

## Southborough Trails Committee

### Statement of Support to Open Proposed Section of Trail - Comments

January 29, 2021 (updated)

City	State	Date	Comment
Hopkinton	MA	12/17/2020	"This section of trail should be open to the public."
Dedham	MA	12/17/2020	"More trails"
Southborough	MA	12/17/2020	"This would be an amazing accomplishment. Thanks to all those involved and happy to hear DCR has been so responsive."
Southborough	MA	12/17/2020	"More trails in Southborough would be wonderful, and being part of a bigger network is a good thing for the greater community."
Ashland	MA	12/18/2020	"I love this trail and would appreciate not having to run on the roads in between segments. Safer for the drivers as well!"
Southborough	MA	12/18/2020	"This would be a great enhancement to the recreation opportunities in our town!"
Southborough	MA	12/19/2020	"I would love to have the trails connected. The longer the trail the better!"
Southborough	MA	12/19/2020	"Our outdoor spaces are critical to the entire community's well-being and connectedness. We've learned this especially during this pandemic!"
San Marino	CA	12/19/2020	"Our number one priority should be opening our schools. If teachers do not feel comfortable going back to the classroom in January they should take a leave of absence. On-line learning is not a substitute for in person education and I fervently request that all efforts be made to open schools K-12."
Marlborough	MA	12/19/2020	"I love our trails!"
Southborough	MA	12/20/2020	"I enjoy hiking and mountain biking in and around town. It would be nice to have the trails connect!"
Southborough	MA	12/20/2020	"The Covid Pandemic has shown just how important the ability to get outside and connect to our open spaces is. Once the pandemic is under control the need for nature-based outside activity will remain of critical import. Southborough is not a pedestrian friendly town due in part to the physical barrier the Sudbury Reservoir creates for crossings combined with a lack of sidewalks, and 3 highways bisecting the town. The Sudbury Reservoir has made crossings very difficult particularly in Fayville where this trail section is proposed, this is a critical trail segment to allow more trail access. While it doesn't solve the causeway crossing problem, it is an important step. One would hope that MWRA/DCR would be willing to work with a town that is impacted by the constraints created by reservoir, and help residents have access to trails on your property. In addition to the impact to Southborough is the fact that this trail is a state asset; connecting not only to the regional Boroughs trail but also to the over"
	MA	12/21/2020	"Road section is too dangerous, please open the trail for responsible legal use"
Northborough	MA	12/22/2020	"This initiative is an investment in the future"
Southborough	MA	12/23/2020	"This is a wonderful collaborative project for the public good."
East Walpole	MA	12/24/2020	"The trail system is fantastic and deserves our respect"
Marlborough	MA	12/27/2020	"I'm signing this petition because my dad lived off of Central Street and hiked this trail often."
Southborough	MA	12/27/2020	"I grew up in town and my family still lives here and I visit often. The trails keep me sane during long visits. It is so exciting to see new trails added. The value to the community is immeasurable. Thank you to all who have made this possible."
Northborough	MA	1/8/2021	"I use trails"
Northborough	MA	1/8/2021	"I frequent the boroughs open spaces"
Marlborough	MA	1/11/2021	"Great trails to discover"
Newton	MA	1/13/2021	"Trail connectivity helps people more easily explore and enjoy open spaces. This is an important missing link to open up for public access."
Marlborough	MA	1/16/2021	"I frequently use -- and volunteer to help build and maintain -- my local trails and have been looking forward to improvement and opening of the Southborough part of the BLT. Thanks for giving me a venue to comment and show my interest!"
Northborough	MA	1/18/2021	"It's a nice walking trail. It should open for public use."
Worcester	MA	1/19/2021	"A great outdoor area for the community"
Fayville	MA	1/19/2021	"I enjoyed hiking in borough loop."
Northborough	MA	1/21/2021	"This section is very beautiful place, you can see the dam. Hope to open it. Local people need this trail to fight the pandemic."
Shrewsbury	MA	1/22/2021	"Because my soccer captain told me to"
Berlin	MA	1/29/2021	"Walkable trails add so much value to communities. Please execute a public access plan to close the Southborough gap."