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Wakefield-Lynnfield Rail Trail Project Update for Lynnfield Planning Board

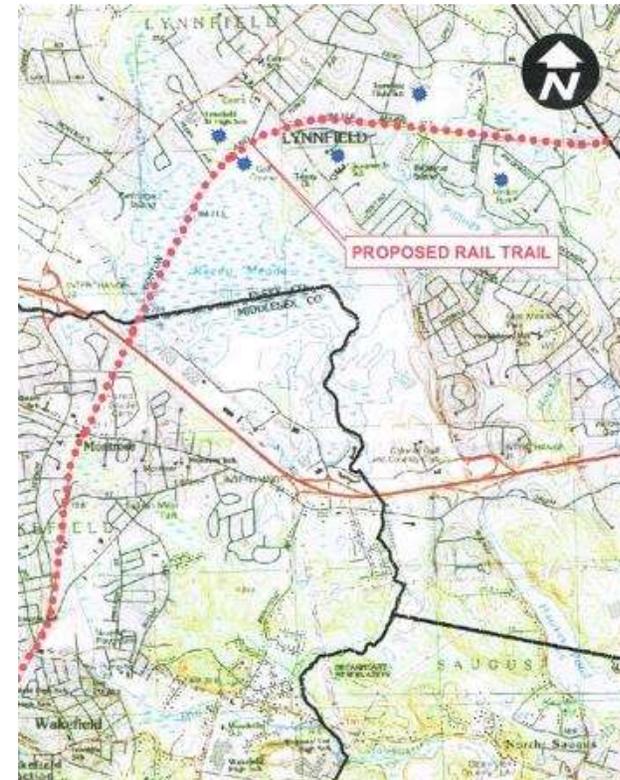
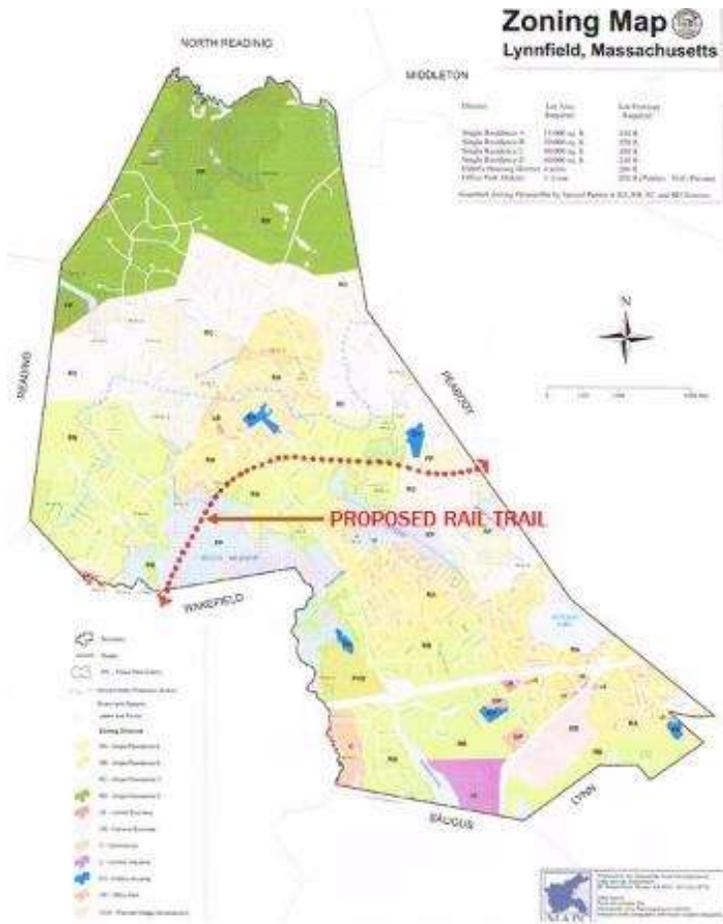
Lynnfield Recreational Path Committee

Our Mission

The mission of the Recreational Path Committee is to **identify linear corridors** that offer opportunities for conversion into trails, **assess potential for development** and **study the feasibility and design** of such a trail conversion. The Committee is to help **identify and address the many questions and concerns** that the residents of Lynnfield may have regarding any potential project.

