

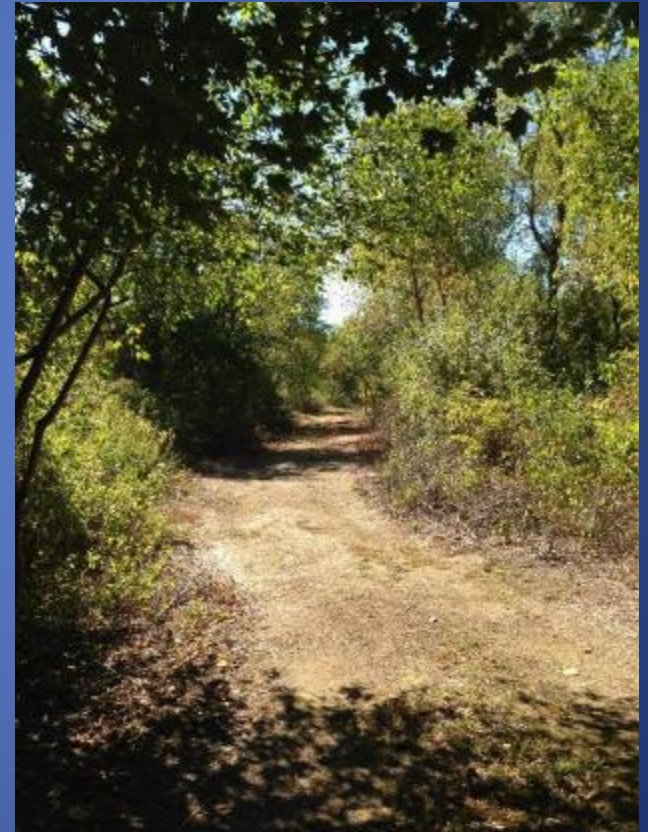


Town of Hingham Comprehensive Trails Plan

Public Meeting #2
June 16, 2015

Agenda

- **Public Meeting #1 Input Summary**
- **Project Update**
- **Survey Results**
- **Public Input**



Project Purpose and Need

Implement elements of Hingham's Master Plan and Open Space Plan including the:

- Protection of natural and cultural resources,
- Enhancement of existing trails,
- Assessment of further recreational opportunities within neighborhoods.

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Implement elements of Hingham's Master Plan and Open Space Plan including the:

- **Development of connections between trails and parks and other publicly accessible properties for commuting and recreation, and**
- **Development of connections between existing trails and parks for commuting and recreation.**

Project Timeline



Public Input Summary, Meeting #1

Trail Connectivity

Connectivity
Bare Cove to Stodders Neck under Rt. 3
More Brewer to Cranberry Pond via capped landfill
Town Forest to Wompatuck State Park across Charles Street via pedestrian easement
McKenna Marsh to Wompatuck State Park via Accord Brook
Eel River Woods to Plymouth River Complex
Foundry Pond to TTOR Trails
Devon Terrace to Derby Street Shoppes
Devon Terrace and Kressfield Playground
South Junior High School to Country Drive/Whiting Street
Technology Place trail connection to Old Swamp River
Connect to Weymouth via High Street
Linden Pond Neighborhood to Derby Street Shoppes via Golf course
Cherry Street Pond to Foundry Pond
Sydney Pond to Foundry Pond
Connect Foundry Pond over spillway (105-foot span)
More Brewer to Fort Hill Ave neighborhood via train crossing
New Access to Jacobs Meadow from South Pleasant for unrestricted access
Jacobs Meadow to Wompatuck State Park via George Washington Forest, Tydings Plain and Wilder Memorial High School
Whortleberry Hollow to Gardner Street
Potential new trail link Blaisdell Rd around the north edge of Boston Golf to Cushing Street
Bare Cove to Great Esker across Black River at Indian Point
Simmons Road to Foster School (existing)
Main Street to Middle School (existing)
More Brewer to Cranberry Pond via capped landfill
Middle School to Notre Dame trails to Whortleberry Hollow

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Natural/Cultural Resources & Existing Trails/Open Space

Natural/Cultural Resources
Expand ACEC to cover harbor edge and Bouve
Expand ACEC to include "Brewer South"
Manage invasive species
Manage vegetation around structures of cultural significance (fish ladders, dams, foundations, etc.)
Replace broken culvert from Sydney Pond Brook to Weir River as it crosses Kilby Street
Existing Trails/Property Improvements
Boundary Marking of Public Property
Trail Blazing
Improve Access to Bouve from Shipyard
Exercise stations at the parks
Public Access Signs
Improve area behind Rite Aid
Improve or make parking available (Whortleberry Hollow, Eel River Woods, Mildred Cushing Woods, Burns Memorial,)
Add official bike trails
Determine authorized trail uses and post at trailheads
Trail ADA Accessibility
Improve access/conditions along fire road at Old Swamp River and sign as Hingham Property

Public Input Summary, Meeting #1

Potential Partnerships, Property Acquisition & Other

Partnerships
Aquarion Water Company
Whole Foods
New England Aquarium (invasive removal)
South Shore Quests
South Shore Science Center
DCR
TTOR
Abutting Municipalities
Potential Property Acquisition
Baker Hill Subdivision
Other
Work with Aquarion to open access to trails
Propose sidewalks for Devon Terrace community access to Derby Street Shoppes
Propose sidewalks to Whiting Street community access to Derby Street Shoppes
Zone 10 v. Zone 11 hunting permit issues (limited licenses under Zone 10)
Make Cushing Pond and Eel River Navigable from Cushing Pond to Ward Street
Overall map improvements/clarification

Project Update: Trail Mapping Efforts

Bare Cove Park

George Washington Forest

Bouve Conservation Area

Foundry Pond

Amonte Fields

Plymouth River Complex

Sydney Pond

Whortleberry Hollow

Jacobs Meadows

Glad Tidings Plain

Merrymount Road Conservation Area

Kress Field/Playground

Hingham Cemeteries (3)

