



The Watertown-Cambridge Greenway, a multi-use pathway along the former Boston & Maine Railroad Line in Watertown and Cambridge, is currently under construction. Once complete, this Greenway will extend from the Arlington St./Nichols Avenue/Crawford St. intersection in Watertown to the entrance of the Cambridge Water Department on Fresh Pond, for a total of 1.25 miles.

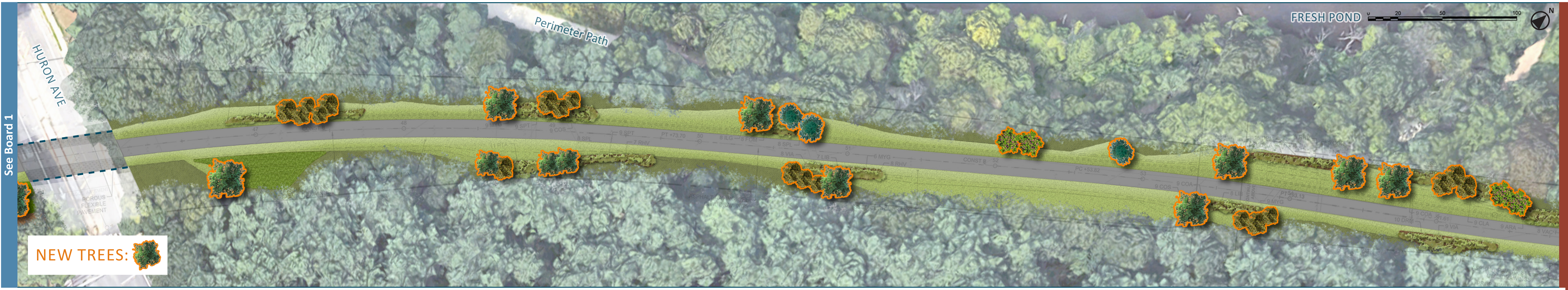
The purpose of this project is to **enhance pedestrian and bicycle movement** in Cambridge and Watertown, while **providing an alternative travel option for commuters and recreational users.** This multi-use Greenway will provide an important regional connection linking the Charles River Path System, the Minuteman Bikeway, the Alewife Greenway, and the Mystic River Reservation into an interconnected off-road pathway network.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) led the design and public engagement process and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is overseeing the construction of the project.

- To create an access at Holworthy Street a spur of the pathway will be constructed with accessibility standards including a retaining wall and proposed railing. This spur will require clearing on the west side of the proposed pathway from Mount Auburn Street going north.
- To accommodate the pathway with surface drainage going north from Holworthy Place to Huron Avenue there will need to be trees removed.
- **126 new trees will be planted** in this section in addition to **hundreds of understory shrubs, groundcover, ferns, and vines.**

New trees in this section include (Common Name):

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| 5 Red Maple | 5 Eastern White Cedar | 1 Hop Hornbeam | 6 Eastern White Pine |
| 2 Shadblow Serviceberry | 2 Eastern Red Cedar | 2 Common Witchhazel | 1 White Oak |
| 2 Yellow Birch | 4 American Beech | 4 White Spruce | 3 Swamp White Oak |
| 1 Pignut Hickory | 6 American Holly | 17 Black Spruce | 1 Pin Oak |
| 2 Shagbark Hickory | 3 Tuliptree | 4 Red Pine | 1 Red Oak |
| 4 Eastern Redbud | 2 Black Tupelo | 6 Pitch Pine | 1 Scarlet Oak |



- To accommodate the pathway with surface drainage, swales, detention basins going north from Huron Avenue to the entrance of the Water Treatment Plant trees will be removed.
- Some areas that conflict with the pathway will be cleared, and trees that are not healthy and pose a safety hazard will be removed. These include small clusters of Red Oaks located along the former railroad at Huron Ave., a small cluster of Black Walnut, a few Ash and a few Norway Maples located along the former paving railroad approaching the Water Treatment Plant on the west side.
- Several large White Pines are dead along the east side of the pathway. The tops of these trees, or large branches from the tops of trees, will be removed, leaving stubs or lateral branches that will no longer pose a hazard.
- The City Arborist determined that the large Oak near the maintenance building located between the existing multiuse path and the proposed pathway was in a state of such decay that it poses a safety hazard and should be removed.
- **69 new trees will be planted** in this section in addition to **hundreds of understory plants and 2 large wetland plant areas.**

New trees in this section include (Common Name):

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| 3 Speckled Alder | 2 Pignut Hickory | 4 American Beech | 3 Shubert Choke Cherry | 2 Scarlet Oak |
| 2 Shadblow Serviceberry | 6 Eastern Redbud | 4 Black Tupelo | 2 Pitch Pine | 10 Sassafras |
| 2 Black Birch | 2 Eastern White Cedar | 3 Common Witchhazel | 3 Pin Oak | |

Construction Timeline
 Mobilization- August 2018
 Construction- Fall 2018 thru Summer 2020
 Completion- June 2020

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