

Request to appear before the Board of Selectmen

Unless the issue is an emergency, all requests need to be furnished to the Town Administrator no later than noon on the Thursday prior to the Board Meeting.

Name: Conservation Commission(Burr Tupper, Laura Bernard, Gerry Cornett)

Date: July 23, 2012

Phone Number:

Email:

ACTION DESIRED: Please specify what action you desire the Board of Selectmen to take as a result of your presentation. Please be as specific as possible.

The Conservation Commission is in the early stages of working with the State to obtain the necessary permits/ approvals to begin some significant trail maintenance and upgrades of the existing Rail Trail between the 4-H and Lang Station.

We would like to meet with the Board of Selectmen to appraise them of the status of these approvals and discuss plans for the work we are looking to do over the next year or so.

PREVIOUS STEPS TAKEN: Please indicate any attempts that you have made to resolve this issue prior to asking to appear before the Board of Selectmen. If current procedures require that you place your request elsewhere prior to possible action by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator shall inform you at the time you complete this form.

Print Form

New Boston Rail Trail Enhancement Program

In the winter of 2011, the New Boston Conservation Commission (NBCC) voted to upgrade the Rail Trail that runs from the 4H grounds to Rt. 114. This trail receives significant use both in the winter and the summer. There have been many complaints that the trail and some of its culverts needed to be upgrade to make it a better recreational facility for walkers, runners, bikers and handicapped individuals.

In the early spring of 2012 a major step forward was taken when the NBCC, 4H and several interested citizens formed a committee operating under the NBCC. This Rail Trail Committee identified many different areas that needed to be addressed and has begun to execute on those identified areas.

Funding for this program has come and will be coming from several different sources with no extra burden on the Town of New Boston. These sources include the NBCC, local fund raisers and grants.

Current Actions (Phase One)

1. Major steps have been taken in the permitting process
 - i. Detail engineering plan has been developed by Town engineer for use in the permitting and construction process
 - ii. Proposal submitted to NH-DES
 - iii. MOU in process with DRED
 1. DRED has suggested the parking area on Gregg Mill Road be expanded. The engineering work on that has just been completed and will be submitted to DES and DRED as part of the ongoing permitting process
 - iv. Natural Heritage Bureau has been contacted and results have been sent to NBCC – no issues here
 - v. Proposal being submitted to PRLAC
 - vi. NH Fish & Game has requested and received information on plans
2. Working with 4H for Right of Way for the town that will connect town road to rail trail
 - i. Surveying has taken place
 - ii. Town attorney is drafting Right of Way document for approval & execution by 4H
3. Signage
 - i. Being developed in conjunction with the State Penal System that will provide both the police and fire department (911) with location information for distressed individuals. The markers will be placed every 1/10 of a mile.
 - ii. Important conservation information and other information will be placed at the beginning of the trail at the 4H fairgrounds and at Lang Station.

4. Bridge and Culvert Replace has and will be taking place during the year. The objective is to provide safety and maintenance vehicle easy and safe access to the property.,

