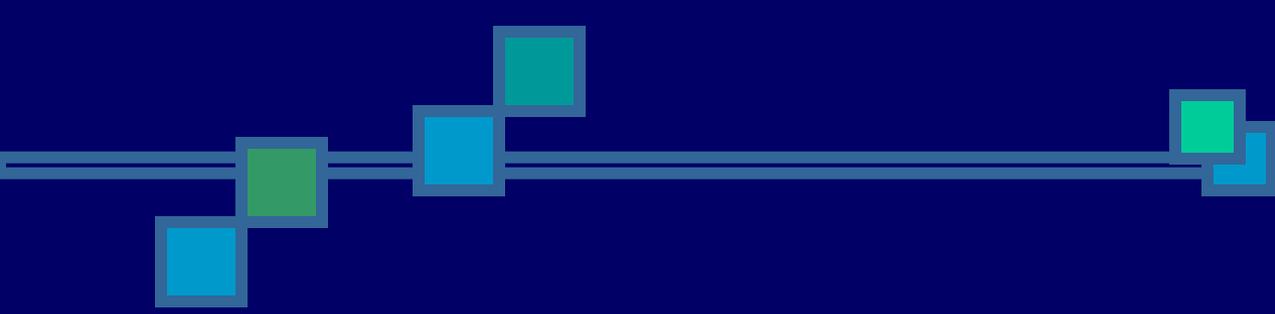


Pathway Committee

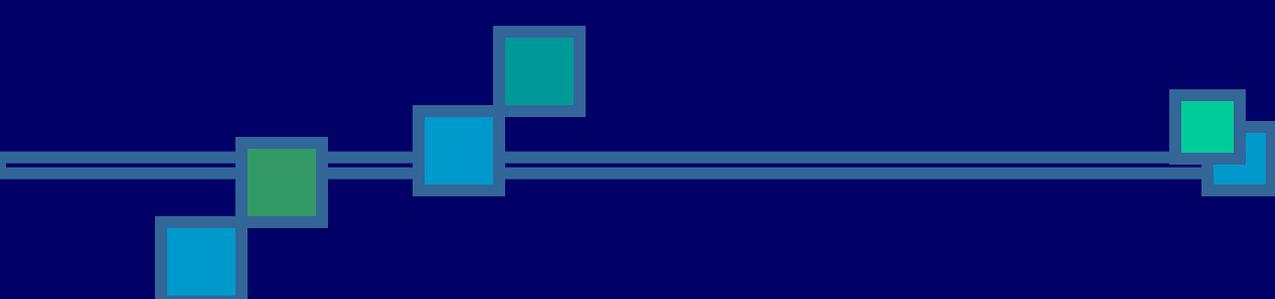


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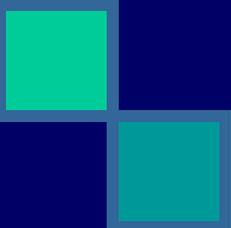


Mission Statement

- To develop a plan for an integrated network of pathways for recreational use within the Town of Norwell
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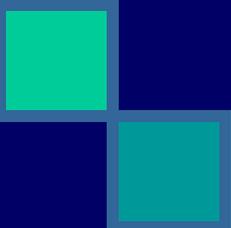