Triphammer Pond

Burns Memorial

Old Swamp River

Cranberry Pond

Mildred Cushing Woods

Eel River Woods

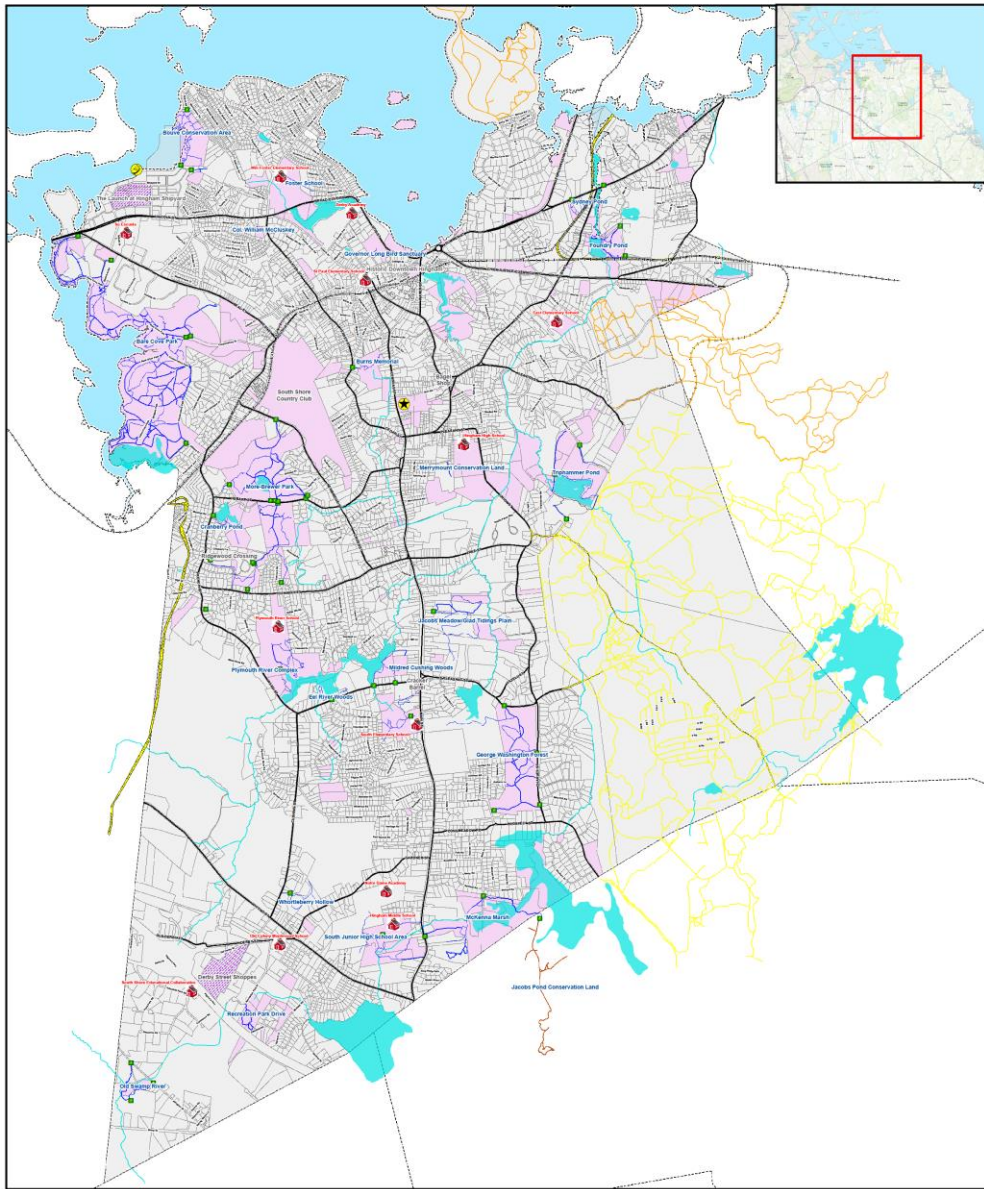
South Middle School

Marchesiani Farms

Mckenna Marsh

South Elementary School

Recreation Road



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 1 inch = 1,000 feet
 (Scale is 1" = 4.83')

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 Feet

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| Trail Head | Streams | Swan Hill |
| Narrow Trail <5' | Waterbodies | Commuter Ferry Stop |
| Wide Trail >5' | Parcels | Schools |
| OC/OS/OSP/SP/ST/STP | Town Boundary | |
| 175' Trail | Highway | |
| Narrow Trail | State Road | |
| Hingham Parcels | Other Roads | |
| Commercial Area | Commuter Roads | |
| | Train Tracks | |



