

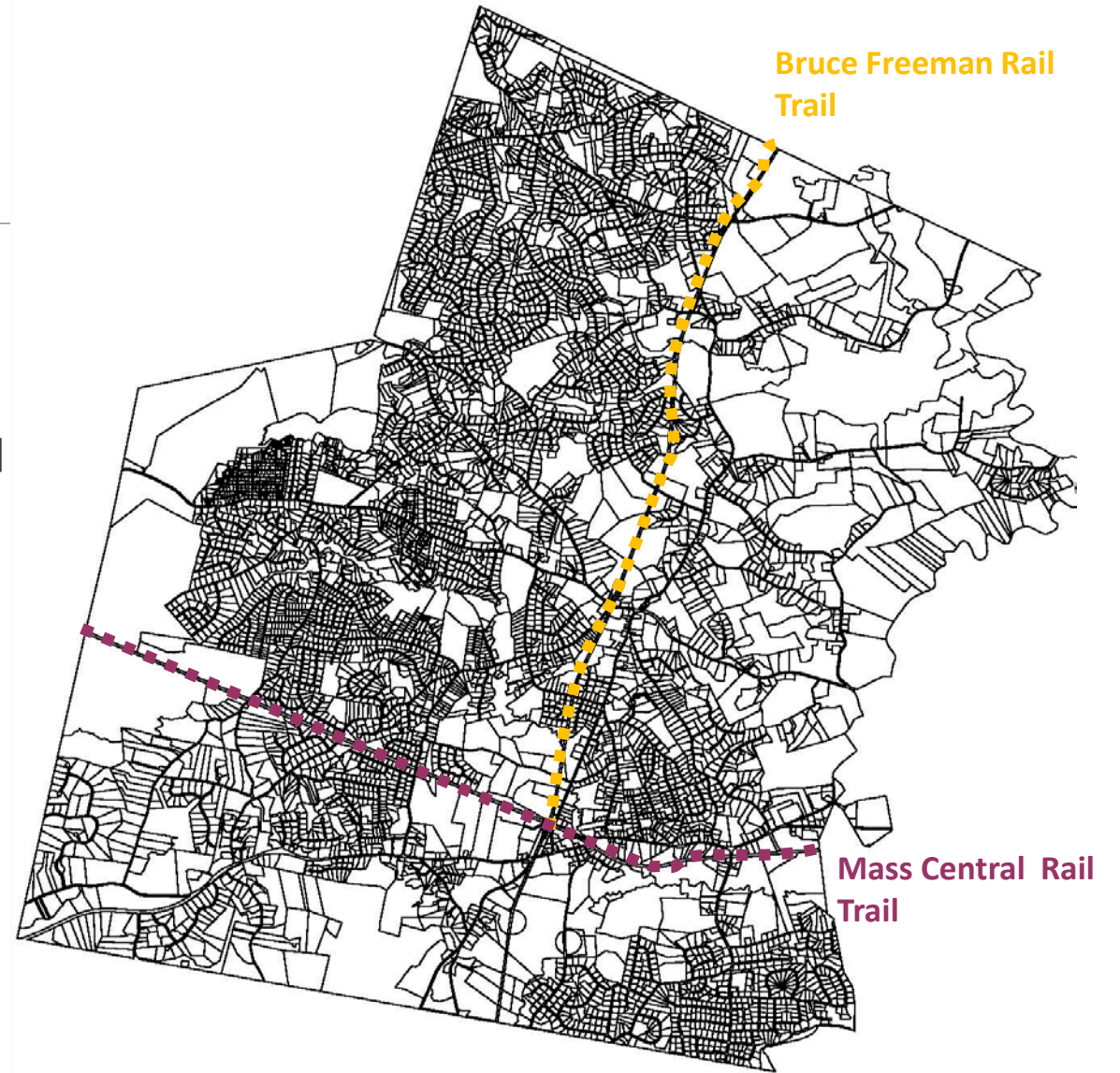
Rail to Trails Public Forum

The potential for the conversion of old rail corridors to active trails in Sudbury.