Adopted by the Lynnfield Board of Selectmen, March 2017

Where is the Wakefield/Lynnfield Rail Trail?



Note: Wakefield Town Meeting Gives Unanimous Yes to Bike Bake (Source: Patch.com May 5, 2018)

What has the Rec Path Committee done recently?

The Committee meets monthly and includes a Public Comment near the end of the meeting

- Many of the topics raised here have become future research items

Presented three times to the Board of Selectmen: March 2018, November 2018 and March 2019

- The PPTs from the meeting are all available on the committee page on the Town of Lynnfield site

Met with Town Departments and Boards & Committees to gather feedback

- Rob Dolan arranged a meeting with DPW, ConComm, Fire and Police Departments
- The Committee presented to FinComm in January 2019 and ConComm in Feb 2019
 - Feedback at ConComm was the project could be a benefit as if there were an environmental situation needing remediation that it would be taken care

Held a Community Workshop in March 2018 to gather feedback on the 25% Design

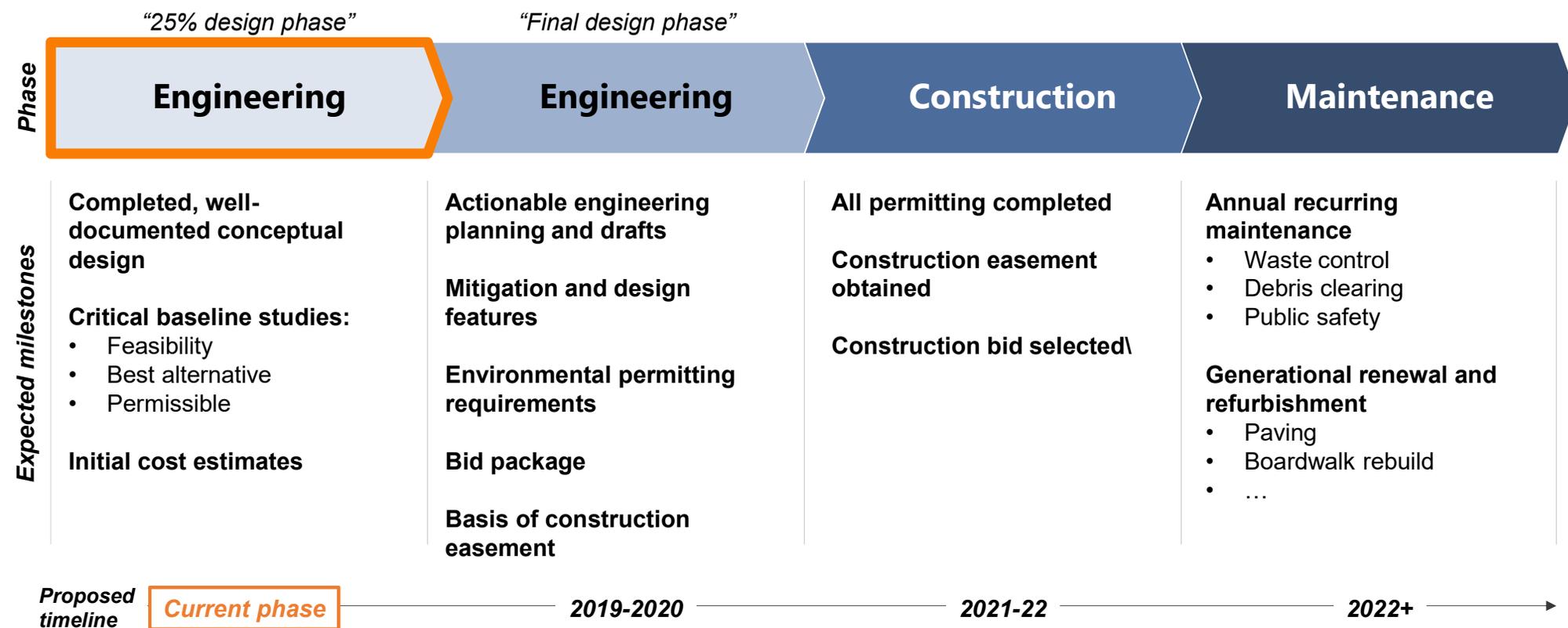
- Over 100 people attended from Lynnfield and Wakefield to provide feedback at this event overseen by WorldTech Engineering