COMPREHENSIVE TRAILS PLAN

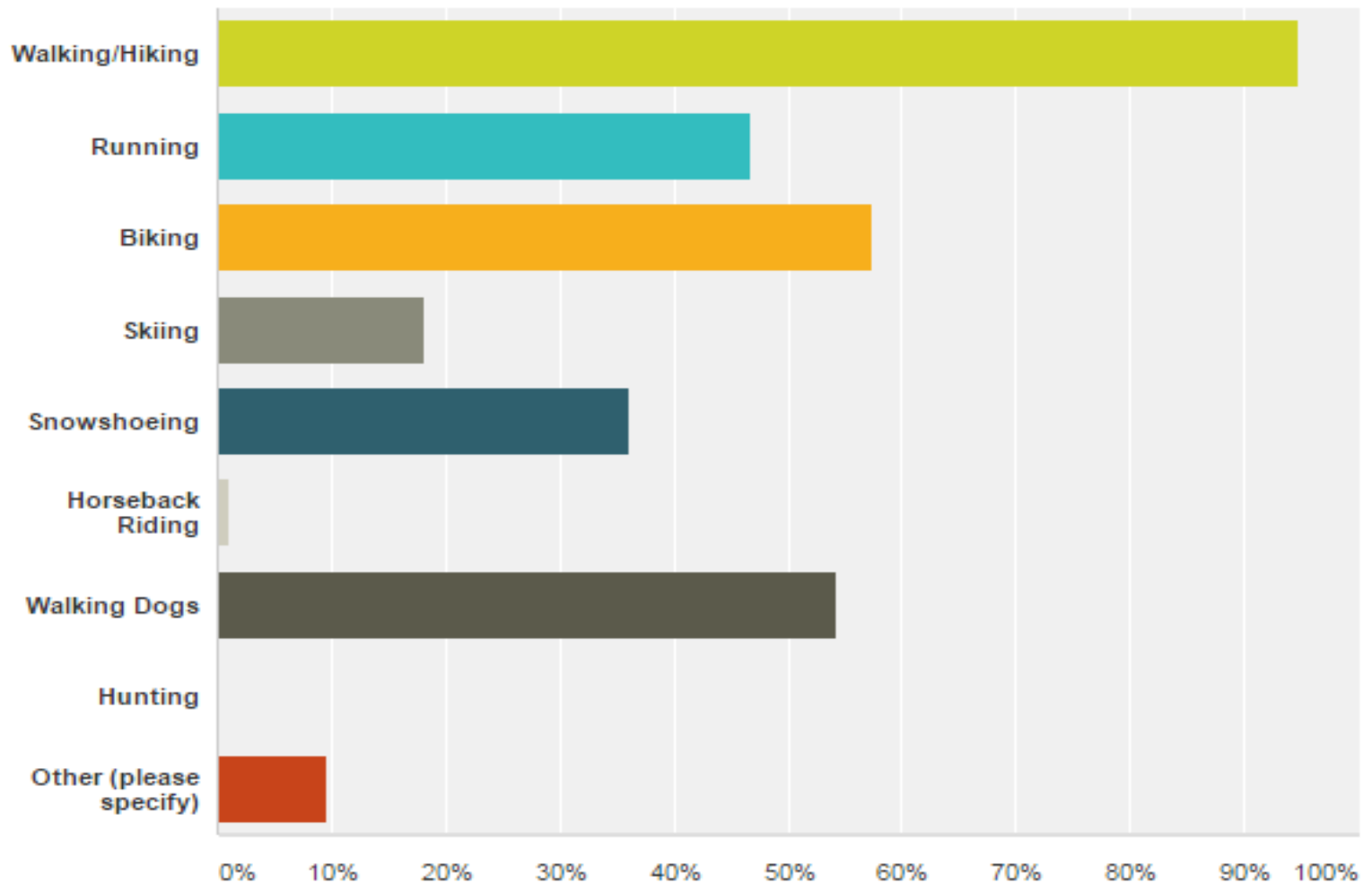
Existing Trails
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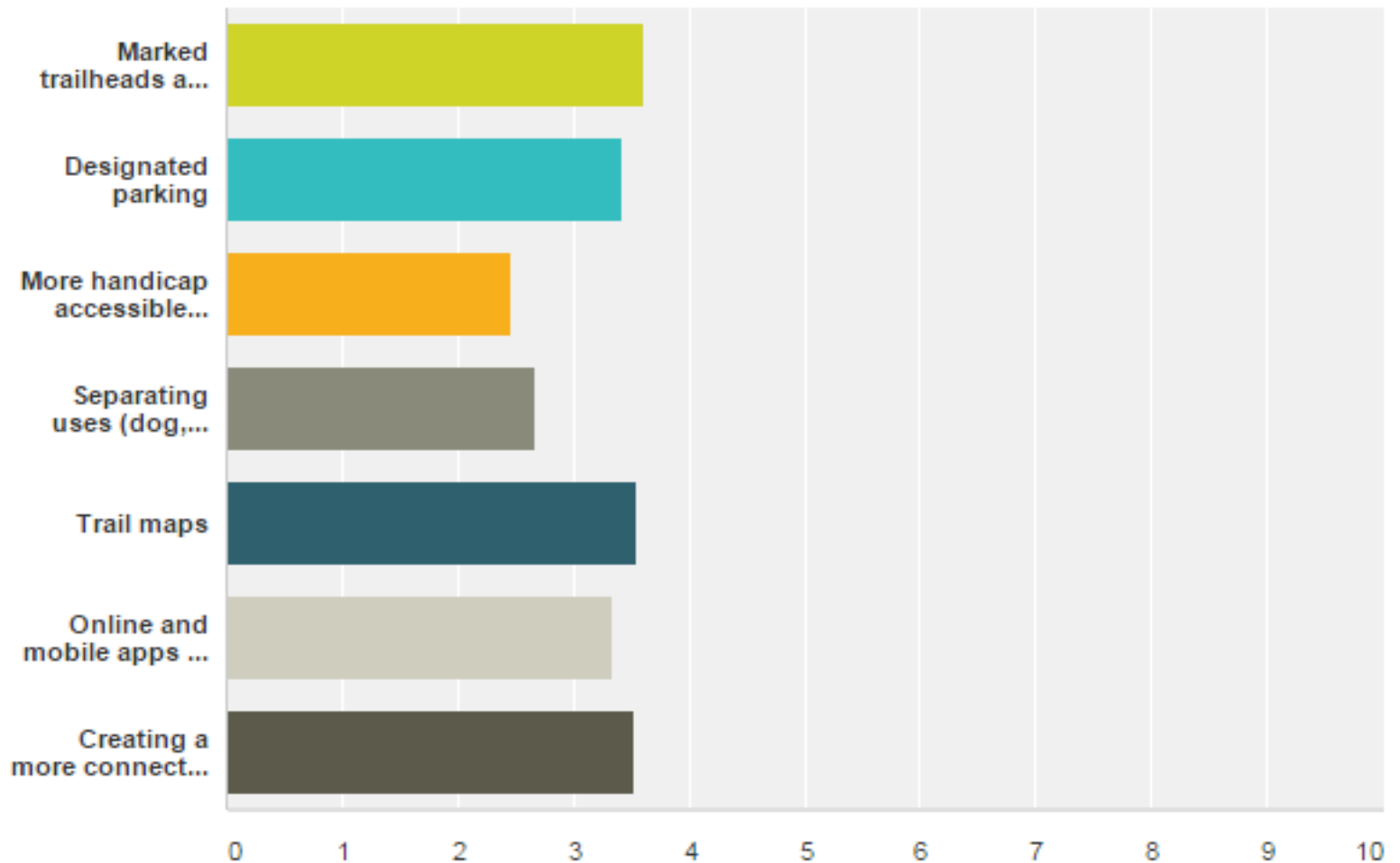
Public Surveys

- **Online Survey**
 - Completed by 100 individuals (95% Hingham Residents. Others: Weymouth, Cohasset, Braintree, Hull)
- **Field Observations Survey**

