Town of Sudbury

Community Preservation Committee

Annual Reporting Form

Name of Project including year of Town Meeting and Article Number: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Design & Construction north of MCRT ATM 2022 Article 17

Date of Report: October 22, 2026

Date of Town Meeting Approval: May 4, 2022

Project Proponent: Town of Sudbury - Planning & Community Development Office

Recipient of CPC Funds: Planning & Community Development Department

Name of Person Completing Form: Marcia Rasmussen, Interim Rail Trails Coordinator

Description of Project:

This project allocates Community Preservation Act funds for elements which may include but are not limited to, construction details that may not be included in the MassDOT budget such as rest area structures, hydration stations, utility connections, graphic design services and installation of interpretive signs, design and installation of artwork and other rest area amenities, design for recreational facilities to tie into the surrounding area, and construction oversight by the Town's engineering design consultant.

Total Project Budget through CPC: $500,000

Total Spent in FY25 $

Total Spent in prior fiscal years:

Balance Remaining: Munis reports that $325,118.89 remains

Is the project completed? Yes ☐ No ☑

Description of status of the project:

While the majority of the BFRT Phase 2D has been completed by MassDOT's contractor, the Town received a letter in October 2025 indicating that certain features of the access ramp, plaza design, drinking fountain, and picnic tables installed at the Broadacres Farm parking area at 62 Morse Road were not fully handicapped accessible and not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Town has been working to resolve these issues since that time, with approval of revised plans obtained in June 2026 and authorization by the Federal Highway Administration to allow MassDOT to extend the contract with their contractor. An estimate and schedule are expected to be provided to MassDOT this fall.

Project results, including any changes since Town Meeting:

MassDOT has been unable to confirm whether MassDOT will be responsible for these changes and what will need to be paid by the Town of Sudbury. Two new handicapped accessible picnic tables have been purchased and installed, and the contractor will be ordering new fully compliant drinking fountains/water-bottle filling stations to replace those installed at Broadacres Farm and Hudson Road intersection (both of these items at the Town's expense). Without knowing what the Town will be responsible for, the additional fencing at Fairview Farm, shade structures at Broadacres Farm, additional artwork and landscaping, consultation with a railroad preservation specialist (e.g., artifacts south of Hudson Road), etc. have been on hold.

Description of other pertinent information:

MassDOT is working to complete documentation required for the Sudbury Conservation Commission to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the project. Once the work is completed at Broadacres Farm to correct the handicapped access issues, the Town will be able to proceed with other work identified for this BFRT Phase 2D project.