Two Rail Corridors

- ❖ The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail
- ❖ Wayside Branch of the Mass Central Rail Trail



The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

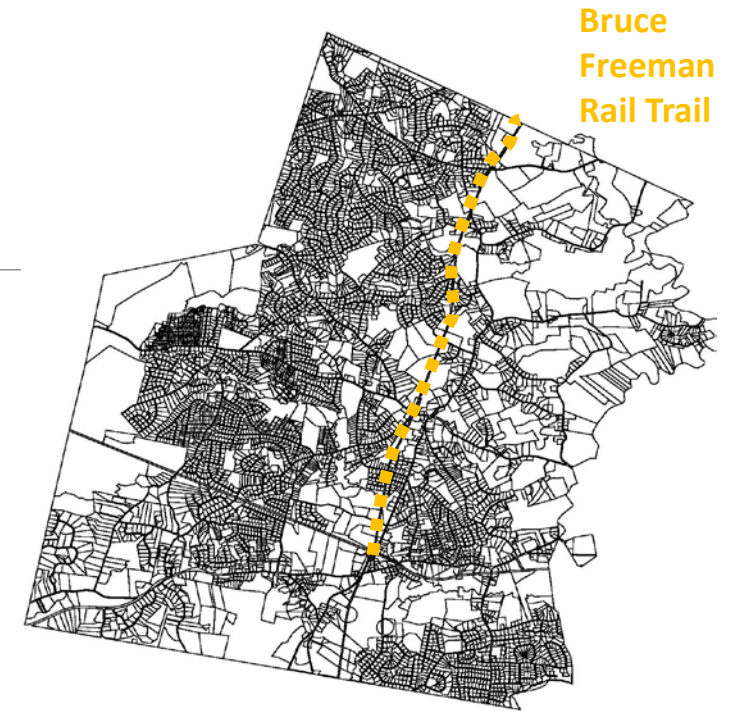
4.6 miles North South from Concord to the MassCentral RT

Ownership – Commonwealth of MA

Funding – Design \$ from Town (estimated at \$800,000)
Construction \$ from State (estimated at \$8 million)

Recent Project Status –

- 2014 Annual Town Meeting voted to appropriate \$150,000 of Community Preservation Act funds for preliminary design plan(called 25% Design)
- \$58,700 donation from the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail
- Town has hired the engineering firm VHB to prepare the preliminary design plan



Schedule /Current Status

Data Collection/Supplemental Survey – Winter/Spring 2015

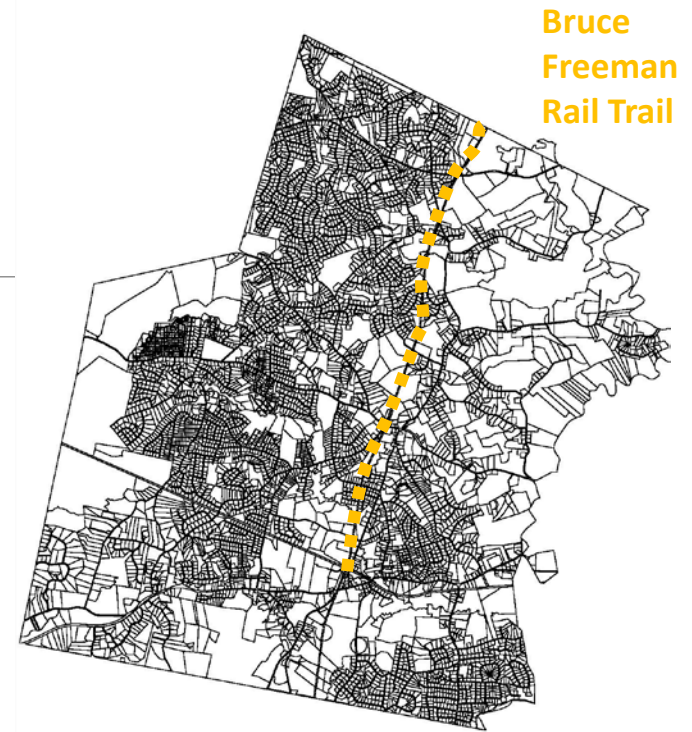
Wetland Resource Delineation with Conservation Commission – Spring 2015