Online Survey Summary: Trail Use



Only Survey Summary: Priority of Trail Improvements



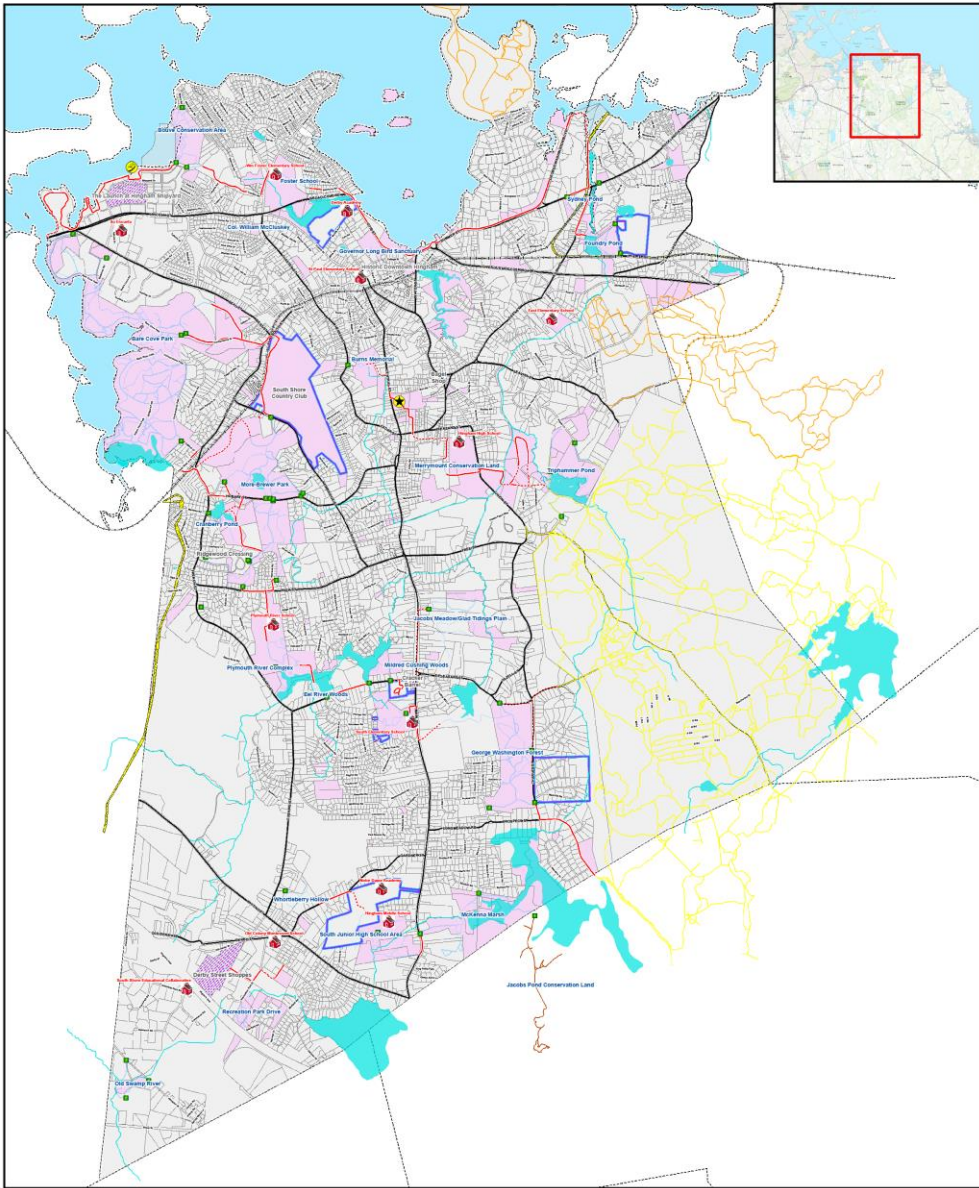
Online Survey Summary: Prioritization of Trail Connectivity

- Gardner Street thru Main Street
- More Brewer to Wompatuck via Eel River and Town Forest
- Dedicated bike lanes along roads
- Bare Cove to Stodders Neck, Abigail Adams and Great Esker Park
- Quincy to Hull via the waterfront
- Wompatuck to Whitney Woods and Triphammer Pond
- Town Forest to Fulling Mill Pond and Mckenna Marsh
- Harbor Walk

“Any connection would be valuable”

Online Survey Summary: Other Comments

- Trail information at T/ Commuter stations
- Reopen Town Forest
- Where are the trails?
- Provide information: parking, rules/regs, trail maps, trail markers etc.
- Acquire more open space
- Focus on improving existing parks and features: trail condition, benches, markers, etc.
- Dogs v. people



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Legend	
	Trail Road
	Normal Trail - 4'
	Wide Trail - 6'
	Proposed Trail Link
	Existing Trail Link
	DC/Multi-use Trail
	TRails
	Novelty Trails
	Hingham Parcels
	Streams
	Waterbodies
	Town Hall
	Commuter Ferry Stop
	Schools
	Parcels of Interest
	Commuter Ferry Stop
	Trail Boundary
	Lottery
	Main Roads
	Cemetery Roads