DOT Public Hearing was held on March 19, 2019

Publishing of a key Summary Matrix on the Town Site to cover many more of the topics raised by our community not covered in this presentation

- Some topics included research on public safety, impact on adjacent neighborhoods and the MBTA lease

The rail trail has almost completed the 25% design phase



Project funding update

	Total project costs	Lynnfield share of costs
Remaining design	\$675K	\$337K
Construction	\$10.2M	\$0
Other	N/A	Insurance: \$50K Temp ROW: \$6K
Operation & Maintenance	N/A	\$8,000/yr
Conditional grants & funding	MA bond bill: \$500K	MA bond bill: \$250K MA conservation grant: \$100K
Net total costs with cond. funds	>\$11M	~\$43K Excluding net recurring operating costs

Note: MA bond bill via Commonwealth Environmental Bond Bill. Grant via the **Commonwealth Department of Conservation and Recreation** and secured for Lynnfield only

Mitigation of risk from potential contamination

1 Lynnfield Portion was a “rural rail line”

No history of spills or contamination in Lynnfield on the railbed

The Committee has published materials noting an adjacent transformer on Westover that was remedied decades ago unrelated to the railbed

2 MassDEP has developed Best Management Practices for rail trails

Address rail trail construction activities

Minimize change of possible contamination spreading

Low levels of contamination are capped/immobilized in place

Serious contamination is removed from site using standard practices

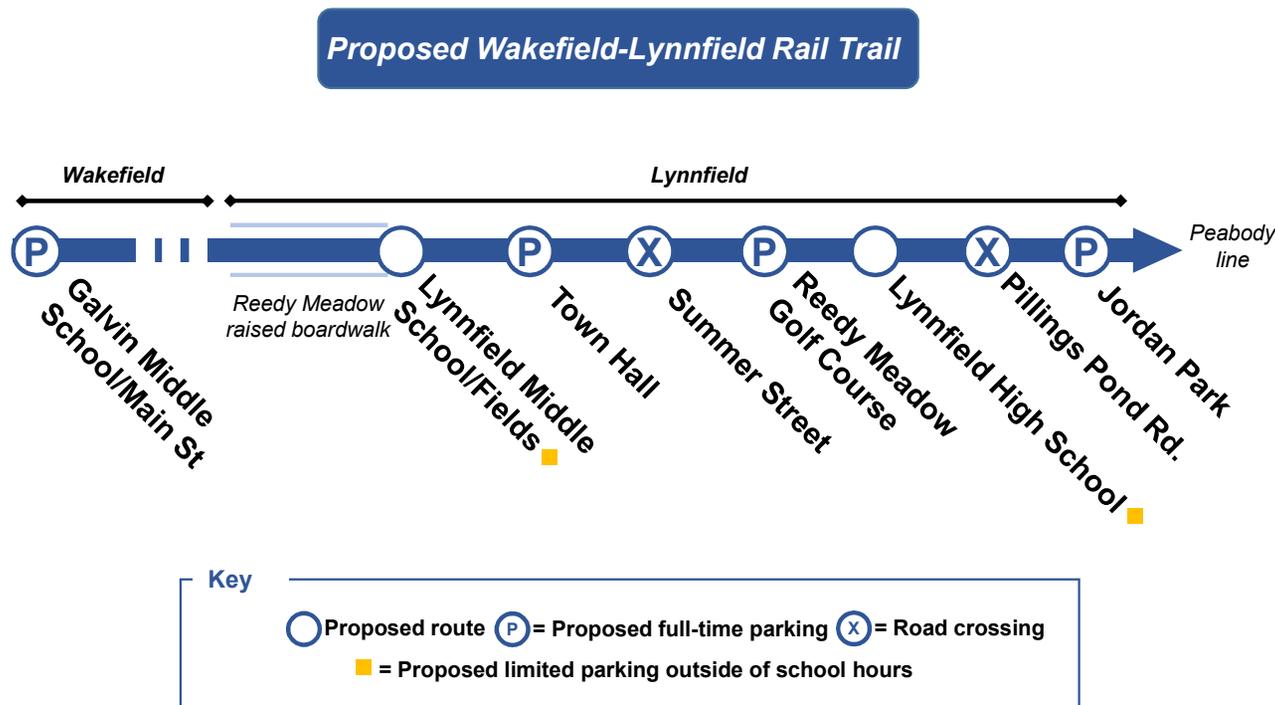
3 Town is required to have environmental hazard insurance by lease terms

