

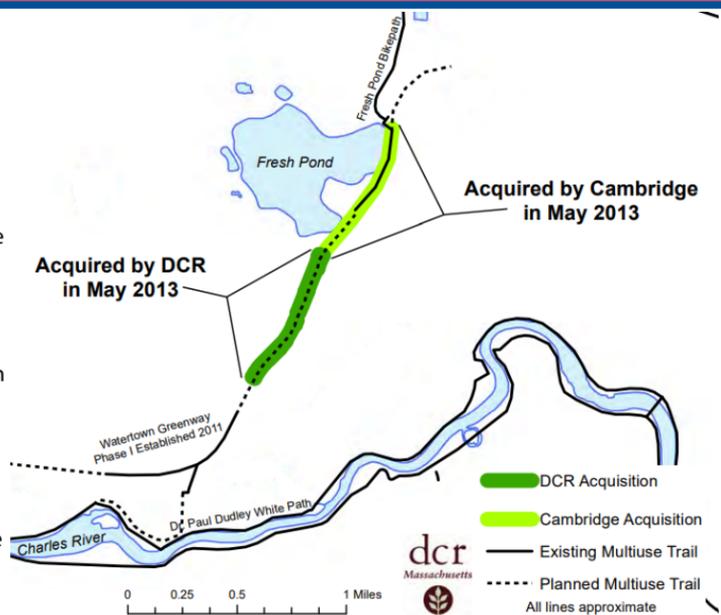
# The Greenway Project

Full information and updates can be found at:  
<https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Transportation/watertowncambridgegreenway>

The Watertown-Cambridge Greenway is an effort launched with the joint purchase in June 2013 of a former B&M Railroad line, the Watertown Branch, by the City of Cambridge and the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to create a multi-use pathway and greenway. The design for the project is complete and construction is ongoing through 2019.

The project area includes former railroad right-of-way from Concord Avenue in Cambridge, through the Fresh Pond Reservation, under Huron Avenue and into Watertown, and will be developed into a landscaped greenway with a pedestrian and bicycle path. This greenway will help complete the important regional connection linking the Charles River path system and the Minuteman Bikeway.

Full replanting plans are available to view in the Ranger Station. Please be respectful of the workers and avoid crossing the retired railbed until completion. This will add to the beauty and accessibility of Fresh Pond when it reopens to the public for the 2020 summer season.



Available online at:  
[cambridgema.gov/water/freshpondreservation/publicprogramming](http://cambridgema.gov/water/freshpondreservation/publicprogramming)

June 2019  
 @ Fresh Pond Reservation  
 all events are free & open to the public!

## PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

### Fresh Pond Reservation: Protecting the Cambridge Water Supply Since 1889

Did you know that all of the water is treated on-site? Tours available! Please read and respect all posted rules; this is a public shared-use area, open green space, and active drinking water reservoir.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Woodland Restoration Area Gardening

*Meets at the Woodland Habitat (Northeast Sector)*

Join other stewardship-minded volunteers in caretaking the native plant restoration area next to Lusitania Meadow, and learn about the diversity of native plant life! We seek dedicated participants who enjoy camaraderie and hard work that includes weeding, pruning, planting, watering new plantings, hauling wood chips and moving logs. Please email [friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com) if you would like to come, and for more information.

### Fresh Pond Stewards

*Meets at the volunteer trailer near the front of the Water Treatment Facility, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway.*

Join our weed-warrior crew! We are Fresh Pond citizens dedicated to keeping invasive plants at bay for the benefit of wildlife, water and humans alike. No experience or long-term commitment necessary! All tools are provided; sturdy shoes, pants, long-sleeves and a water bottle are strongly recommended. Meets at the volunteer trailer in the lower parking lot. Contact [tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov](mailto:tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov) for more information.

### Interested in Volunteering?

*Now seeking groups of 10-25 people!*

Corporate groups, school groups, and neighborhood groups unite! If you can get a group (minimum 10) together, you can reach out to us and find out what opportunities are available. Fresh Pond Reservation is visited weekly by thousands of local visitors and much of the natural upkeep is managed with the help of volunteers like you. Seasonal projects may include: working with the public, clean-ups, plantings, habitat management and more! Contact Ranger Jean at [jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov](mailto:jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov) with any inquiries and to find out more.

*more inside...*

# June Words of Wisdom



## June's Wildlife Activity: Canada Geese Grounded

Canada geese are a common sight in Massachusetts and these adaptable fowl not only migrate over 1,000 miles, they go through a yearly molting process where they lose their flight feathers and grow new ones. During the molt, there is a period of a couple weeks in late June / early July when **geese can't fly**. In addition to being momentarily flightless, they will most likely have goslings in tow.

For your safety please do not approach the geese, they will be defenseless. For animal safety please keep dogs away from wildlife, these geese are without their primary means for escape and can be injured or killed by pets.

## Turtle Power

Birds aren't the only nesting animals with beaks this time of year! Turtle mating season has recently completed under the pond waters and now it is time for the females to venture out on land to dig a nest and lay their eggs— their final task as a parent.

Painted turtles (pictured) and snapping turtles, the two most common, rarely stray far from their body of water to nest but have been known to travel over a quarter-mile to find an ideal location. Please do not disturb any turtles you may find plodding along the trails of the reservation, we try to keep this a natural and safe place for all.



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