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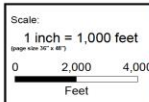
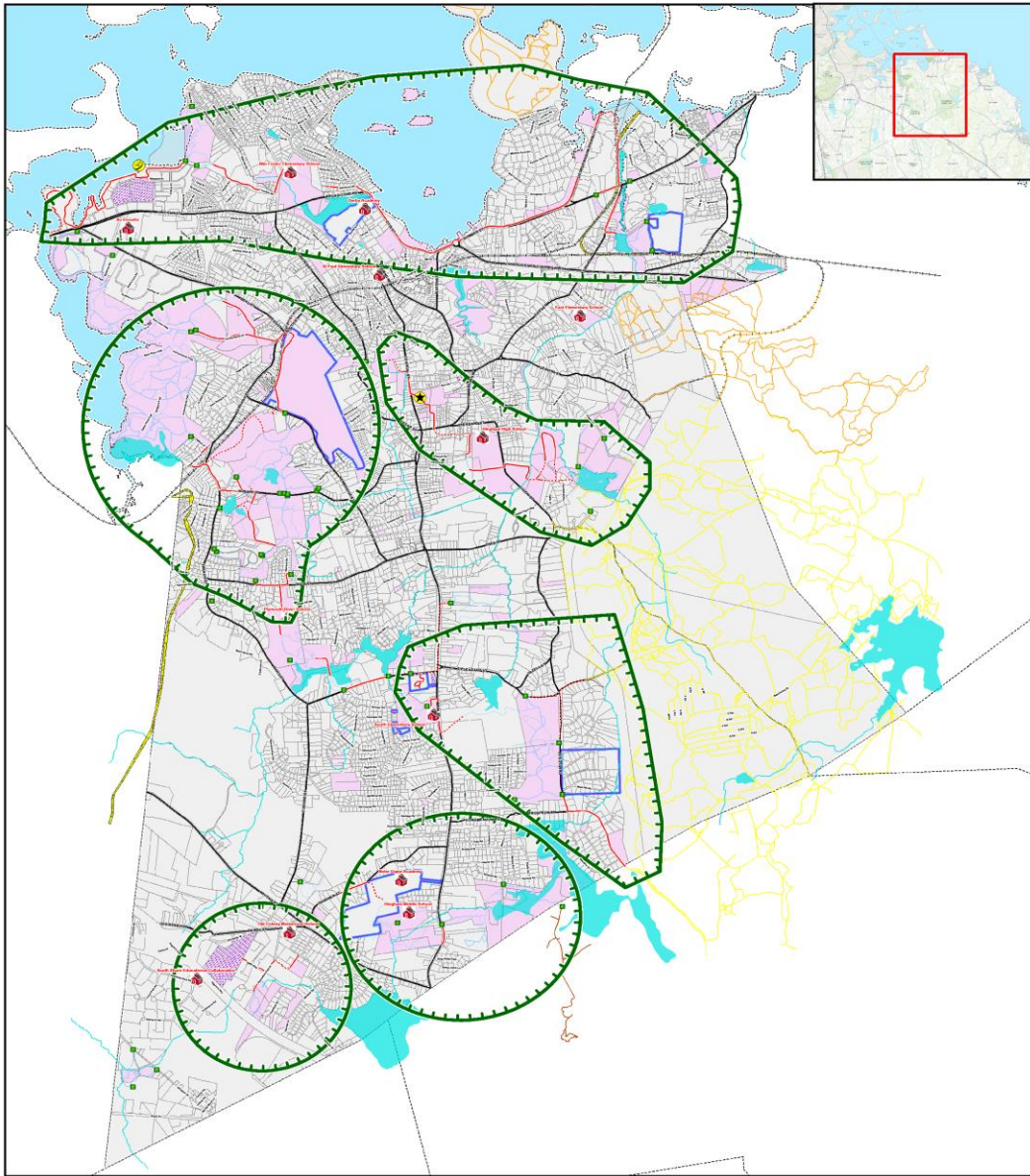
Existing Trails and Proposed Links

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Legend	
Trail Link	Streams
Narrow Trail - 10'	Wetlands
Wide Trail - 50'	Commercial Area
Proposed Trail Link	Parcels
Existing Trail Link	Parcels of Interest
DCA/Worship/Club Trail	Train Boundary
Trail Link	Utility Route
Narrow Trail	Main Roads
Hingham Parcels	Cemetery Roads
Train Tracks	Train Station
Commuter Ferry Stop	Schools

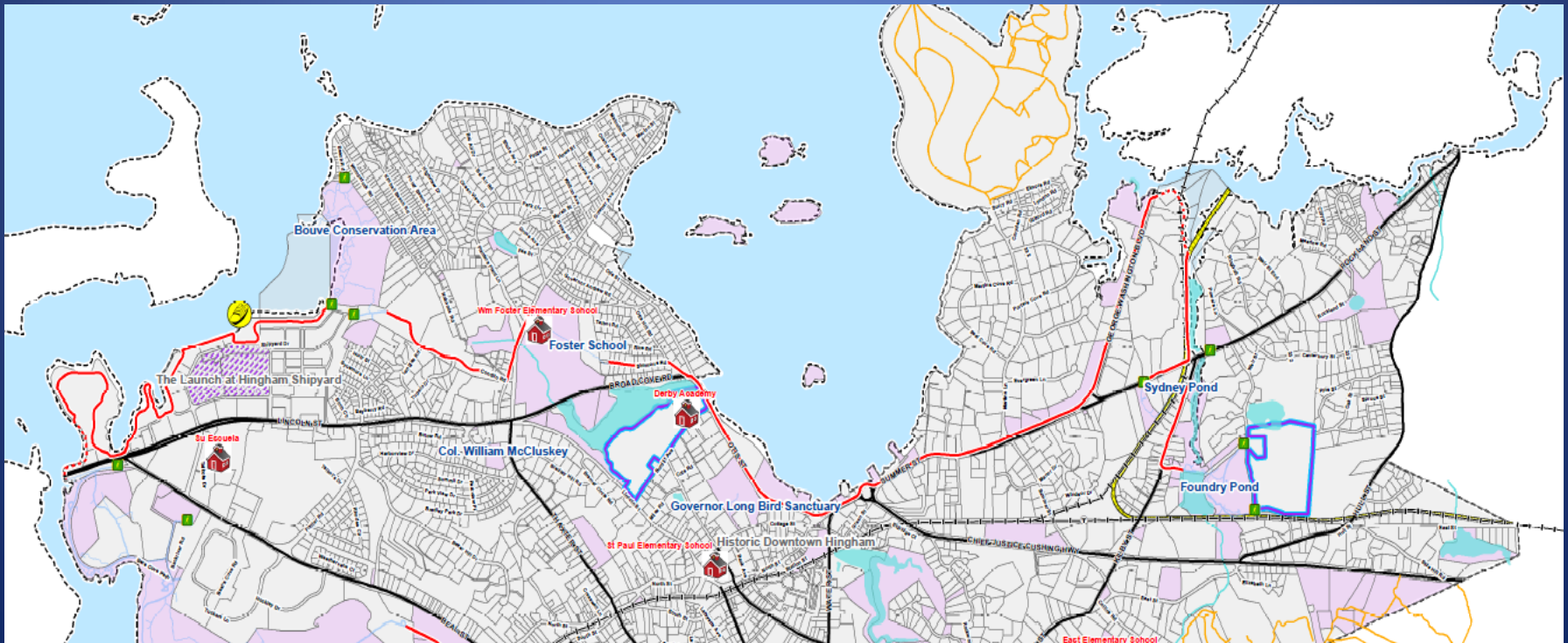
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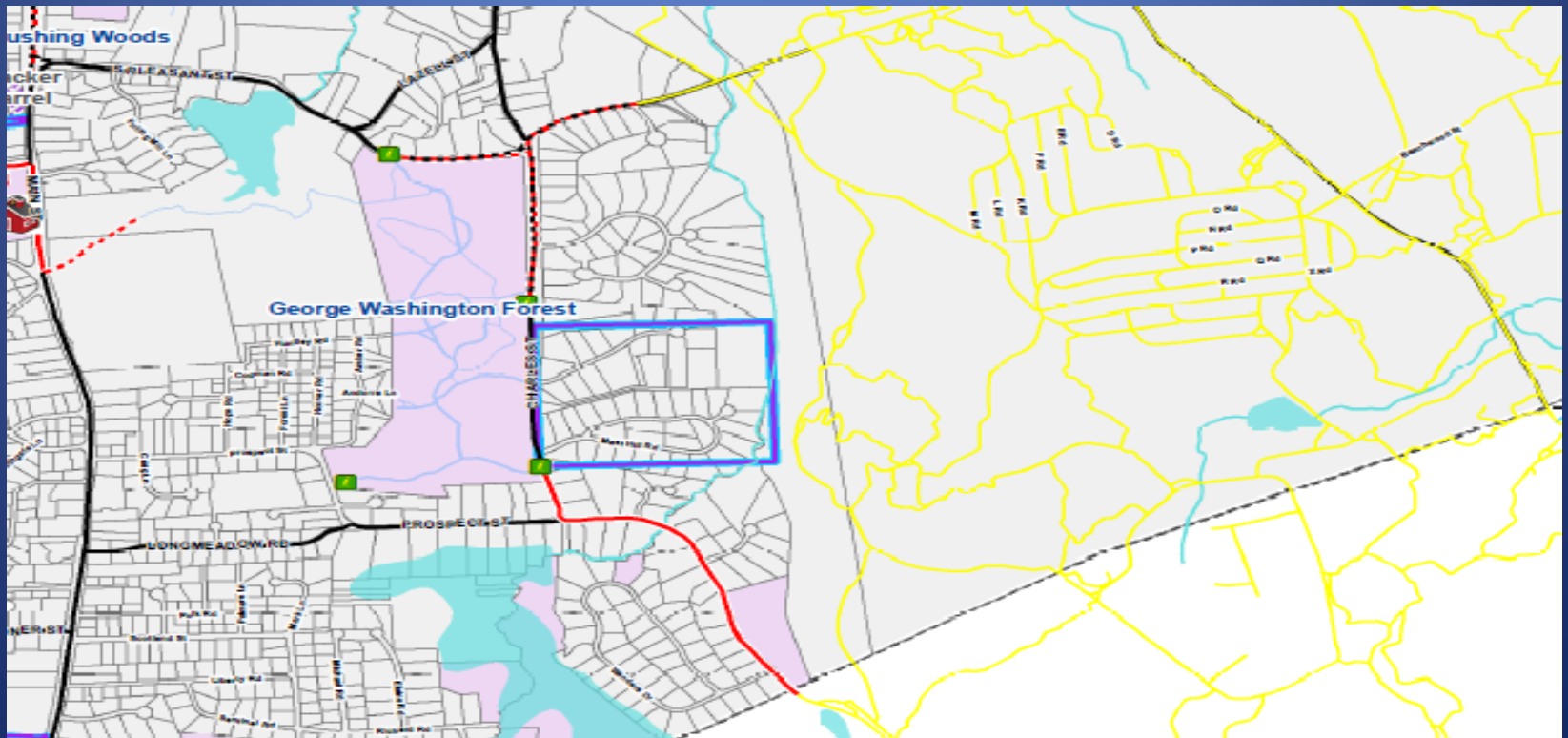
Project Update: Priority Links

