



Neponset River Greenway Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 5, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Pope John Paul II Park, Dorchester, MA

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Guests

2. Along the Greenway with Stella Lensing, DCR Project Manager

Signage: Where? *A discussion (see back of agenda)*

Dorchester:

- Segment 8 – Morrissey Blvd. drawbridge to UMass: *Report from public meeting*
- Segment 3 – Victory Rd to Morrissey Blvd *Is there a design completion date? MassDOT contact?*
- Segment 4 – Tenean Beach to Victory Rd. *Bridge support letter to Stella*
Maria has a letter to Commissioner Roy and Secretary Beaton about dog pollution at Victory Rd. Park

Milton:

- Segment 6 – Crossing Blue Hill Ave. *Are Milton crossing lights working?*
- Segment 2 – Central Ave to Mattapan Square: *Is there a date for an opening ceremony?*
- *Expedited sign placement along Segment 2?*

Mattapan:

- Segment 6 – Crossing Blue Hill Ave.: *Is there any progress for a crossing along River St.?*
- Apartments on Mattapan Station parking lot. *Construction start date?*

Hyde Park:

- Segment 7 – Fairmount to Dana Ave. *Next steps toward something along Truman Parkway?*
- Segment 9 – Connecting Trail to Paul's Bridge *Is anything happening yet*

3. Events

- Saturday, July 8, 2017 2:00-3:00 pm: Geology Tour of The Trustees Signal Hill Reservation, Canton
- Saturday, July 8, 2017 10:00am-1:00pm: Neighborhood Rides: Quincy, meet at Quincy City Hall
- Saturday, July 22, 2017 8:00 am – 3:00pm: Mattapan on Wheels 7th Annual Bike-a-thon, Mattapan
- Saturday, July 22, 10:00am-2:00pm: Neponset RiverFest, DCR Neponset II Park, Dorchester
- Saturday, August 5 at 10:00am–1:00pm: Neighborhood Rides: Dorchester, meet at Ashmont Cycles
- Saturday, September 23 at 1:00am-3:00pm: Neighborhood Rides: Mattapan

Upcoming Meetings – Meetings held first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm

August 2, 2017	Foley Senior Residences, Mattapan	September 6, 2017	Milton Yacht Club, Milton (potluck at 6:00)
October 4, 2017	Hyde Park Police Station, Hyde Park	November 1, 2017	Somewhere in Dorchester

Issues on the trail? (non-emergency) MassParks line: 617-626-1250, 0 for operator or email mass.parks@state.ma.us

Join neponsetgreenway@googlegroups.com to take part in discussions between Greenway Council meetings

Join the Neponset River Greenway Council group on Facebook.

Signage Along the Neponset Trail

From Martha McDonough

- Wayfaring Signs everywhere you meet a major junction or entry point along the trail (Use mileage where possible)
- Signs for “No Motorized Vehicles, except ADA where appropriate
- Trail Etiquette signs (Be sure to include trash carry-in and carry-out)
- Keep Right signs (using pictorial symbols)
- Signage for restrooms/water at major junctions
- Where appropriate - signage for PCB, E Coli, and poison ivy Dangers (Use Kiosks)

From Lee Toma

- Pictograms for non-English speakers, for as many sign subjects as possible
- ‘No bathrooms’ notice at each end of the new trail segment
- Pass with care / do not speed
- Do not eat fish (at any possible fishing spot and canoe launches)
- Do not jump off bridges
- Clean up after dogs
- “All dog owners must be leashed”
- Informational (need more detail):
 - Fauna and flora
 - Historical
- Wayfaring signs to be placed at trailheads - we need to suggest details
- Should companies and organizations be allowed to post signs and/or sponsor existing signage? Say perhaps the different farmers markets and local restaurants? And if so, what guidelines or limits should there be?
- And how about trail cleaning or maintenance sponsorships, like you might see on highways?

Signs Along the Neponset River

From Martha McDonough

- 500 yards(?) upstream of T&H Dam a rope high up across the river warning of dam ahead
- Lewis Chemical - signs in sediment warning paddlers of contamination
- Signage along river bank letting paddlers know when they are entering a different community such as Milton, Mattapan, etc
- Directional signs at every canoe launch since most of the time there is no obvious current (For example, at Martini Launch - a sign directing them towards Paul’s Bridge or towards T&H
- Historical signage where appropriate. For example, where Mother Brook meets the Neponset and more historical signs if they land their watercraft there @ Blake Estate Urban Wild. This is a very historical area...
- Sign where ever there is a canoe launch or landing from the river’s embankment (Especially at Paul’s Bridge, Martini Landing, where Mother Brook meets the Neponset and by the Kennedy Playground)
- Warning signs about fishing - wherever, there is a potential fishing hang-out (Barbara is having Denise Dodds get more info from Boston Public Health as to where the signs had been placed in the past - many are too faded or gone. Everyone should look along their own neighborhoods for new locations. I am recommending that we add them to Tileston Hollingsworth Dam, River Street Terrace, and between B Street Pedestrian Bridge and Mother Brook