

Westbrook Riverwalk North Neighborhood Meeting #2 October 21, 2025



NEIGHBORHOOD MTG #2 AGENDA

7:00 – 7:10 Project Overview (City)

- a. Team Introductions
- b. Welcome and Statement of Project Goals
- c. Project History and Where We Are (Credere)

7:10 – 7:15 Introduction to Brownfields Program & Funding (Credere)

- a. What does Brownfields mean?
- b. Why did this Project get funded?

7:15 – 7:20 Review of the Project (Acorn)

- a. Current Alignment & Limitations
- b. Design Elements



NEIGHBORHOOD MTG #2 AGENDA (CONT)

7:20 – 7:30 **What we Heard from Meeting #1**

- a. Overview of feedback from Neighborhood Meeting #1
- b. New information to address feedback

7:30 – 7:50 **Neighborhood Meeting #2 Feedback**

7:50 – 8:00 **Next Steps**

- a. Due diligence and furthering concept design

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1) Project Overview (City)

a. Team Introductions



1) Project Overview (City)

b. Welcome and Statement of Project Goals

1. Environmental Cleanup + Brownfields Revitalization
2. Public Access + Connectivity (Closing the loop)
3. Funding Strategy + Fiscal Sustainability
4. Downtown Revitalization + Economic Vitality
5. Community Engagement + Inclusive Planning
6. Safe, Accessible + Environmentally Friendly Amenities



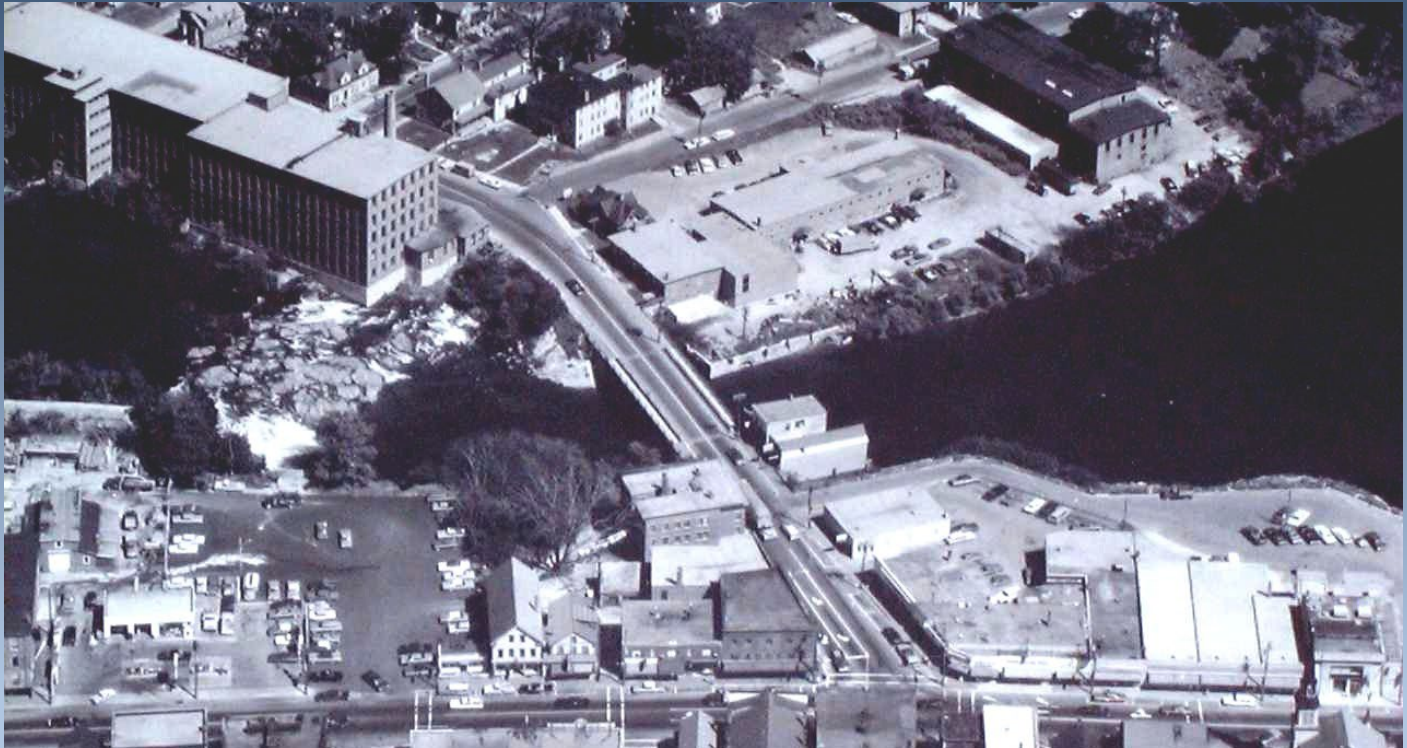
1) Project Overview – c) History & Existing Environmental Conditions



