Movement on the Mystic

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MYSTIC GREENWAYS 25 MILES FROM MYSTIC LAKES TO BOSTON HARBOR

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MYSTIC GREENWAYS PROGRESS

Mill Brook Linear Park
The Mill Brook corridor is currently a hidden, undeveloped waterway in Arlington. MyRWA is working to raise the brook's visibility and improve its ecological health with a new linear park. An initial revitalization plan will be complete in summer 2018.

Clippership Connector
A proposed half-mile waterfront path that will provide a site and scenic route between Medford Square, Andrew & Alcott Schools and Riverbend Park. The design for this path will be complete by spring 2018.

Medford Mystic River Path
Two new shared-use paths now follow the Mystic River along Route 16, connecting Whole Foods to the Winthrop St. community gardens and Cordon Batchell. Completed summer 2017.

Macdonald Park
The largest waterfront park in the Mystic River Reservation is finally getting the investment it deserves! DCPR has resurfaced most of the three miles of trails and removed nearly 15 acres of pumphouses, opening up access to the shoreline. MyRWA has removed invasive Oriental Bittersweet with hundreds of volunteers. Coming in early 2018: a new river overlook with a boat launch and picnic area.

Malden River Greenway
MyRWA is creating a shared vision for a waterfront park systemizing the Malden River, connecting communities in Malden, and Everett to this important natural resource. The final plan was released in October 2017.

Rivergreen
This Former industrial site is being transformed into a new park and outdoor recreation complex. Construction on the waterfront path began fall 2017.

Mystic Crossing
The first pedestrian bridge in the Lower Mystic, this link will fill a critical local and regional mobility gap. Concept design will be complete by the end of 2017.

Draw 7 Park + Path
A new path connecting Assembly Row with Route 9/Sullivan Square will start construction in 2018. DCR is leading a redesign of the adjacent 1-acre park.

Chelsea Harborwalk
MyRWA is focusing advocacy efforts on transforming a dilapidated waterfront walkway into a community amenity.

Blessing of the Bay Park
MyRWA is leading a community-driven redesign for this 5-acre park. The plan will identify amenities such as new paths, docks, public art and restored natural areas that will transform Somerville’s waterfront. An initial design will be complete by summer 2018.

Charlestown Waterfront
MyRWA, in partnership with local and regional groups, seeks to provide residents of Charlestown a vision for new and enhanced open spaces and walking and biking routes that connect people to the Mystic River. Public outreach will take place throughout 2018.
WHERE PEOPLE RUN, WALK, BIKE CHARLES RIVER

Source: Strava Heatmap
WHERE PEOPLE RUN, WALK, BIKE MYSTIC RIVER
PROLOGUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WATERFRONT 1800’s

1884

Arlington Historical Society
PROLOGUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WATERFRONT 1800’s/1900’s

1936

Malden Historical Society
PROLOGUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WATERFRONT mid-1900’s

1955

1955 USGS (1955-12-01 - 1955-12-05)

USGS
PROLOGUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WATERFRONT 2000’s
PART I WHERE’S THE RIVER?
Malden River Greenway Plan

NAME A FEW THINGS YOU DISLIKE
AND WOULD CHANGE ABOUT THE MALDEN RIVER.

- ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY 46.7%
- CLEANLINESS, DEINDUSTRIALIZATION, WATER QUALITY 33.3%
- NOT SURE, DON’T KNOW 6.7%
- OTHER 7.4%
- DAYLIGHTING 3.0%
- NEW AMENITIES 3.0%

“I don’t know how to access the river to enjoy it.”

“There are still areas with an industrial wasteland feel.”

“It’s difficult to enjoy the actual river, even just from a scenic perspective.”
Improvements along the back of the Commercial St parcels could connect to Malden Center.

Path along the National Grid site is critical to a contiguous greenway on the east side.

Wellington Connector over Orange Line can lead directly to the river.

Rivergreen Path will provide Everett residents river access.

Wellington Greenway is a critical link along the MBTA ROW.
• Provides a direct, green and off-street path to the river from Malden and Medford neighborhoods

• Create a safe connection to the Wellington T Station that avoids Wellington Circle

• Provides a new neighborhood open space and recreational path
PART II RIVER CORRIDOR AS A CONNECTOR
Multi-modal Transportation in Mystic and Malden Rivers

1936

Malden Historical Society
Planned Growth Scenario Housing Projections

Household Change 2010-2040

- <50
- 50 - 250
- 250 - 750
- 750 - 1500
- >1500

- Scenario Focus Area
- Municipal Boundaries
- MBTA Bus Routes
- Impact Analysis Area
## Housing and Employment Projections

Comparing the RTP to Planned Growth

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MBTA seawall restoration and path. [Hatch Engineering]

Mystic pedestrian bridge. [AECOM]
PART III TURNING TOWARDS THE RIVER...AGAIN
Mystic River Reservation Paths in Medford
South Medford Connector. Credit [Nitsch Engineering]

Clippership Connector. Credit [MyRWA]
Thank you!