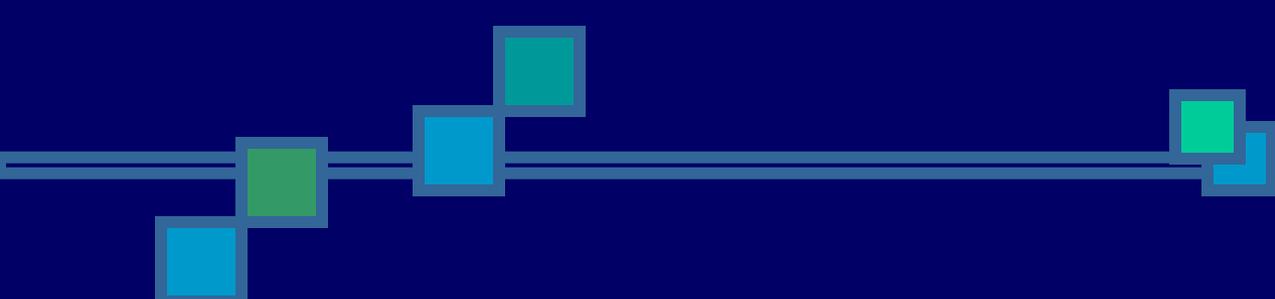
Goal and Objective

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- Provide methods of access to community locations not dependent on automobiles.
 - Enhance access to public lands using existing pathways and develop new pathways (In conjunction w/Con Com)
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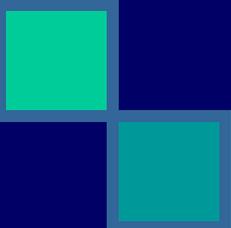
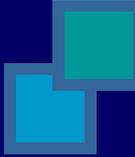


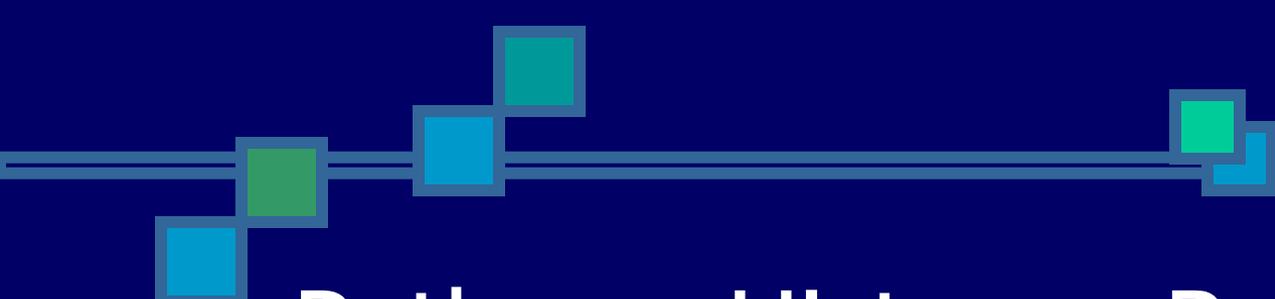
Pathway Committee

- Appointed Jointly by Board of Selectman and Planning Board – February 2008
 - Residents at Large
 - Representatives from
 - Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Recreation Committee, and Water Commissioners
 - Town Planner Assistance
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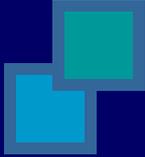