Quarterly Design Public Meetings – Starting this Spring through 2016

Abutter Meetings – As soon as a concept begins to form – Late Spring 2015

Concept Plan Review – Fall of 2015

25% Design Submission – Fall of 2016



Future Actions

Preliminary Design phase will take 2 years (2014-2016)

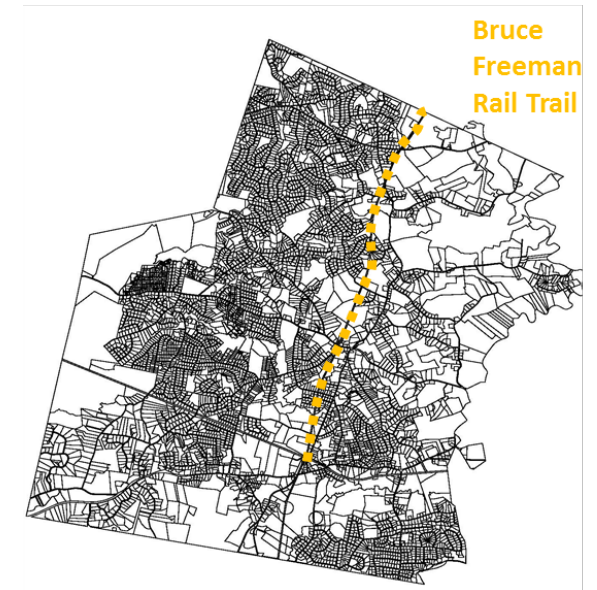
Final Design phase will require Town funding– approx. \$250,000 to \$500,000

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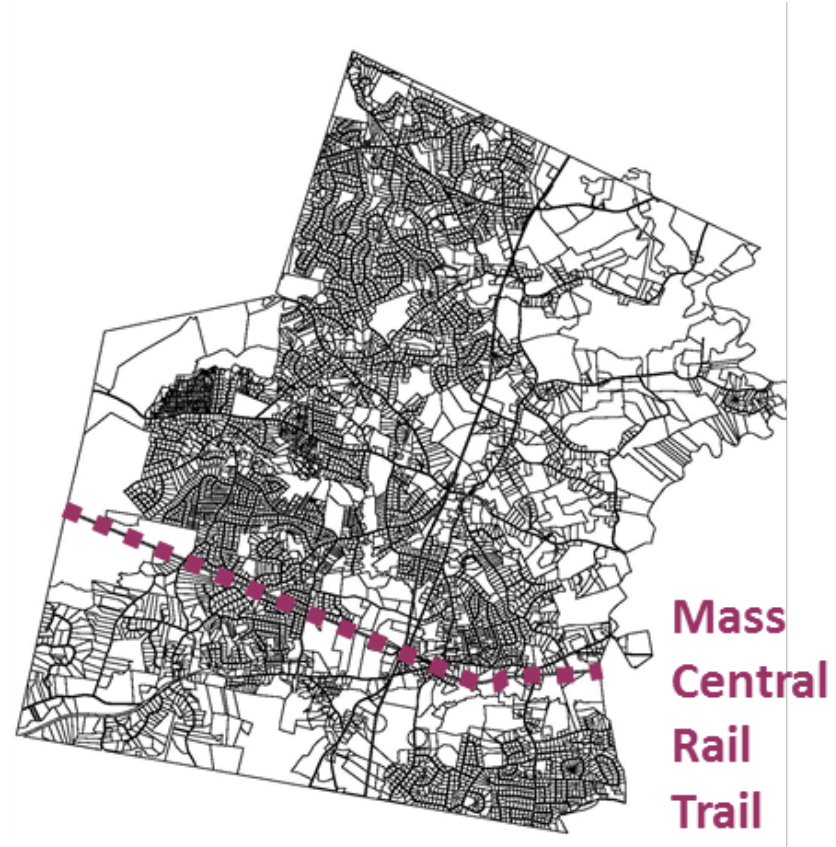
Town competes for state funds during the design process
(Transportation Improvement Plan)

