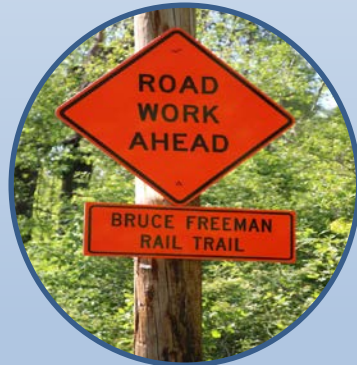


# The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Sudbury

**A Visual History – Part 2**  
**September - November 2023**

Prepared for the Friends of the  
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

Courtesy of Len Simon





# What's new on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, Sudbury?

- **PAVING:** Of the 4.4 miles of the BFRT Sudbury now under construction, 2.7 miles has the first layer of asphalt. (2.2 miles from the diamond to Morse Rd., plus 0.5 miles from Concord line to North Rd.)
- The remaining 1.7 miles, from Morse Rd. to North Rd., will be paved in the spring.
- Granite mile markers are being installed at edge of trail.
- Wood decking has been added to Hop Brook bridge.
- Major construction is ongoing at Pantry Brook to prepare for the new bridge.
- Site work at Broadacres parking, kiosk and a rest area.
- Shoulders and edges of the trail are being landscaped.
- Waterfowl are visible in Hop Brook.



September 26, 2023: South of Old Lancaster Rd.  
Paving operations begin on the BFRT.





September 26, 2023: Paving operations on the BFRT,  
south of Old Lancaster Rd.





September 28, 2023: Paving operations  
south of Morse Road.







September 28, 2023: Preparing Broadacres/Morse Rd. site for parking, rest area, and trail access.



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November 3, 2023 Hop Brook bridge. Looking south, wood decking placed. Railings not yet installed.



