



## TOWN OF CONCORD

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee  
c/o Department of Planning & Land Management  
141 Keyes Road – Concord, MA - 01742

April 26, 2014

### RE: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) Phase 2C – Response to Date for 2013 Public Outreach

Dear Concord Resident,

As part of the 75% design process, the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee (BFRTAC) conducted public outreach workshops to solicit feedback on the 25% design plans. The BFRTAC received over 120 comments from the outreach effort since March 2013. The BFRTAC has carefully considered and discussed the input from the public. As part of this process, the BFRTAC developed design guidance principles for plantings, fencing and access. In formulating responses to the comments and questions, the BFRTAC was mindful of the importance of the natural resources, aesthetics, and safety during design, construction, operation and maintenance of the trail. The BFRTAC has considered the concern of trespassing on private property while still allowing wildlife access and creating an enjoyable experience for the trail user.

We appreciate your participation in this public outreach process. This letter is to inform you that a spreadsheet that contains the comments received and the committee responses to date has now been posted to the BFRTAC website. The spreadsheet and design guidance principles are located at the “2013 Public Outreach and Response” link of the BFRTAC website:

[http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA\\_Freeman/index](http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_Freeman/index)

The BFRTAC has provided a partial list of design directives to the design firm, Greenman-Pedersen Inc. (GPI) for inclusion in the 75% design. Due to the need to produce materials for the May 2014 Town Meeting, some comments have not yet been addressed by the BFRTAC. These comments will be discussed by the committee after the completion of Town Meeting. The BFRTAC will provide additional direction to GPI as part of the 75% design review.

If you are unable to access the BFRTAC website, you may request a copy of the spreadsheet and design guidance principles from Marcia Rasmussen, Director, Department of Planning and Land Management, Town of Concord ([mrasmussen@concordma.gov](mailto:mrasmussen@concordma.gov)), 978-318-3290.

Sincerely,

Judith LaRocca and Kent Carlson, Co-Chairs  
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