- Harbor Walk: Bare Cove to Stodders Neck (DCR), along Harbor to Bathing Beach and into Hull and Cohasset



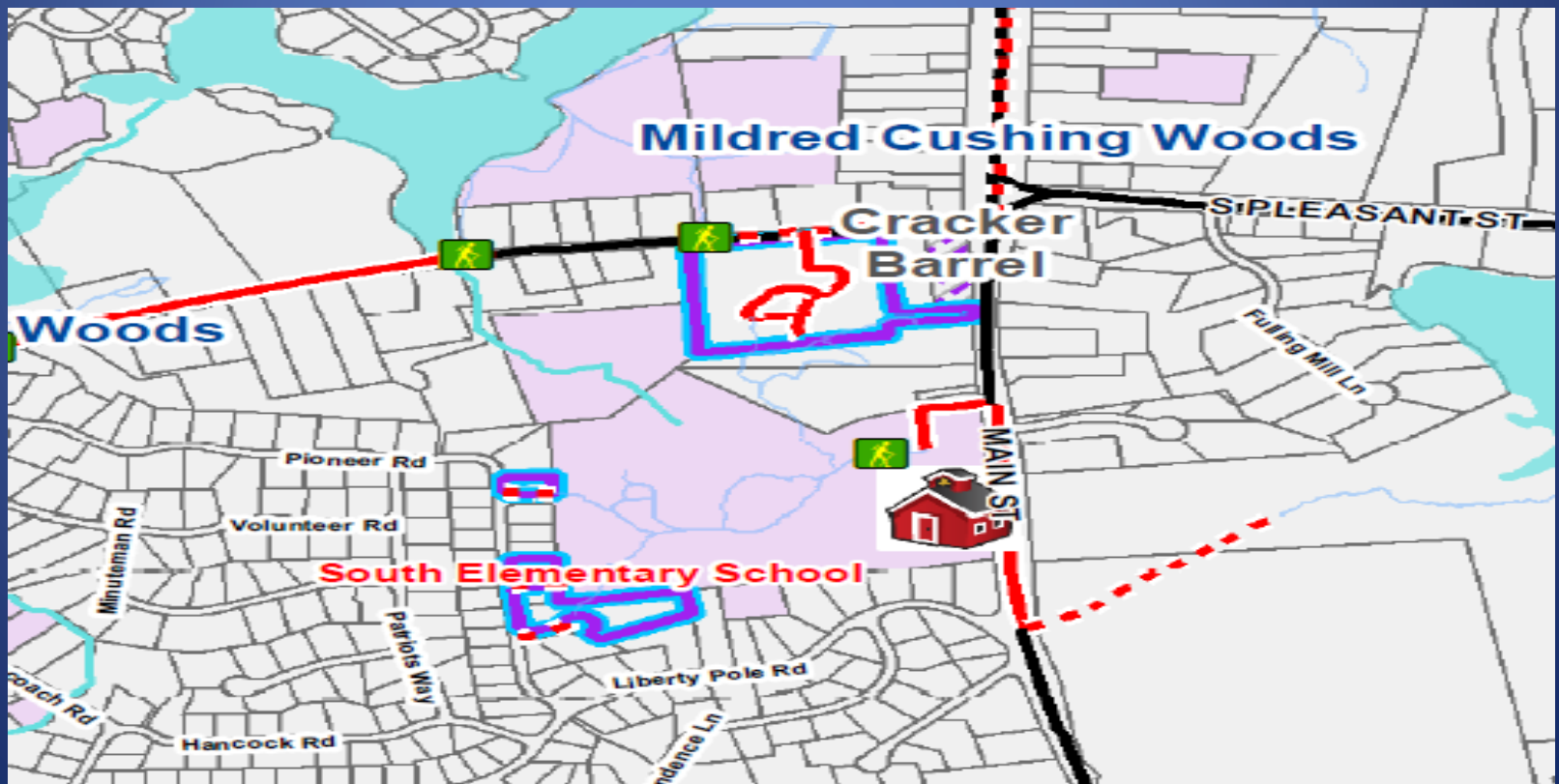
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- George Washington State Forest to Wompatuck State Park (DCR) via South Pleasant Street and potential pedestrian easement near Mast Hill Road