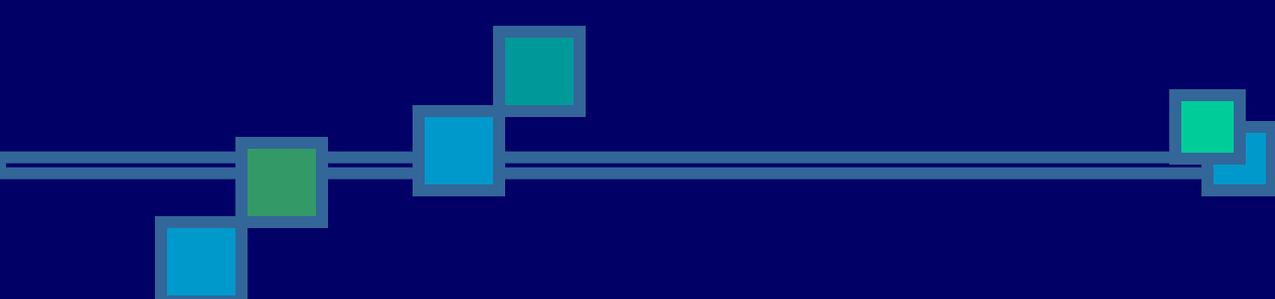
Norwell Today

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- Most Norwell roads developed from cart-paths are not suitable for safe Bicycle or Pedestrian Access
 - Safe Access to many community locations is dependent on Motor Vehicles
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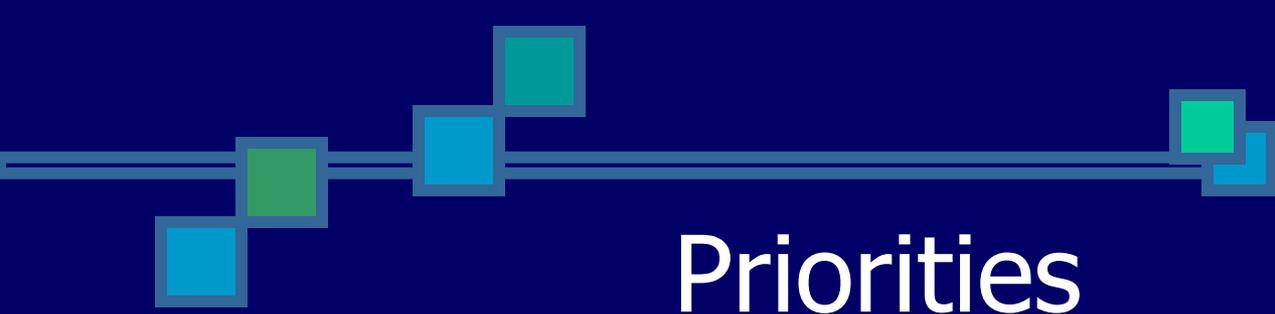
Pathway History - Resources

- Norwell Bikeway Plan – 1996
 - Open Space & Recreation Plans 2005–10 w/attachments
 - Master Plan with map attachments
 - Jacobs Pond Conservation Area Management PL
 - Conservation Commission Trail Maps
 - Updated Community Surveys
 - Connect Neighborhoods, Schools, Norwell Center, Playing Fields, ...
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Pathway Committee Process

- Review Pathway/Bikeway/Sidewalk Plans
 - Survey needs, Meet with residents
 - Walk Existing Trails and Connection Points
 - Master Trail and Greenway Overview
 - Grant Reviews
 - 1996 Bikeway Development
 - Land Acquisition
 - Easement Creation
 - Approvals
 - Bicycle Rack Reviews
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Priorities

- Develop 1996 Bike/Pathway - Cole School to Middle School
 - Segments
 - Cole School to Route 53 and Hall, Washington Park Drives
 - Route 53 to Cliff Prentiss Bridge
 - Cliff Prentiss Bridge to Jacobs Farm House
 - Jacobs Farm House to High School Grounds
 - High School to Town Land off Cushing Hill Road
 - Cushing Hill Road to Middle School
 - Obstacles
 - Ownership, Easements, Wetlands Crossings, Approvals
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Norwell Bikeway 1996 Fig. 2

