



# Town of Sudbury

Community Preservation Committee

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## PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

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Submission Date: October 23, 2014

Group or Committee Affiliation (if any): Board of Selectmen

Submitter's address and phone number:

Purpose (please select all that apply):

278 Old Sudbury Road  
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- Open Space
- Community Housing
- Historic
- Recreation

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Project Name: Mass Central Rail Trail Design/Build – Phase 1

Project Description: Request is for \$300,000 in FY16 for engineering, design and construction of a 1.8 mile rail trail between Dutton Road and Union Avenue to local and Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation standards. This portion will be known as Phase I of the Mass Central Rail Trail. This portion of the trail is one section of a larger 4.6 mile rail trail.

Costs:

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources (amount and source)
2016	\$300,000	\$300,000	Sudbury Greenways has pledged funds for wetland delineation estimated at \$23,900; Other public funds sought for spec. design in FY15 - \$15,000
2017			
2018			
2019			
<b>Total</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	

How does this project meet the General Criteria and Category Specific Criteria for CPC projects?  
(see attached)

Does this project fall within the jurisdiction or interest of other Town Boards, Committees or Departments? If so, please list the boards, committees or departments, whether applications and/or presentations have been made, and what input or recommendations have been given.

The Board of Selectmen has proposed investigation of the Mass Central Rail Trail as a Board goal in FY14. The Conservation Commission and Park & Recreation Commission will ultimately have input into any final design of a rail trail. Creation of a rail trail is consistent with the recommendations in the Master Plan.

For Community Preservation Committee Use:

Form received on: \_\_\_\_\_

Project presented to CPC on: \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Description:

This proposal is a request for \$300,000 in FY16 for engineering, design and construction of a 1.8 mile rail trail that runs east-west between Union Avenue and Dutton Road to Town and Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation standards. This portion will be known as Phase I of the Mass Central Rail Trail. This portion of the trail is the lowest cost section of a larger 4.6 mile trail which provides a recreational corridor between several residential neighborhoods and the Route 20 commercial district.

The price proposal is an estimate developed by the Sudbury Greenways and its partners, and will be further investigated by the Planning and Community Development Department for viability and accuracy prior to the 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

This project contemplates the design and construction of a 10 foot wide multi-use recreational trail consisting of a stone dust (or similar) surface, compliant with ADA requirements for access, and including safe road crossings, wetland protection, bridge improvements, guardrails/fencing on elevated sections of the trail and signage. Additionally, the concept of steel rail removal and salvage in exchange for trail improvements by an independent contractor is contemplated, and is the basis for the cost estimate. This will reduce the cost of construction significantly.

Discussion regarding this rail trail has recently been initiated due to the long term lease of the land from the MBTA to the MA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation. This rail trail will provide safe and healthy routes to the Route 20 commercial corridor and abutting neighborhoods. As town population increases, the volume and congestion of traffic on roads increases; which in turn increases the potential for pedestrian/vehicle collisions. A trail allows for an additional corridor for walking and biking to destinations throughout Town and separates those users from vehicles.

If FY16 funds are approved, the Town will go out for competitive bid for qualified design/build firms, which could result in commencement of construction through the fall and winter and construction following in the spring and summer of 2016. Other funding needs for this project include the development of design and construction specifications, and other funding sources are being sought for that portion of the project in FY15 to jump start the project. Concurrently, private fundraising has already begun to for wetland delineation and permitting. Those funds will be donated to the Town and the Town will manage the project.

When this project moves forward public engagement will be an essential part of the scope of work prior to final design.

The Town has been supportive of creating a rail trail within this corridor. It is both a goal of the Board of Selectmen and a priority in the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Non-binding resolutions at the September 2014 Special Town Meeting also indicated strong support for this project, both Phase 1 and the full trail. The phased approach for this project reduces the FY16 funding need. Additional phases are contemplated in order to eventually complete the entire 4.6 miles of the trail in Sudbury.

The design and construction of the rail trail is an eligible CPA expense.

The following **CPC general** criteria apply to this project:

- Is eligible for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding according to the requirements described in the CPA legislation.
- Is consistent with the town's Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan and other planning documents that have received wide scrutiny and input and have been adopted by the town.

- Received endorsement by other municipal boards or departments.
- Preserves the essential character of the town as described in the Master Plan.
- Leverages additional public and/or private funds.

The following **Open space** criteria are applicable to this project:

- Provides opportunities for passive recreation and environmental education.
- Provides connections with existing trails or potential trail linkages.
- Develops for recreation a parcel identified in the 2009-2013 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The following **Recreation** criteria are applicable to this project:

- Supports multiple recreation uses.
- Serves a significant number of residents.
- Expands the range of recreational opportunities available to Sudbury residents of all ages.
- Jointly benefits Conservation Commission and Park and Recreation Commission initiatives by promoting passive recreation, such as hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing, on town owned property.
- Promotes the creative use of railway and other corridors to create safe and healthful non-motorized transportation opportunities.

Attachments:

- Price Estimate
- Map of corridor
- Letter of support/list of standards from DCR