Future Actions

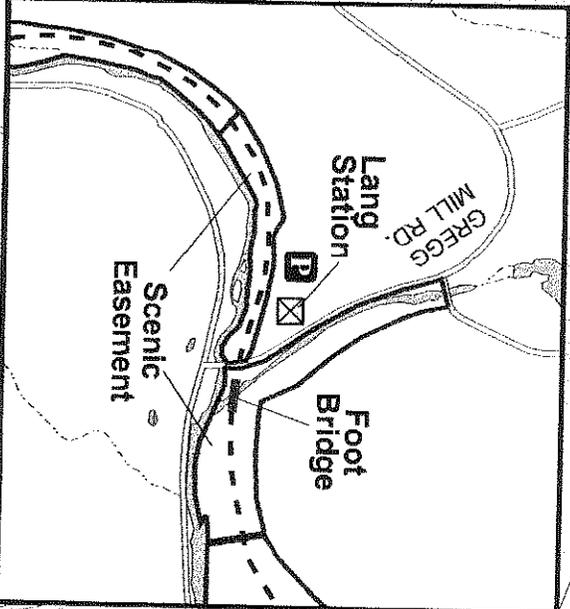
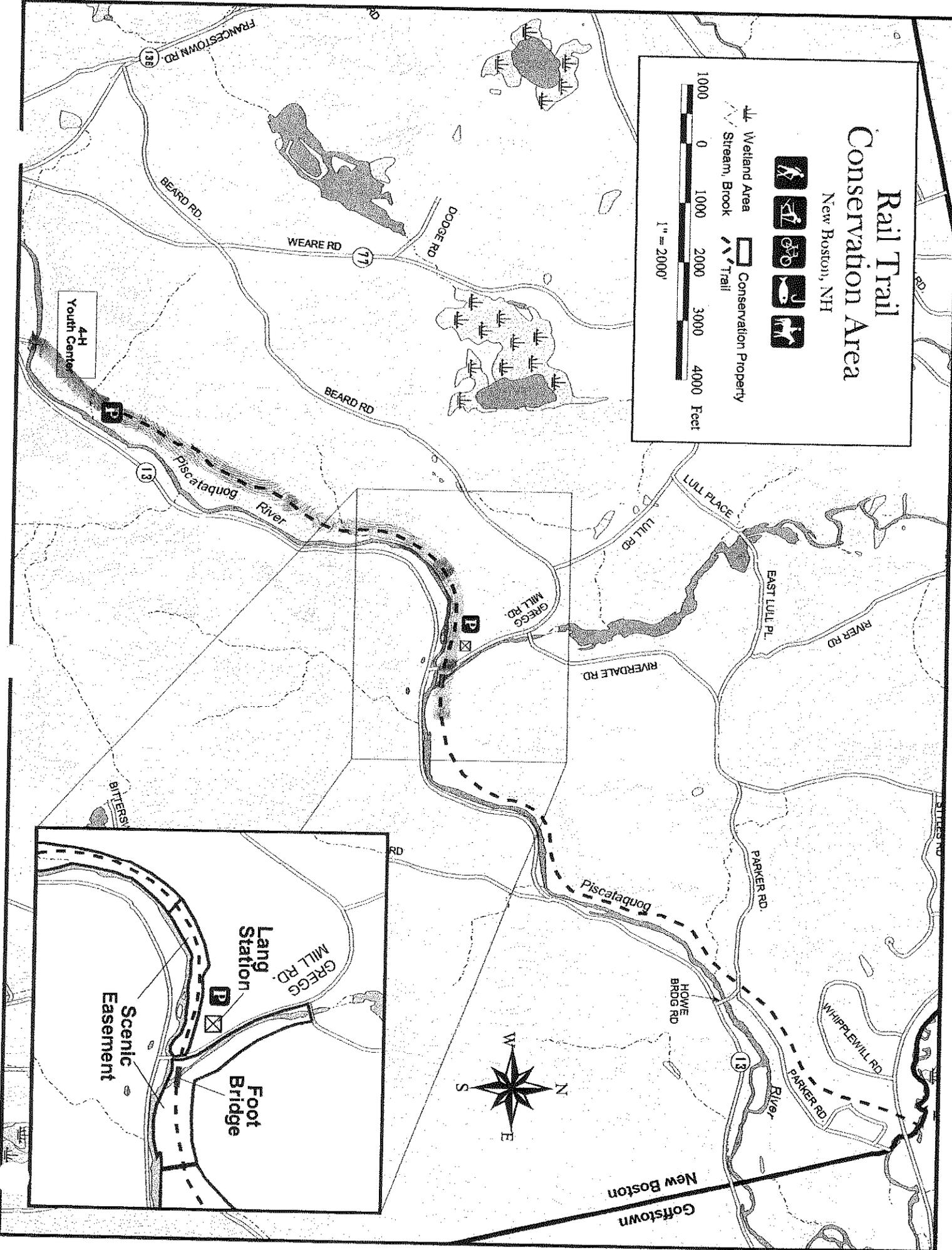
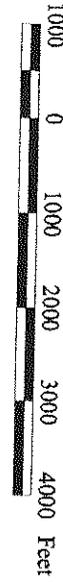
1. Continue to replace culverts
2. Cut DES approved tagged and grind the stumps
3. Remove some of the major tree roots and railroad ties in the trail.
4. Continue fund raising to cover incurred costs
5. Trail base will be a form of hard packed material
6. Develop program and pool of volunteers to provide regular trail maintenance.
7. Begin to develop plans for Phase II and III.

Rail Trail Conservation Area

New Boston, NH



Wetland Area
Stream, Brook
Conservation Property
Trail



New Boston
Goffstown