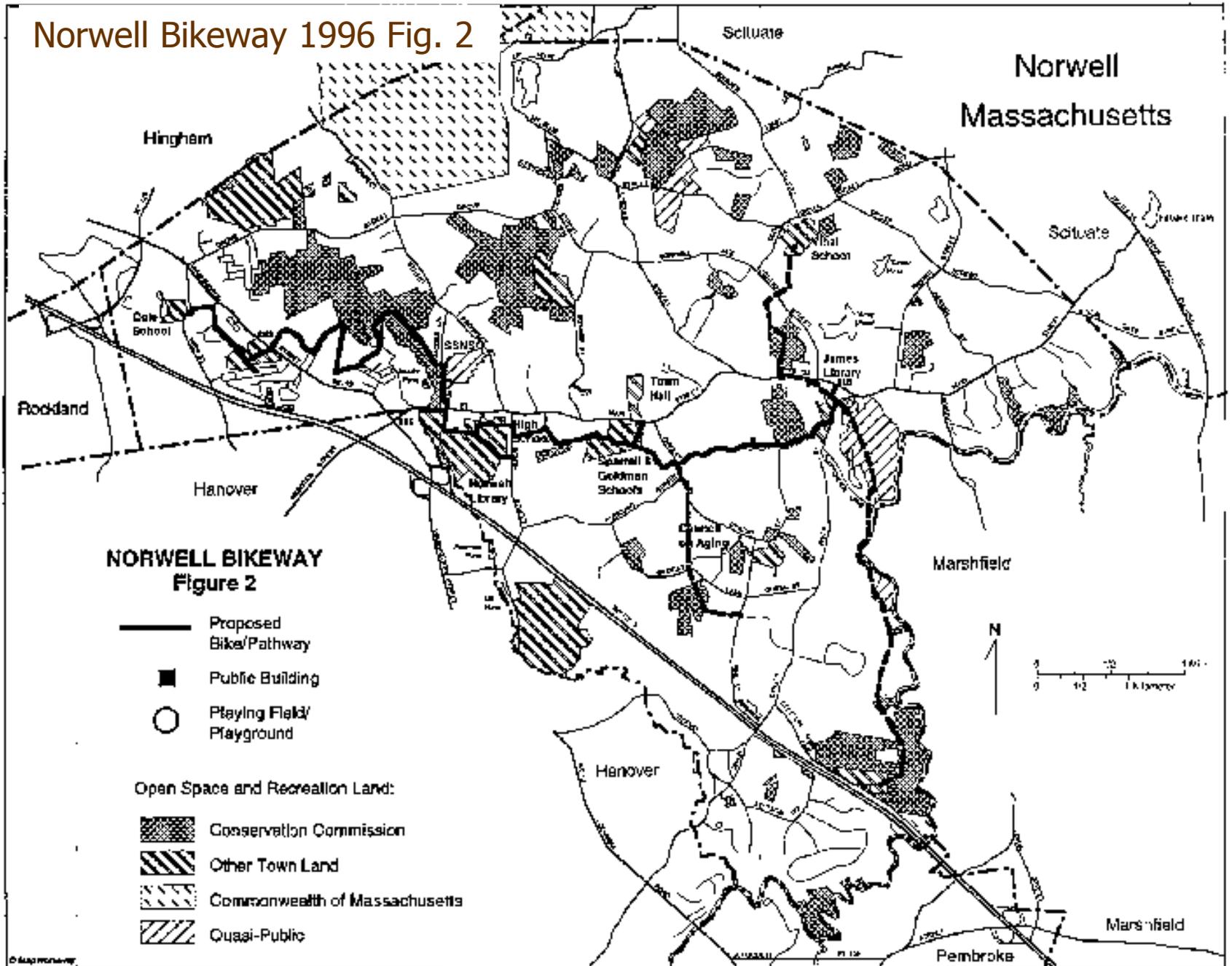
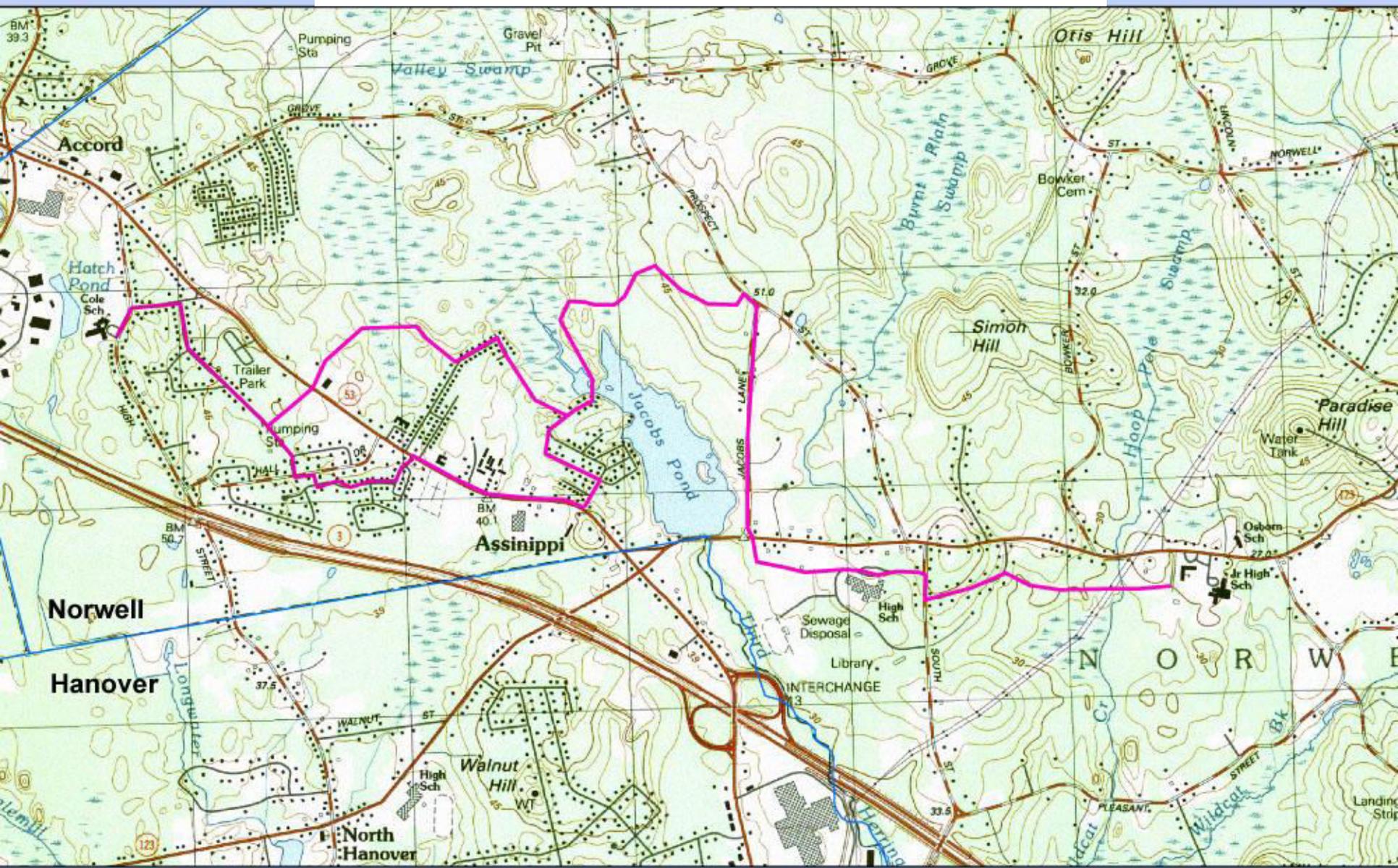
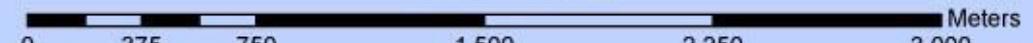