1879



1) Project Overview – c) History



1970s



1) Project Overview – c) History



1987



1) Project Overview – c) History



1998



1) Project Overview – c) History



2011



1) Project Overview – c) History



Map 32 Lot 223



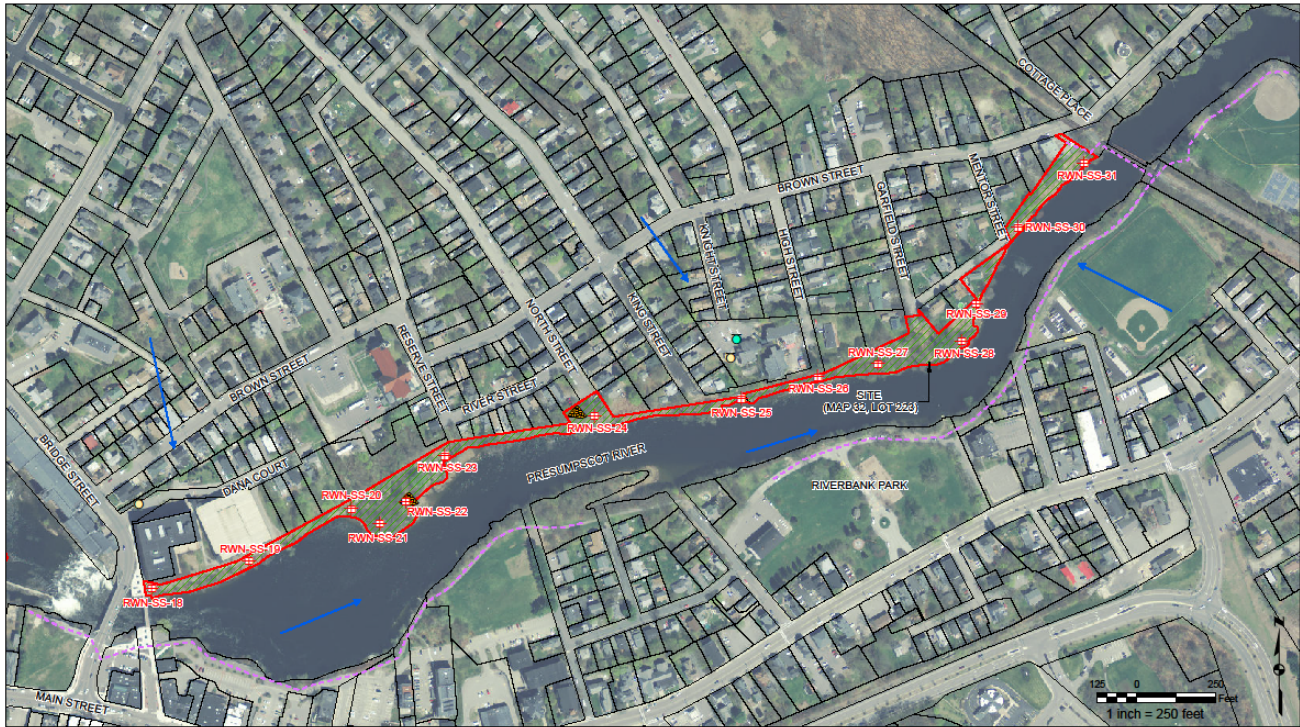
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Map 39 Lot 31



