



White Pond Advisory Committee  
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail  
Phase 2D update  
(last ½ mile in Concord)  
January 26, 2022

WPAC meeting - Bruce Freeman Rail Trail – phase 2D

## Background

- 2016 – BFRT 2C advertised – last ½ mile not included, but construction to be included with BFRT 2D Sudbury
- 2021 – Last ½ mile BFRT 2C reviewed by MDOT – fencing as proposed has been denied by MDOT per letter dated December 8, 2021

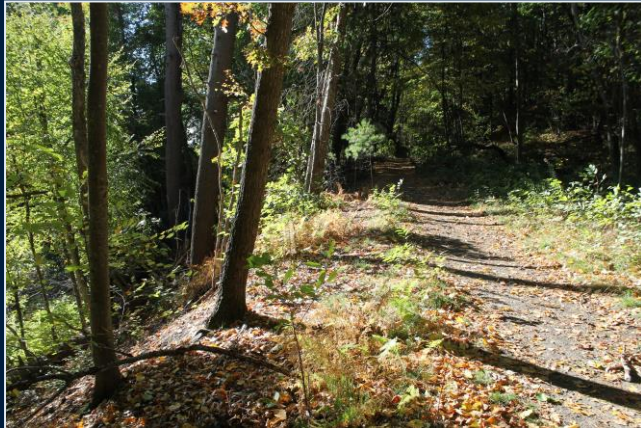


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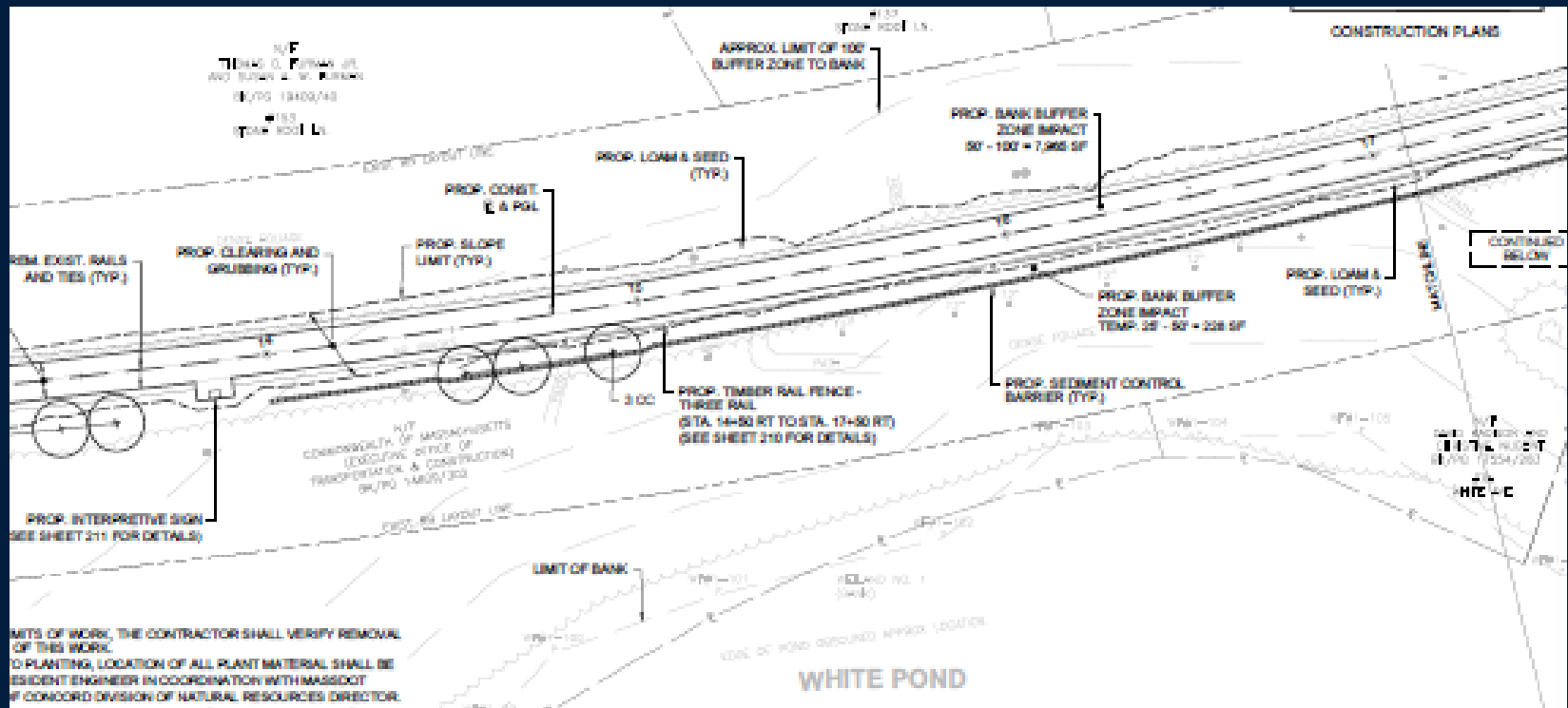
MassDOT request that you work with the P.M. and MassDOT staff to re-submit (informally) the plans showing the fencing while adhering to the understanding that the fencing in question can only be installed for the safety of the trail users. The fence cannot be installed as a participating item to “define the trail”, the pavement and the tree line will already do that. The concern of the abutters is heard but as said before the fencing is to be installed for public use and safety of the trail user and not for private individuals. An example of the correct use of fencing is as noted in your letter to protect the users from steep drop offs or danger of traveling into water bodies.

In addition, the 6’ ornamental fence and gates are not permitted. A vinyl coated chain link fence can be considered along the layout line near White Pond however no gates can be proposed and leaving a gap in the fence at the beach access trail would defeat the purpose and declared need of the fence in the first place. I also understand that installing this fence along the layout line is not feasible due to the topography of the location and the need to remove trees for installation.

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