Fig. 1 - Proposed Bike/Pathway 1st Link



Sources:
MassGIS USGS Topographic Quadrangle *.sid files.
MassGIS Town Boundaries

Scale: 1:25,000



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Projection: Mass State Plane NAD83 M



Other Pathway Priorities

- Middle School to Donovan Farms
 - Donovan Farm to Stetson Meadows
 - Middle School to Norwell Center
 - Norwell Center to Scituate
 - Main Street Sidewalk/Pathway
 - Jacobs Pond to Grove Street
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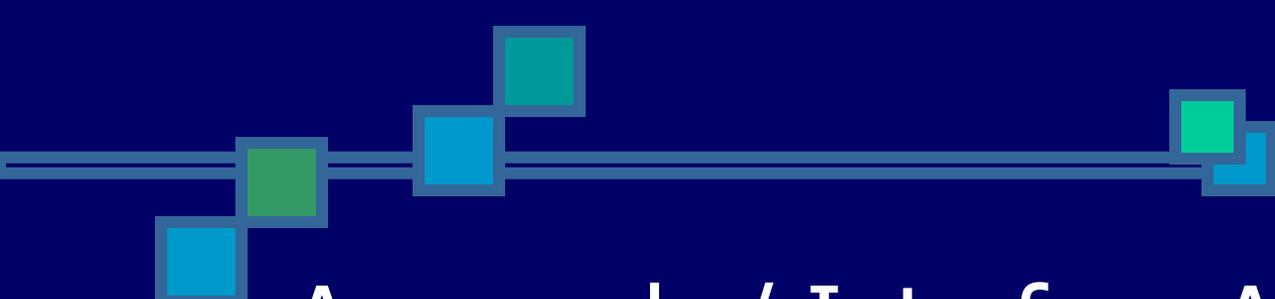
Basic Pathway Development Approach

- Define Connection Points/Routes
 - Evaluate Options
 - Safety, Environment, Community Support, Approvals
 - Establish Ownerships, Easements, Approvals
 - Select Segments for Actions
 - Clear Simple Trail for Walking
 - Design Improvements for Individual Segments
 - Details, Width, Surface, Signage (RFP)
 - Construct Specific Improvements (RFP)
 - Funding Dependent, Donations, Grants
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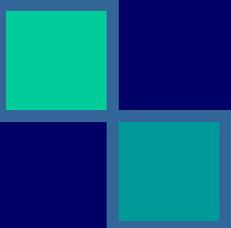