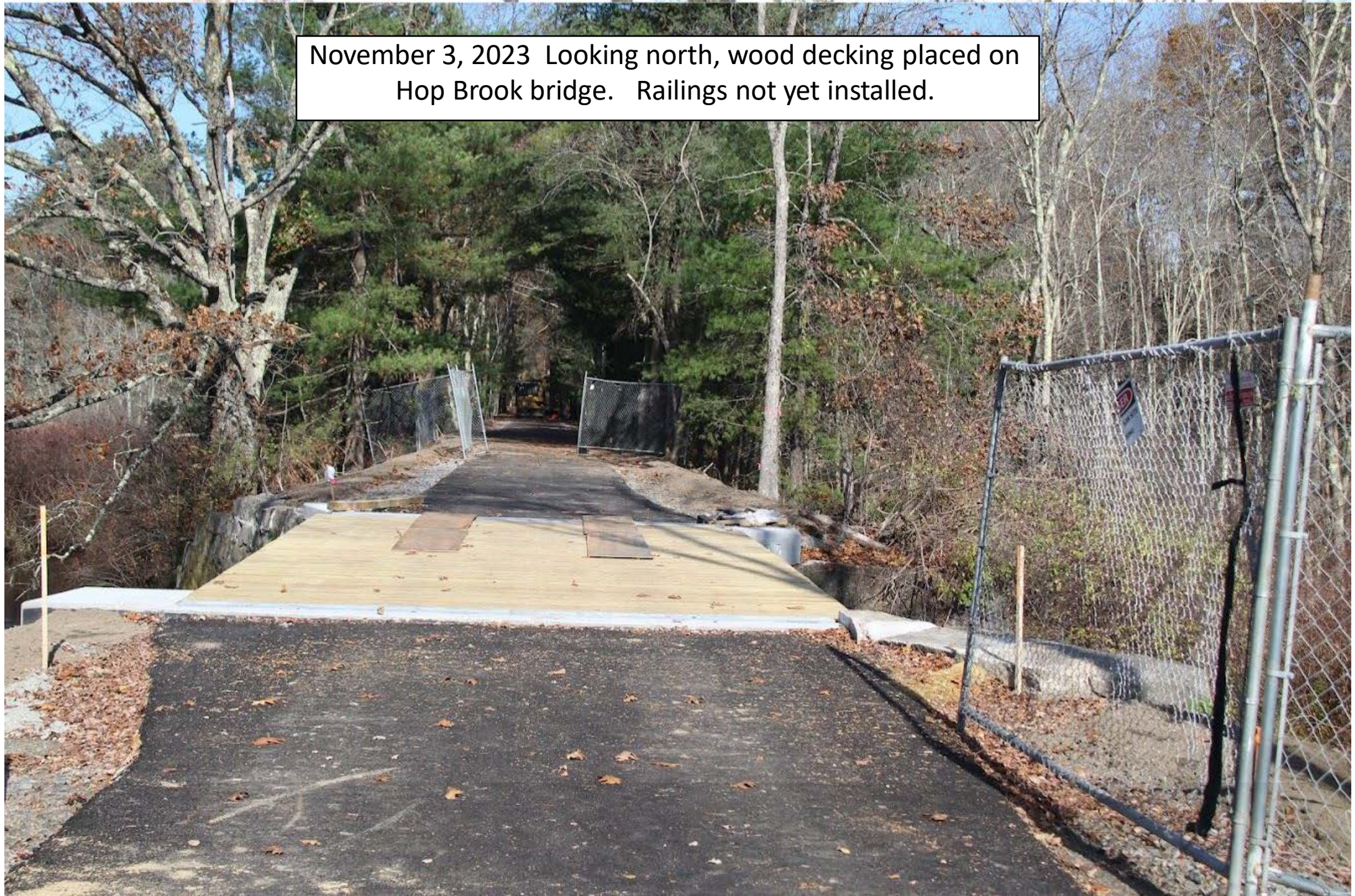


November 3, 2023 Looking south, wood decking placed on Hop Brook bridge.





November 3, 2023 Looking north, wood decking placed on Hop Brook bridge. Railings not yet installed.





November 3, 2023: Granite mile marker,  
north of Hop Brook.







November 2, 2023 Looking south on BFRT toward Pantry Brook. Construction of coffer dam in preparation for bridge span.



**Coffer-dam:** a structure that holds or guards water away from a work area. By dewatering a worksite, construction crews are able to use their equipment and materials with better precision.





Nov. 2, 2023  
Pantry Brook. Stacked steel sheets for coffer dam walls.







November 2, 2023 Pantry Brook  
Welding 'seats' for steel beams, in  
preparation for construction of bridge span.



November 2, 2023 Pantry Brook  
Coffer dam under construction.







November 2, 2023 Pantry Brook  
Welding 'seats' for steel beams, in  
preparation for coffer dam and bridge span.



November 2, 2023 Pantry Brook  
Coffer dam under construction.





November 2, 2023 Pantry Brook  
Coffer dam under construction.





November 2, 2023 Pantry Brook, looking west.





November 2, 2023 Pantry Brook  
Coffer dam under construction.





November 2, 2023 Approach to Pantry  
Brook from south.  
Coffer dam under construction.







November 2, 2023 Pantry Brook.  
Cutting steel beams for fabrication.



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November 2, 2023 Pantry Brook.  
Cutting steel beams for fabrication.





November 2, 2023, 'Seats'  
for steel beams for bridge.







November 2, 2023 Fabricating steel for  
coffer dam and bridge.



Crane to lift steel sheets and  
plie drive them 10' below  
stream bed for coffer dam





November 2, 2023: Near Haynes Rd.  
Filling, leveling, and grading the BFRT in  
preparation for paving.





November 2, 2023, South of Haynes Road.  
Delivering sub-base to be leveled and  
graded in preparation for paving.





November 2, 2023, South of Haynes Road.  
Measuring sub-base to be leveled and graded  
in preparation for paving.





November 2, 2023. South of Haynes Road.  
Leveling and grading sub-base.







**Nov. 8, 2023**  
**Constructing the coffer dam.**





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**Constructing the coffer dam.**





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Nov. 8, 2023, Driving metal sheet pilings for the coffer dam.



Nov. 8, 2023 Pantry  
Brook looking west  
at stream crossing.





Nov. 8, 2023, Repositioning  
timber bases for crane.





Nov. 8, 2023, South of Haynes Road. Sub-base is ready for paving in the spring.





Nov. 9, 2023, North of Hop Brook, landscaping on shoulders and edges of trail.





Nov. 9, 2023: Water fowl  
at Hop Brook.