Based on TIP, funds may be available in 2019

Once state funds are awarded, MA DOT constructs to the approved design



Wayside Branch of the Mass Central Rail Trail



Wayside Branch of the Mass Central Rail Trail

4.4 miles East West from Wayland Town Line to Hudson Town Line

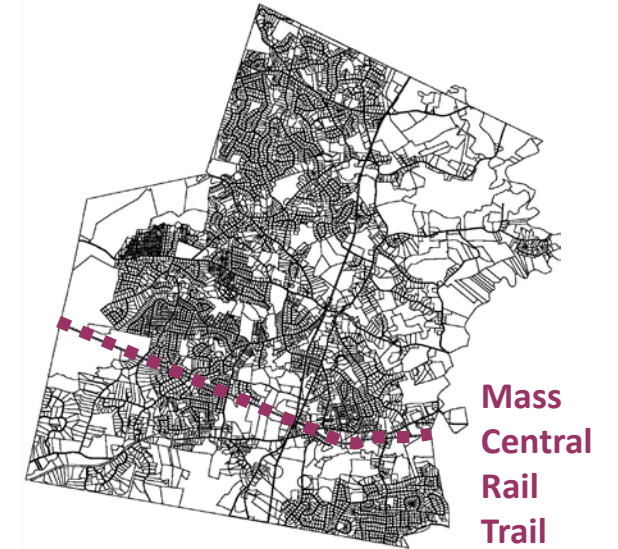
Phase 1 - 1.8 miles, Dutton Road to Union Ave

Ownership - MBTA

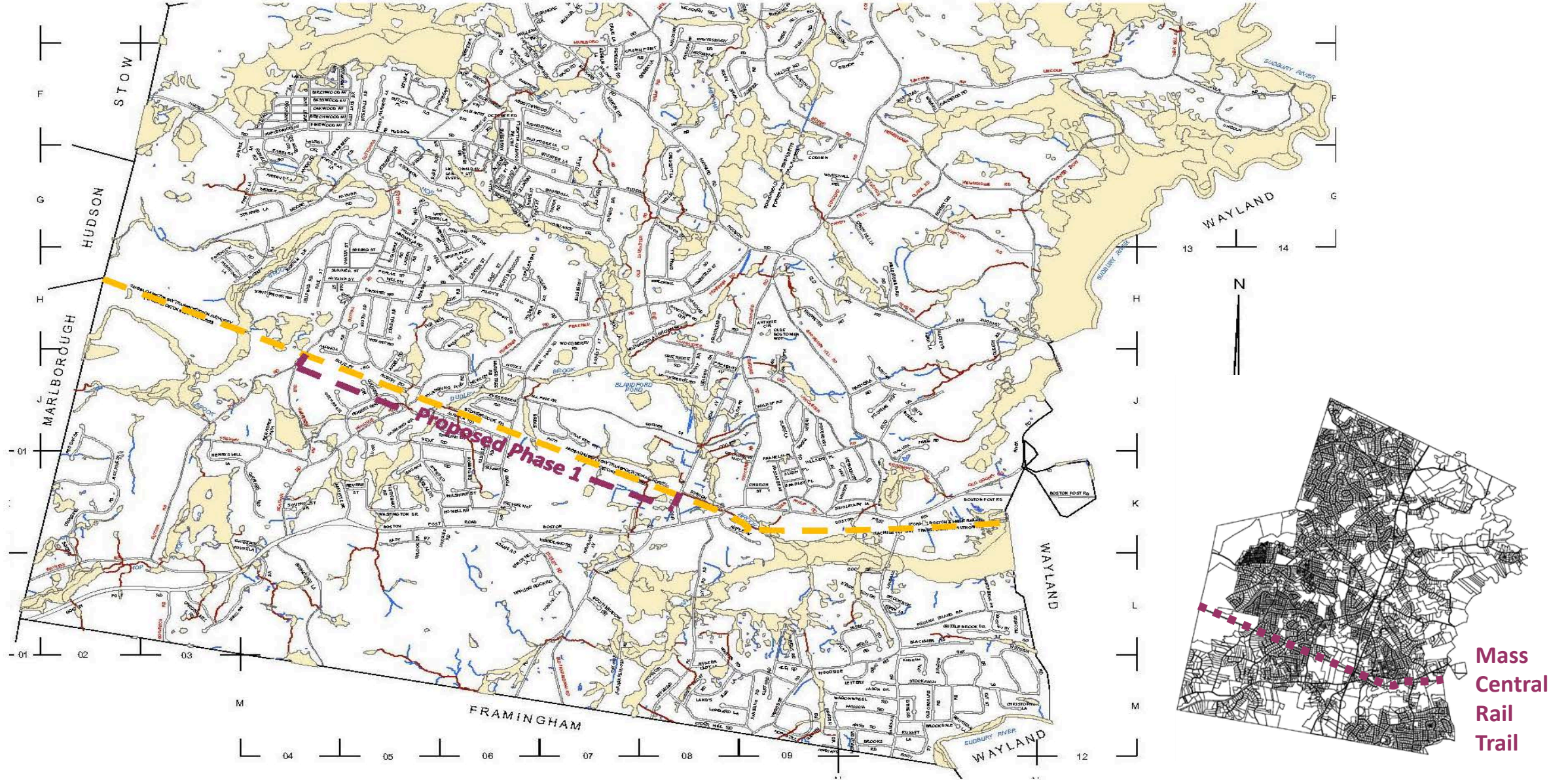
Funding – no known State funding source identified at this time