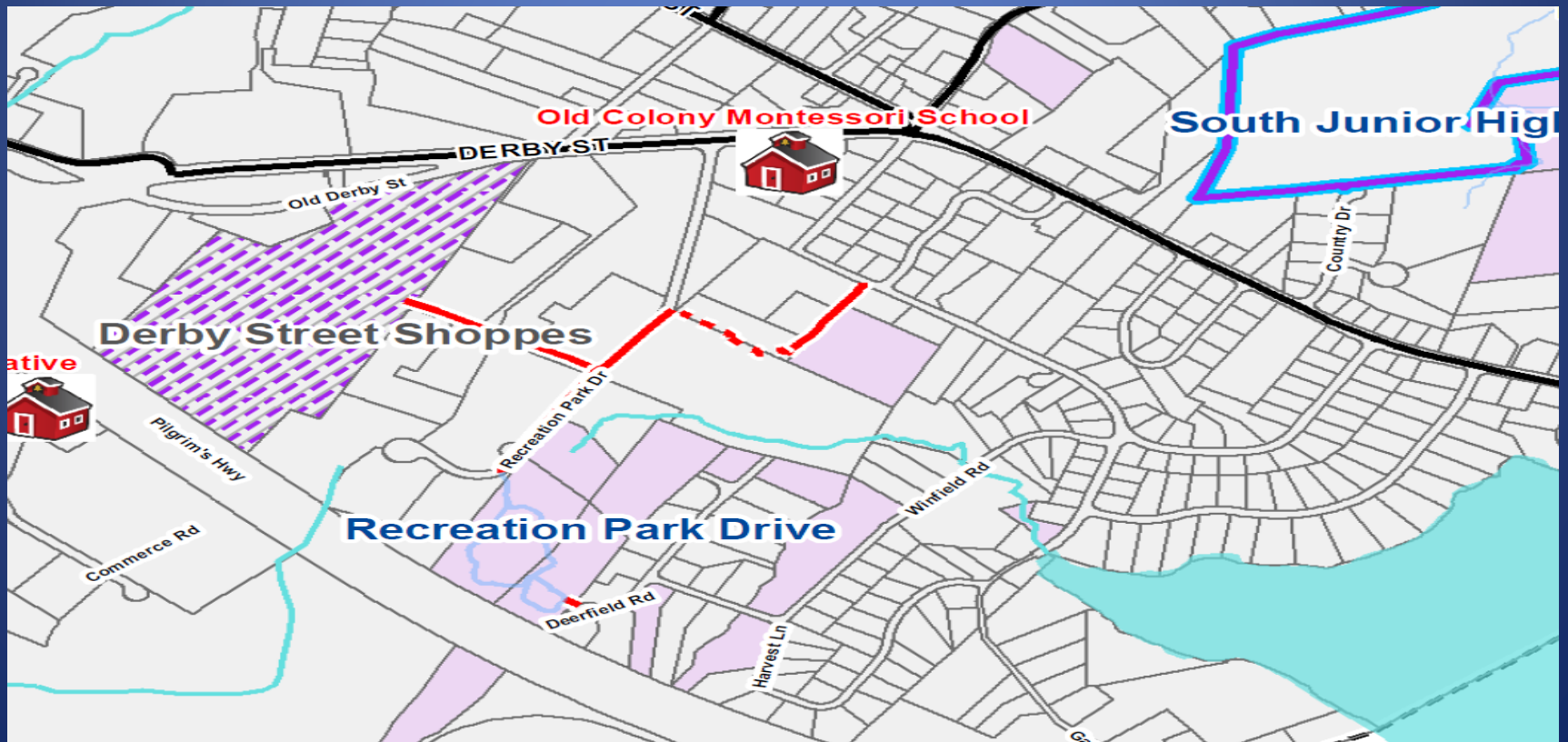
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- Pioneer Street and Cushing Street connection to South Elementary School trails



