



Neponset River Greenway Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 179 Walnut St., Dorchester, MA

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Guests

2. Along the Greenway with Stella Lensing, DCR Project Manager, and Marti Rudi, DCR District Manager

Dorchester:

- Port Norfolk Park *Is there an opening ceremony date?*
- *There is a short section of trail just west of Granite Ave where the pavement has been undermined and washed away by the tides. Can it be fixed this year?*
- Segment 3 – Victory Rd to Morrissey Blvd *Funding?*
- Segment 4 – Tenean Beach to Victory Rd. *Has DCR heard from MassDOT?*
- Segment 8 – Drawbridge to Umass: *Is there a date for the next public meeting?*

Milton:

- Segment 2 – Central Ave to Mattapan Square: Bridge is in place! *Is construction on track?*
- Segment 6 – Crossing Blue Hill Ave. *All-Milton construction progress?*

Mattapan:

- Segment 2 – Central Ave to Mattapan Square: Bridge is in place! *Is construction on track?*
- Segment 6 – Crossing Blue Hill Ave.: *Is there progress on a crosswalk south of River St.?*
- Apartments on Mattapan Station parking lot: *Who should we get to ask developers to do something for the Neponset Greenway?*

Hyde Park:

- River Cleanup September 24 – *Captains, co-captains, and photographers are needed for ~7 different sites*
- Truman Parkway from Neponset Valley Parkway to Brush Hill Road *is recommended for resurfacing. It's marked for discussion; is it likely to happen?*
- Segment 5 – Neponset Valley Parkway to Paul's Bridge *[reminder that planning is needed]*
- Segment 7 – Fairmount to Dana Ave. *What are next steps toward something along Truman Parkway?*

3. Events

- Wednesday, July 6, 6:00pm: Port Norfolk Yacht Club Greenway Council potluck
6:30: Tour around edge of the new Port Norfolk Park
- Saturday, July 23, 8:00am: Mattapan on Wheels
- September 24: Hyde Park Neponset River cleanup
- October Pumpkin Float: *How will we be involved and should The Trustees be there?*

5. NepWRA News

6. Trustees News

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

Aug. 3, 2016	Foley Senior Residences, Mattapan	Sept. 7, 2016	Milton Yacht Club, Milton
Oct. 5, 2016	Hyde Park Police Station, Hyde Park	Nov. 2, 2016	Port Norfolk Yacht Club, Dorchester

Issues on the trail? (non-emergency)

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Newly-installed Harvest River Bridge crosses the Neponset

By Jennifer Smith, Dorchester Reporter Staff, Jul. 1, 2016



An aerial view of the Harvest River Bridge installation. Photo credit Juan Navarro

The 170,000-pound steel frame swung slowly over the Neponset River. A high arch settled over a long, straight stretch that will later support pedestrians and bicyclists alike joined the Mattapan path to one on the Milton side of the river.

And the Harvest River Bridge was in place late afternoon Thursday, the second of two bridges included in this stretch of the Neponset River Greenway. The bridge's purple hue matches the canopy walk bridge in place over the Mattapan trolley tracks, which was installed over the winter.

is considered the "missing link" in the Neponset River Greenway trail between Mattapan Square and Pope John Paul Park II in Neponset.

Jessica Mink, chair of the Neponset River Greenway Council was among those occupying Ryan playground during the hours-long installation. Other community groups, including Mattapan Food and Fitness, joined DCR officials watching the proceedings.

The Greenway is a pull even for those outside the immediate neighborhood, Mink said, looking at the mountains of dirt and rock displaced by the construction.

"Everybody stays connected to it," she said. It's sort of a forgotten place, but it's really beautiful, and if we can make it more accessible without hurting it -- which I think this trail is going to do, even though it doesn't necessarily look it right now standing here -- it's really going to be a great thing for the city."

Still to come for the 1.3-mile, \$14 million extension: completing the Harvest River Bridge with Ipe timber decking, paving the general walk, and adding finishing touches like benches along the riverway path.

Project manager Stella Lensing said the whole project is expected to be completed in October, including resurfacing the field portion of Ryan Playground to an athletic grade natural turf field.



Neponset Bridge: The Harvest River Bridge crosses the Neponset River, connecting the path between Mattapan and Milton. Photo credit Lee Toma