Recent project status –

- DCR granted a 99 year lease to develop a multi-use trail from Waltham to Berlin, but no funds to construct
- The Town reviewing best practices and how to proceed
- CPC FY16 funds requested for Phase 1



Proposed Mass Central Rail Trail



Current Status

- MEPA Review/Negative Determination by EOEEA but will continue to go through the Sudbury Conservation Commission for wetland permitting
- The Board of Selectmen are evaluating two options on how best to proceed
- BOS will make a recommendation to the CPC at their next scheduled meeting 1/27/15
- Community Preservation Committee will review request on 1/28/15
- If the CPC recommends support of the request, then it will be brought to 2015 Annual Town Meeting for a vote



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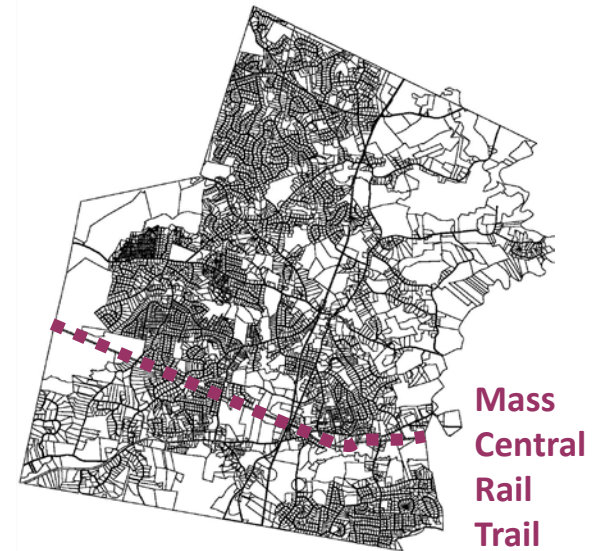
If funds are approved at Town Meeting the Town will procure services