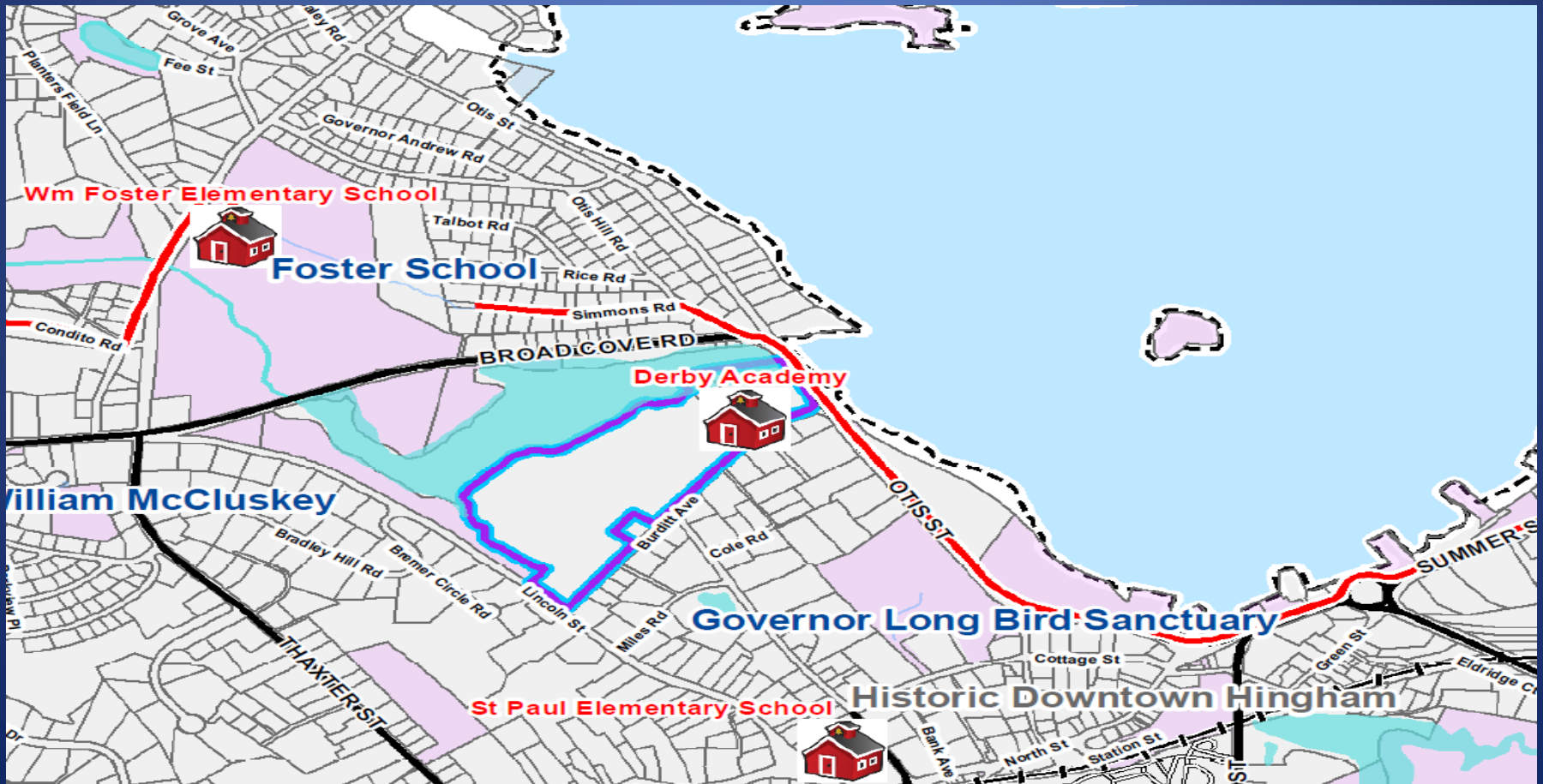
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- Kress Field Community connection to the Derby Street Shoppes



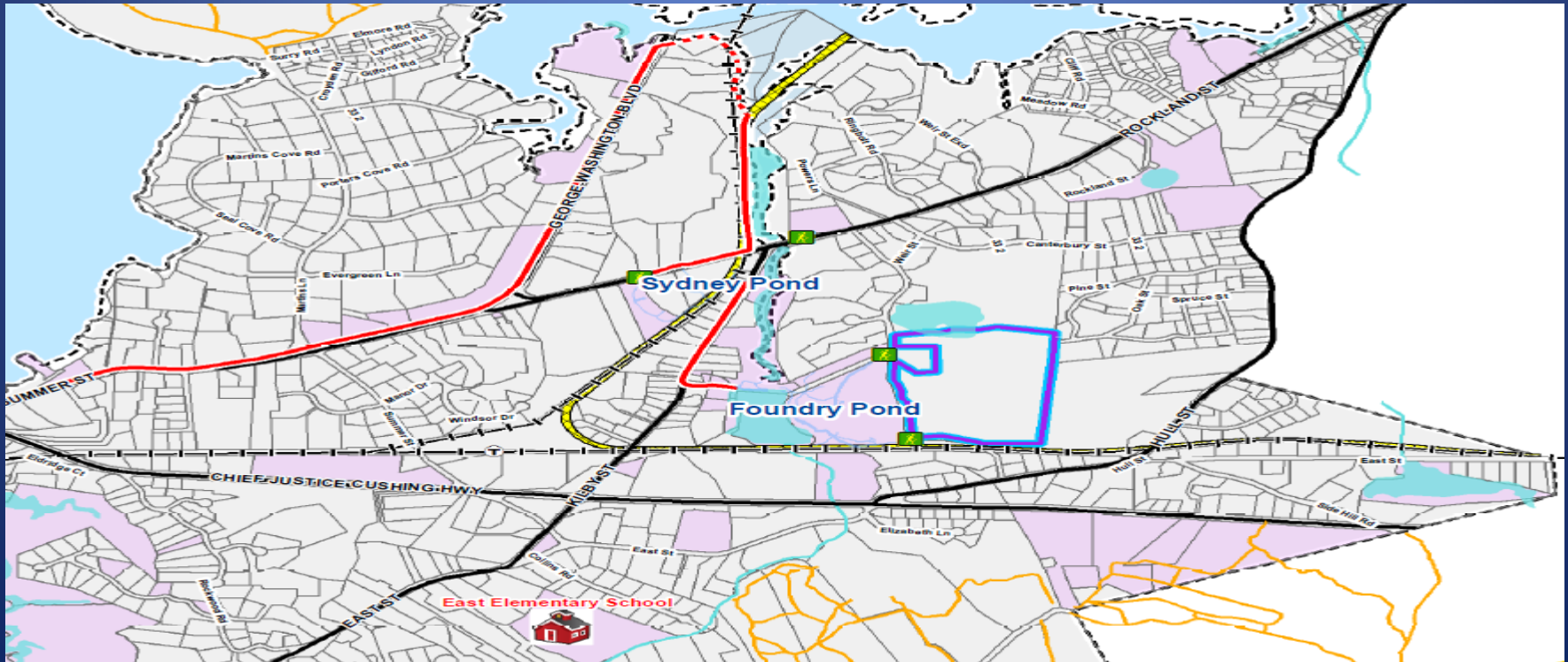
Project Update: Priority Links

- Derby Academy trail connection to future Harbor Walk



Project Update: Priority Links

- Turkey Hill (TTOR) to George Washington Boulevard Bike Path through National Grid's ROW, Foundry and Sydney Ponds.



Tonight's Public Input

- Overall Feedback
- Specific feedback on proposed trail links



Next steps...

- **Outreach**
- **Input! Remember to complete the online survey**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R5W2XHV>
- **Organizational Partners**
- **Volunteer/Environmental Stewardship**

Comments

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