



# TOWN OF CONCORD

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### MEMORANDUM

To: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee  
From: Marcia Rasmussen, Director DPLM  
Re: **Update of Phases 2A, 2B, 2C, the last ½ mile of 2C and 2D**  
Date: October 1, 2020

1. **Phase 2A Update:** This phase of the trail has been completed and is open for all to enjoy!
2. **Phase 2B Update:** I heard from MassDOT Landscape Architect that the bridge supports for the Route 2 Bridge were being poured on Tuesday this week.

Also, after meeting with West Concord residents Nancy Crowley and Suzanne Knight on September 10<sup>th</sup>, there was follow up meeting with Billy Dee and Judy Dee Herlihey (brother and sister), who also lived in one of the White Row houses. Together we're working on the stories to be told about living and growing up in the early to mid-1900 in the White Row (a.k.a. Officer's Row) houses near the Concord Reformatory and Warner's Pond. Nancy has also reached out to Jackie Hardy regarding the painting by Freddie Carlson for potential use of the painting on the interpretive panel.

3. **Phase 2C Updates** – I followed up with MassDOT landscape architect Stephanie Smoot about replacement of the dead trees along Phase 2C. She is looking into when the trees will be removed and replanted.

There remains approximately \$6,000 from the Community Preservation funds appropriated in 2018 for additional work along the rail trail. I am working with Natural Resources Director Delia Kaye and CPW Highway & Grounds Supervisor Aaron Miklosko to identify several small projects that need attention, such as signage, plantings, pavement and fencing.



4. **The last ½ mile of Phase 2C** – Matt Kearney, Delia Kaye and I have rescheduled our site visit the first week of October to review the project, with particular attention to the

proposed fence locations and the proposed “slope armoring” near White Pond that was noted in the 2016 design package.

Members of the Advisory Committee conducted a site visit with Natural Resources Director Delia Kaye and me last Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to view the current conditions and orient the plans to the existing conditions, noting the areas where fencing was proposed and the steep slopes toward a vernal pool/wetland area and White Pond.

- 5. Phase 2D Sudbury:** Proposals in response to a Request for Proposals for construction of the final design for Phase 2D of the BFRT were due last Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. I’ve requested an update from Sudbury Environmental Planner Beth Suedmeyer on the number of responses received and possible timeline for award of the project.