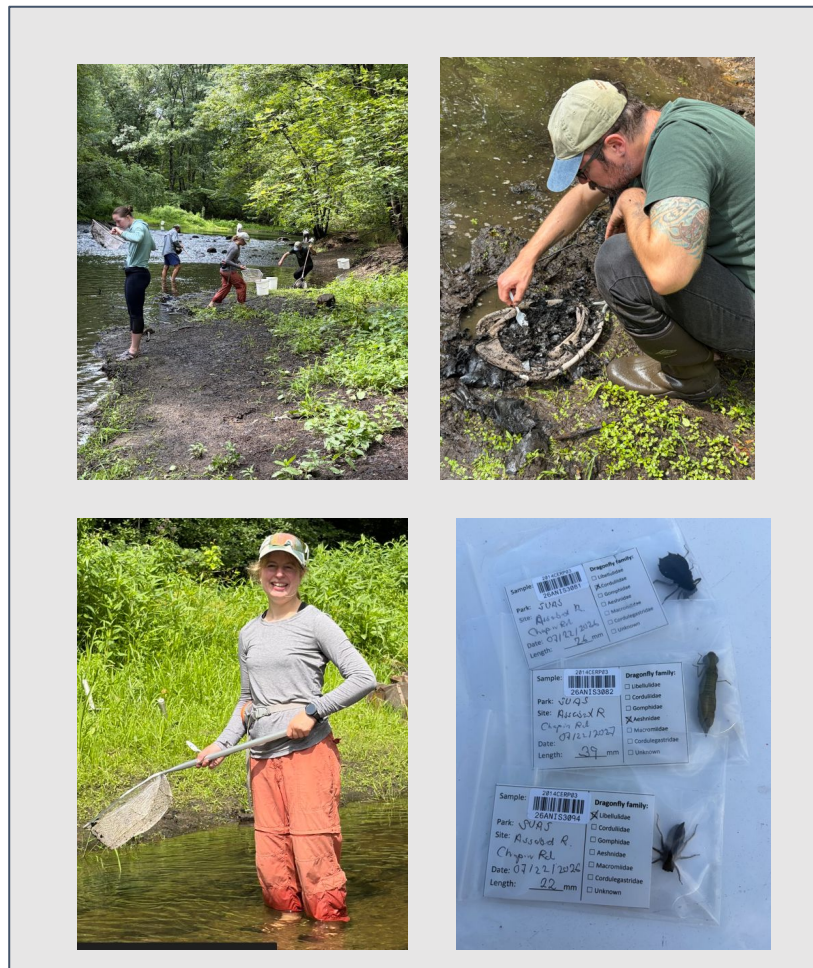
- Joined Town of Lincoln water chestnut pull
- Attended Gerow Park, Concord grand opening
- Helped with Dragonfly Mercury Project
- Rode BFRT and MCRT to view historical signage
- Led Sudbury Public Library walk on July 22

Administrative

- Made and delivered business cards

On the River

- Bateria and chlorophyll monitoring in the Upper Sudbury
- Water chestnut removal at the confluence
- Paddled Warner's Pond, lower Sudbury River
- Trash removal, Map Re-Stocking
- Checking on aquatic invasives and shoreline activities



Dragonfly Mercury Project

Warners Pond Update

Conservation Committee has advertised for applications for a new member to replace me

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

