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Dear James;

Thank you for your efforts to partner with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to move forward the phased development of the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) – Wayside in the Town of Sudbury. At this time, DCR has not identified funding to fully build the MCRT – Wayside, but we look forward to working with the communities along this portion of the corridor to develop a rail trail that serves as both a community and regional asset. Eventually, we are hopeful that state and federal resources will become available for a full build out of the trail linking Berlin to Waltham and eventually, Northampton to Boston.

In the meantime, we truly appreciate the Town's interest and efforts in developing this trail.

As you consider how to move forward in the Town of Sudbury, please keep in mind that DCR will likely place the following conditions on any proposed project or approach:

- At Grade road crossings will meet AASHTO and MUTC Standards and Guidelines
- The path profile will be 10 feet wide, 12 feet is acceptable in high traffic areas
- The trail surface shall meet applicable Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ACT) and State Architectural Access Board (AAB) standards.
- If the trail alignment needs to move off the center line of the main track, the Town shall provide a revised alignment that DCR can review and submit to the MBTA.
- The Town shall have approved Wetland Protection Act permits for proposed work, and construction must follow any permit conditions
- Natural Heritage and Endangered Species permits (if necessary) shall to be in hand prior to construction and construction must follow any permit conditions
- Construction cannot begin until DCR has secured Mass Historic Commission concurrence for the proposed work
- The Town should have a drainage plan for the proposed trail
- Any and all trail construction contracting shall follow applicable state procurement laws for horizontal construction

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Jahnige, DCR Greenways and Trails Program

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