Pays for most of the cost of cleaning up serious contamination

4 Rail trail ends up safer than before construction

Potential contamination we don't now know about is isolated or removed

Parking availability



- The Recreational Path Committee recommends posting at kiosks at main path crossings where recommended parking is throughout the week
 - Lynnfield: 2.5 miles with 819 spots
 - Wakefield: 1.9 miles with 270 spots
- Both are above the recommended 20-50 spots per mile by Beals and Thomas for a study by the Town of Medfield
- Other local communities:
 - Danvers: 52 spots per mile
 - Winchester: 150 spots per mile
 - Salisbury: 13 spots per mile
 - Topsfield: 19 spots per mile

Note: Wakefield portion of the trail to be planned by Town of Wakefield and so detail is omitted in this image. Map not to scale.

Design Considerations

- **Road Crossings**

- At the Community Workshop and DOT Hearing, WorldTech presented examples (right) of ADA accessibility and signage that would be built as part of the overall program cost

- **Screening**

- At the same sessions, multiple examples of screening leveraging fencing and arborvitae were shared

- **Construction Materials**

- The boardwalk materials were noted as an area that could be reviewed in a future final design phase

- **Bird Sensitivity**

- Environmental engineers from the state were at the Public Hearing and noted that during the potential permitting phase that research would be performed to check the impact and confirm if adjustments need to be made to the potential timing for seasonality



Recent Updates

The Recreational Path Committee has presented to the following town Boards & Commissions

- Finance Committee on January 26th
- Conservation Committee on February 26th

Developed and distributed FAQs that were published weekly in a town paper

- The topics focused on the November Board of Selectmen update, overview of the Wakefield/ Lynnfield Rail Trail, Community Workshop feedback, design phase timeline, MBTA lease summary, best practices to minimize potential contamination, parking resources, project funding options and next steps.
- A PDF of all the content is available on the Committee page on the Town Site

Summarized the findings of the Committee's research into a simplified research matrix

- While the committee has published several materials on our page, we have prepared the following reference matrix to make it easier for our community to reference key points

Additional updates

- Recommendation from Committee to Board of Selectmen on March 18:
 - Based upon all the findings that we have located to this date, the RPC recommends to move forward with the design phase so that residents can see the complete engineering documents. This would allow the residents to see how their properties would be affected.
- RPC will continue to provide research as requested by Town Boards & Commissions
- Town Warrant Item on April 9th Ballot

For any follow-up questions, please feel free to reach out to the Committee:
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Thank you!

**Please feel free to contact the Lynnfield Recreational Path
Committee with your questions:**

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**Documents posted at:
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