PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

February 13th, 2020

WELCOME!
AGENDA

7:00 PM   Introductions
7:05 PM   Presentation
7:30 PM   Public Input/Breakout Session
8:00 PM   Next steps
BACKGROUND

- Town successfully obtained a $120,000 grant from the CTDEEP Recreational Trail Program
- Grant covers data collection, survey, a routing study and engineered design plans
- Anchor Engineering was selected by the Town Trail Committee through a competitive procurement process
- Ultimately the trail will originate in the town center and will end near the Canton town line
- The overall project will be approximately 5 miles in length and will be BUILT IN PHASES
More than a trail and more than a connection

This project is about translating the unique characteristics and natural assets into a constructible design in a way that fulfills the community’s desires

- Safely accommodate pedestrians and cyclists of all ages and abilities
- Integrate varying land uses and functions
- Respect adjacent property owners and businesses
- Reflect the physical reality and economic challenge of implementation
APPROACH

Understand Context
- Field Conditions
- Survey
- Public Meeting
- Business/property Owner Meetings

Develop Options
- Routing
- Design Palette and Vocabulary
- Special Treatments

Finalize Plan
- Cost Estimates
- Potential Funding
- Bid Package
- Public Meeting
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Rail road right-of-way provides a unique historical access for trail users to enjoy
- Spectacular views of the Farmington River
- Opportunity to create a number of ancillary trails
- Physical characteristics allow the trail to be built to accommodate a range of ages and abilities
- Topography is very steep in several locations
- Exceptional accessibility to local businesses
- Route 44 crossing must be done safely
- Though natural resources are abundant, minimal impacts are anticipated
Opportunities & Challenges

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Potential Improvements
NEW HARTFORD – MULTITUDE TRAIL

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Trail Inspiration
New Hartford Trails

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TIME FOR US TO LISTEN TO YOU!
20 MINUTE BREAKOUT SESSION

+ COMMENTS/QUESTIONS
Station 1: Routing Preference - Place Your dots (8 total)

Green - locations along the proposed route you like the most.
Red - locations along the proposed route you dislike.

There are sticky note pads if you wish to add a note.
BREAKOUT SESSION

Station 2: Preference Survey - 2 BLUE dots per person

Four Trail Examples Depict Different Functions/Uses

Choose TWO that best reflect the type of trail you would like to see.
DISCUSSION + QUESTIONS
NEXT STEPS

- Trail Committee considers public comments and selects final route
- Conceptual Plan is completed
- Initial cost estimate is prepared
- Trail committee examines options for phasing
- Preliminary Design of selected option is completed
- Cost Estimate is finalized
- Final Design and Construction Bid Package is assembled
STAY IN TOUCH!

☑️ General Comment Form
☑️ Check the Town Website:
☑️ Monthly Trail Committee Meetings
☑️ Public Meeting #2 – March/April
☑️ Final Presentation – May/June

https://www.newhartfordct.gov/rails-to-trails-study-committee
THANK YOU!

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