Public engagement/abutter notification in summer of 2015

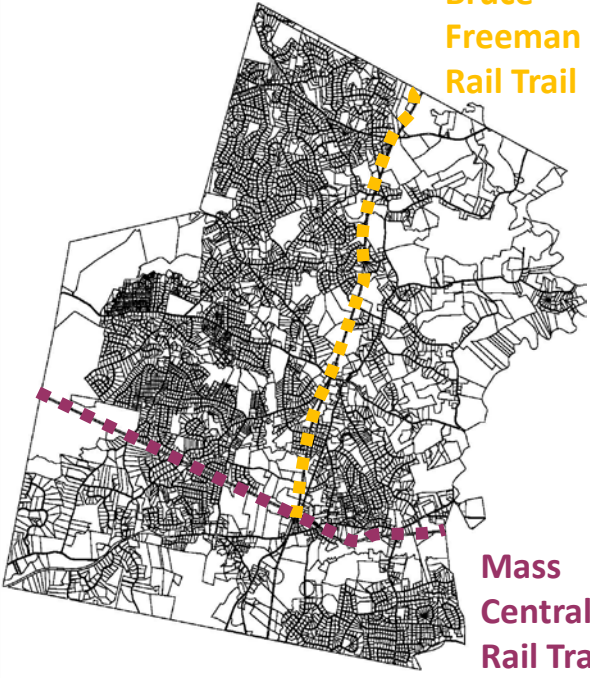
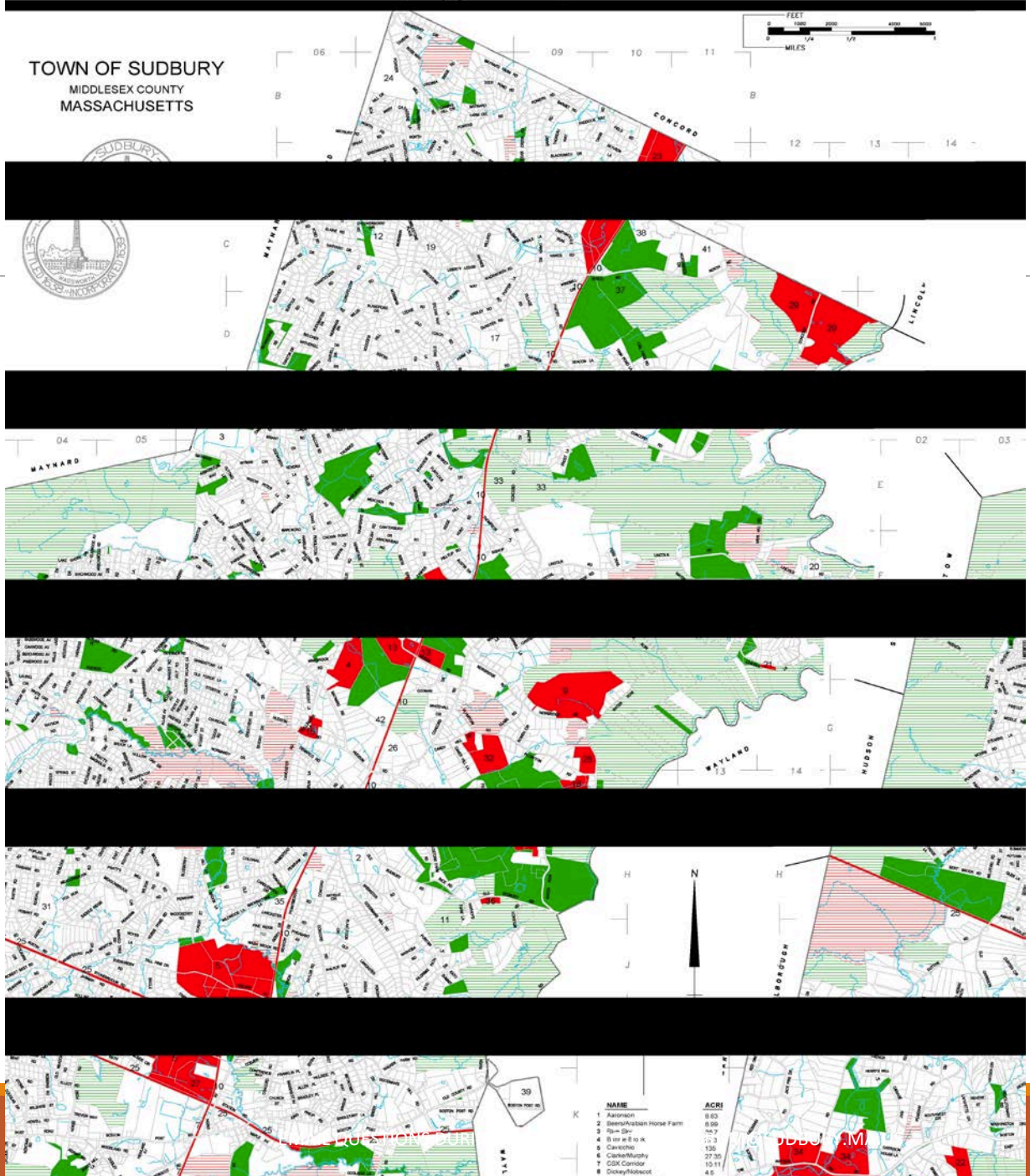
Construction could begin potentially in the spring or summer 2016

