

French River Greenway
Webster Riverwalk


Trail Log


conducted on March 26, 2008

Overview


From Railroad Museum, head toward river through parking lots and along public streets, wind upriver along river, diverting inland around buildings to Peter Street, then follow historic *paper* street on diagonal to Main Street by Isabella's Restaurant, and return to starting point via Main Street sidewalk.

Railroad Museum



Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
000		<p>Corner of pocket park by the Railroad Museum at intersection of Davis Street and Main Street.</p> <p>Park is 26 feet wide, with benches and shade trees.</p> 	<p>Install trailhead sign.</p> <p>Consider installing a gateway element.</p> <p>Make transition to selected trail route, if necessary.</p>		


036	36	<p>Beginning of head-in parking spaces. Parking spaces are 17 feet long.</p> 	<p>Option A: Move end of parking spaces back by eight feet and use that corridor of pavement for the trail. Make transition to selected trail route if necessary.</p> <p>Option B: Same as Option A to the end of the railroad cars, then shift the trail up over the curb to the grass between the parking and the rail line.</p> <p>Option C: Create a provisional/permanent route on the existing sidewalk on the far side of Davis Street.</p>		
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267	231	End of head-in parking spaces. 			

300	33	<p>Turn right to cross driveway at nearly 90-degree angle towards the raised sidewalk (“island”) that defines the parking lot edge for Commerce building to the left.</p> 			



Commerce Insurance & Public Way



Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
000		<p>Leave curb of Railroad Museum (matches with 300 above).</p> 	<p>Options A or B: Paint a crosswalk.</p> <p>Option C: Continue along far side of Davis Street, bearing right at the corner, and continue to accessible ramp noted below at 212. Paint a crosswalk.</p> <p>Note: Establish an icon or graphic design that will be used throughout.</p>		
052	52	<p>Beginning of raised sidewalk, six feet wide.</p> 	<p>Options A or B: Paint a line or confidence markers (since there are no poles to hang a sign).</p>		


212	160	<p>Walkway and existing accessible ramp at unmarked crosswalk.</p> 	<p>Option C: Trail would cross street here.</p>  		
296	84	<p>End of sidewalk at edge of Town parking lot.</p> 			

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Town Parking Lot

Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
000		<p>Edge of sidewalk (matches with 296 above).</p>  <p>Turn nearly 90 degrees left and walk directly toward river, passing behind row of parked cars.</p> 	<p>Option D: With painted line or icons, turn trail to the left and run behind parked cars.</p> <p>Option E: With painted line or icons, run trail straight to the space between lines of parked cars. Turn the trail left there.</p> <p>Option F: Rather than turn left, continue the trail straight ahead to Tracy Court.</p>		

195	195	<p>End of parking spaces; edge of parking lot by river.</p> <p>[Note: for the next 180 feet, between the curb and the river, the vegetation is tangled with invasive plants and blanketed with road sand deposited by snow plows.]</p>  	<p>Turn trail right and continue on pavement adjacent to curbing.</p> <p>Begin restoration of riparian vegetation.</p> <p>Change town snowplow policies to prohibit dumping of sand-laden snow on the river bank.</p> <p>Install interpretive signage to describe purpose and value of restoration actions.</p>		
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375	180	End of curb at Tracy Court.	Clearly mark route with paint and signage.		
		<p>Tracy Court bridge has a 12-foot-wide travel lane and is 65 feet long.</p> 	Celebrate this bridge somehow!		



Vincent A Mezzone (Webster Gym)



Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
000		<p>Corner of Tracey Court (matches with 375 above).</p> 	Clearly mark turns with paint and signage.		
020	20	<p>Far side of Tracey Court. Turn left to bridge, then right toward Main Street.</p> 	Clearly mark turns with paint and signage.		

217	197	<p>Corner of steep driveway - turn left and descend driveway.</p> 	<p>Mark provisional route on right-hand side of driveway to minimize steepness. For flatter grades, loop around the single-family house.</p>		
307	90	<p>Corner of building. Turn left toward river.</p> 	<p>Mark turn with signage on building.</p>		




575	268	Corner of building on waterfront. Low, grassy shoreline. Turn right.	Mark turn with signage on building. Create boat launch for canoes and kayaks here.		


Holden Block (Nancy Healy)

Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
000		<p>Upriver corner of Mezzone Building (matches with 575 above). Turn right. Wet, low shoreline. Tangled brushy vegetation.</p> 	<p>Separate the trail from the boat launch and wet riparian area by turning right, about 20 feet from the waters edge.</p> <p>Clear the tangle of invasive vines and brush from the entire site. According to a landscape plan, plan native species and develop <i>hardscape</i> and interpretive features to create a community park.</p>	Mechanical (and chemical?)	This is a big job.
040	040	<p>Bank elevated above river about three feet. Large stones.</p> 	<p>Locate trail closer to waters edge. Clear vegetation to reveal historic features.</p>		



					
238	138	<p>Corner of Mani Realty fence/property line.</p> 	Use signage to mark route options.		