Pathway Guidance Documents

- Standard Easement Language
 - Pathway Use Guidelines
 - Pathway Design Standards
 - Construction Standards
 - Controlled Access Barriers Designs
 - Signage and Marking Standards
 - Maintenance Program
 - Community Support
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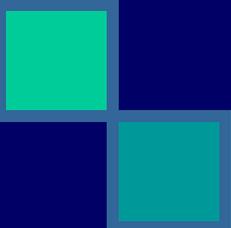


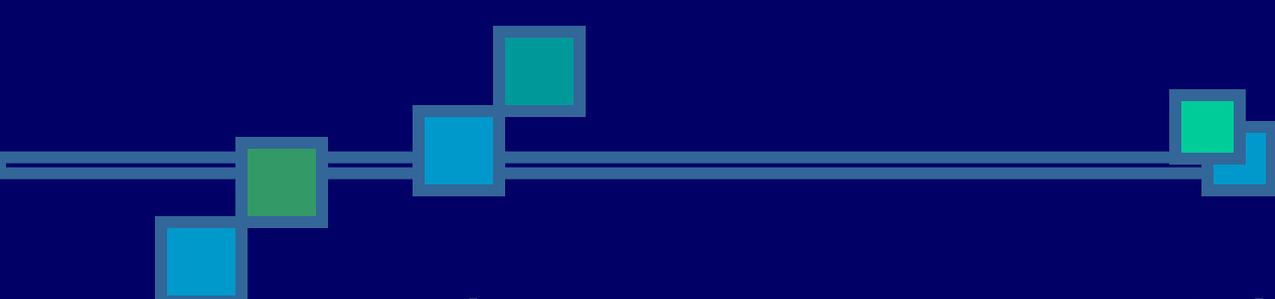
Approvals / Interface Agencies

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- Planning Board
 - Board of Selectman
 - Community Preservation Committee
 - Conservation Commission
 - Historic New England - (Formerly SPNEA)
 - Historical Commission
 - Police & Fire Departments
 - Highway Department
 - School Department
 - Water Department
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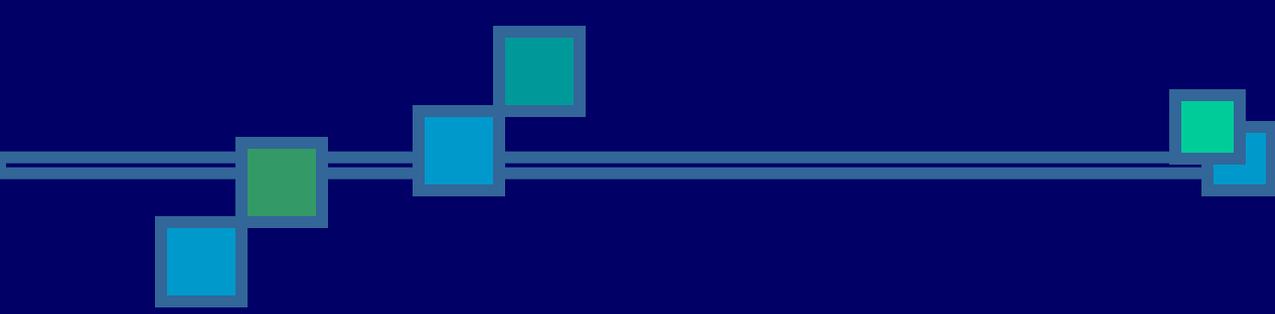
Reference Plans / Maps

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- 1996 Bikeway Plan
 - Master Plan W/attachments
 - Conservation Commission Trail Maps
 - Updated Bikeway/Pathway by segment
 - Obstacles
 - Easement Liability Limitation Law
 - Main Street (Route 123) Reconstruction Plans
 - Town Center to Scituate Town Line
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Landowner Easement Liability Limitation Mass General Law Chapter 21

- 17C Private landowner cannot be sued if the public is allowed to use its land free of charge
 - *Any suit brought against that property owner for something like an injury would immediately be thrown out of courts.*
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This is Really Just the Beginning!

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Norwell Pathway Committee 2009