Project completion by late fall of 2016, or spring 2017, depending on options taken.

Design/Construction consideration for Phase 2 (rest of the corridor)



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Bruce
Freeman
Rail Trail

Mass
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Town Support for Rail Trails

Goals of the Board of Selectmen

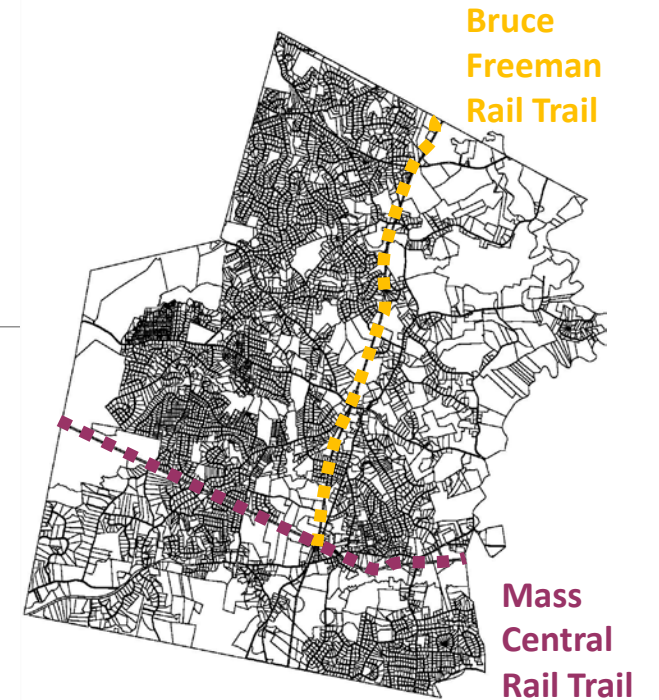
Priorities in the 2009 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Consistent with Town Master Plan

2014 Annual Town Meeting voted to appropriate \$150,000 of Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of preparing the 25% (preliminary) design plan for the full length of the BFRT in Sudbury to Mass DOT standards

Mass Central: Two non-binding resolutions at the September 2014 Special Town Meeting indicated strong support for (1) development of a Greenway for Phase 1 and (2) creation of a recreational rail trail for the full length of the corridor

Mass Central: Non-binding resolution at December 2014 Special Town Meeting indicated support for a paved surface trail



How to participate

Join the Rail Trail Email List: Send your email to pcd@Sudbury.ma.us with subject line: Rail Trails

Look for updates/info on the Town website: www.Sudbury.ma.us

Public Meetings – Upcoming Bruce Freeman design meetings April 2015, Sept 2015 (tentative)
Upcoming Mass Central discussions, BOS January 27th and CPC January 28th

General Rail Trail Questions contact:

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