Mani Realty LLC (K-Rae's)



Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
000		<p>Downstream corner of riverfront fencing (matches with 238 above).</p> 	<p>Option G: Install a gate in the fence.</p>		
112	112	<p>Upstream corner of riverfront fencing.</p> 	<p>Option G: Develop existing flat area next to top of slope according to wishes of the owner. Install a gate in the fence.</p>  <p>Option I: Create a provisional route around this property using paint and signage.</p>		


168	56	<p>Foot of slope: line of large stones.</p> 	<p>Continue trail treatment to property line.</p>		

Aegean Properties LLC


Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
000		<p>Foot of slope: line of large stones (matches with 168 above).</p> 	<p>Move stones to create a trail corridor. Excavate a contoured trail tread (side-hill cut) to minimize the grade. Include water bars or broad-based dips to move water off the trail without creating erosion or storm-water problems. Setting calls for a stone dust tread from here to Peter Street. Ideally, this would be a joint project with Scott Gerace.</p>		
070	70	<p>Top of slope – grade change of about five feet.</p> 			

Scott Gerace

Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
000		<p>Top of slope (matches with 070 above).</p> 	Continue 10-foot-wide stone dust trail tread (or use existing tread after clearing ground vegetation to 10-foot width) to Peter Street.		
		<p>Large boulders on left, brushy vegetation.</p> 	Clear invasive vegetation from site to highlight the boulders. Rearrange boulders if necessary.		

		<p>End of boulders, brushy/woody vegetation.</p> 			
138	138	End of brushy/wooded area.			

Daniel Marcoux



Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
000		<p>Edge of brushy/wooded area, beginning of open grassy area (matches with 138 above).</p> 	Continue 10-foot-wide stone dust trail tread (or use existing tread after clearing ground vegetation to 10-foot width) to Peter Street.		
045	45	<p>Grassy area narrows to 24 feet wide. Beginning of large glacial erratic.</p>	<p>Clear junk and slash. Enforce dumping regulations if it happens again.</p>	<p>Front end loader? Dumpster</p>	<p>This is a big job.</p>


To the left, nice vista of the river.
Informal trails down to the river.




To the right, junk and slash piled on
adjacent slope toward houses.




063	18	<p>Dirt tread 19 feet wide. End of large erratic. Beginning of next erratic. More trash and debris – very ugly to the right.</p> 	Clear the trash and invasives.		
071	8	~ 10 feet wide. End of erratic.			
077	6	<p>~ 10 feet wide. Beginning of erratic.</p> 			
089	12	~ 10 feet wide. End of erratic.			
142	53	11 feet wide.			
162	20	12 feet wide.			
182	20	13 feet wide.			




202	20	<p>13 feet wide: boulder barricade on edge of Peter Street.</p> 	Clear vegetation to provide wide sight lines for safety.		



Peter Street & Bridge

Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
000		Edge of Peter Street (matches with 202 above). 	Use paint and signage to direct walkers onto the bridge and across Peter Street to the historic roadbed.		
020	20	Turn left and walk toward river.			
069	49	Near end of bridge (closed to vehicles). Sidewalks on both sides. Good views up and downriver. need bridge photo here....	Install interpretive signage about water flow and quality, wildlife....		
184	115				



Webster Complex Realty Trust



Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
000		Edge of Peter Street at intersection with historic road (does not match with 184 above).	Clear vegetation to provide wide sight lines for safety.		
015	15	<p>Pile of logs and brush blocking end of historic road at Peter Street.</p> 	Clear logs and slash.		
025	10	Grassy and dirt roadbed – 12 to 13 feet wide. Junk and branches strewn on hillside to the right.	Continue 10-foot-wide stone dust trail tread to Main Street (or use existing tread after clearing ground vegetation to 10-foot width).		

		 			
142	117	<p>Stone steps leading downhill.</p> 	<p>Install interpretive sign about industrial history of the site.</p>		


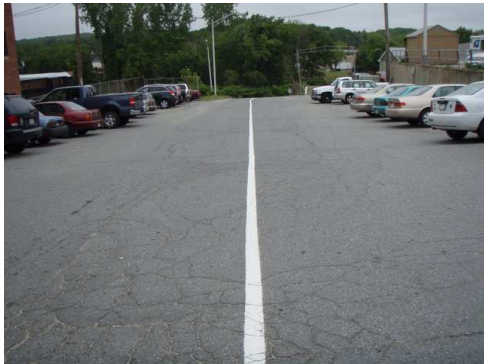
225	83	<p>Large boulders to the right. Historic road bed continues straight while existing footpath bends off to the right.</p>  	Re-route the trail to stay on the historic road bed.		
322	97	Slight rise in the tread. Rock field off to the right.			

Old Road Right-of-Way

Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
000		Slight rise in the tread. Rock field off to the right (matches with 322 above).	Continue 10-foot-wide stone dust trail tread to Main Street (or use existing tread after clearing ground vegetation to 10-foot width).		
003	3	<p>Existing footpath bends to the right, re-joins the historic road bed and rises up an increasingly steep slope, from 10 to 17%. Tread becomes increasingly rocky.</p>  	Include water bars (or broad-based dips) and side drainage to move water off the trail without creating erosion or storm-water problems.		

139	136	<p>Asphalt apron transitions to sidewalk.</p> 	<p>Remove asphalt and restore vegetative groundcover.</p>		
150	11	<p>Sidewalk on South Main Street adjacent to Isabella's Restaurant.</p> 	<p>Mark right turn with signage and paint.</p>		

South Main & Main Street

Distance in feet	Net Distance in feet	Existing Conditions Description	Potential Trail-making Actions	Estimated Equipment	Estimated Labor
0000		Sidewalk by Isabella's Restaurant on South Main Street (matches with 150 above).	Mark sidewalk with signage and painted line or icons.		
0440	440	Intersection with Peter Street. 			
-----	-----	Side road to Healy Park. 			

					
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1648	1208	Intersection with Tracy Court. 			
2304	656	Intersection with Davis Street. 			