1) Project Overview – c) Environ. History



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**FIGURE 2
 DETAILED SITE MAP**
 WESTBROOK RIVER WALK
 PRESUMPCOT RIVER
 WESTBROOK, MAINE

- SITE BOUNDARY
- PARCEL BOUNDARIES
- EXISTING RIVERWALK
- THICKLY VEGETATED
- FORMER GASOLINE UST
- FORMER FUEL OIL UST
- PROPOSED SURFACE SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION
- GROUNDWATER FLOW DIRECTION
- SOLID WASTE/DEBRIS

NOTES:
 1. EXISTING CONDITIONS AND FEATURES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE BASED ON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE CITY OF WESTBROOK, ESRI 2018 ORTHO IMAGES, MAINE OFFICE OF GIS, AND SITE RECONNAISSANCE PERFORMED ON JANUARY 19, 2023.
 2. PARCEL BOUNDARIES MAY BE SKEWED BASED ON ANGLE OF AERIAL IMAGERY.

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1) Project Overview – c) Environ. History

Soil

- Multiple areas of debris discarded along riverbank
- Arsenic and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) – Sporadically detected in exceedance of Maine DEP standards

Groundwater / Soil Vapor

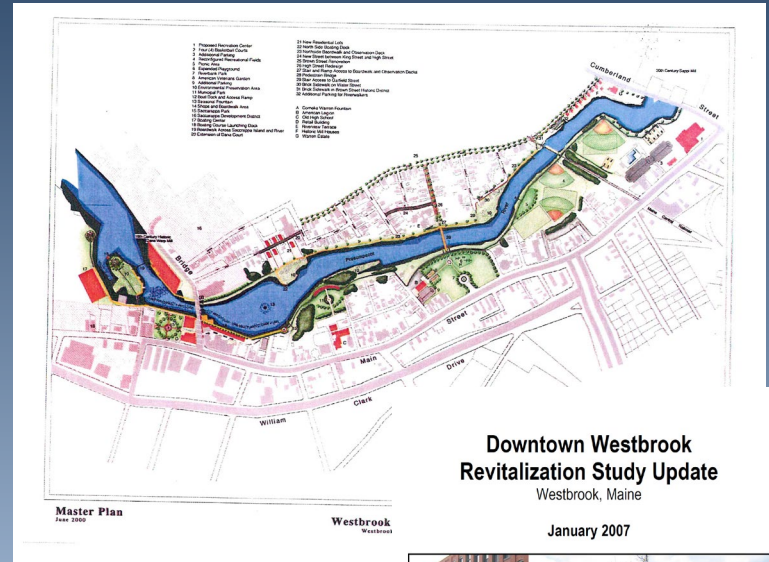
- Potential impacts from vinyl chloride in GW from Foye Mill



1) Project Overview – c) Where We Are?

Riverwalk North has been a Long-Term Vision

- 2000 – Riverfront Master Plan
- 2007 – Downtown Revitalization Plan
- 2015 – Preliminary Riverwalk Alignment design
- 2023 – City acquired land from Sappi



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1) Project Overview – c) History

Westbrook Riverwalk North Conceptual Alignment

Safety:

- Pathways are to be well lit with overhead lighting at secure levels. (House side shields will prevent light intrusion into Residential Properties)
- Safe access for running, walking, biking, and family recreation.
- Alternatives for interconnection with South Side of the River is ongoing.
- Visibility into and out of the Riverwalk area will be a priority.

Amenity:

- Observation points over river. *
- Kayak launch area. Will Serve Public Safety Search/Rescue Access. *
- Park/Openpace every 1/4 mile. *
- River edge access in multiple areas. *

Design:

- Brown Street – streetscape improvement, alternative to Black Bridge.
- Public parking at Reserve Street, High Street and Garfield Street. *
- Viaduct restoration (aesthetic improvements only).
- ADA compliant ramp access at 6 of 8 entries.

Considerations:

- Swimming Access/Platforms
- Multiple Kayak launch areas
- Ability to tap Maple Trees
- River Crossing alternatives
- Exercise Station
- Sculpture Garden opportunities
- Brown Street Enhancements



We Need Your Support:

- Active Community Support will further the enhancement program.
- Attend Future Meetings to offer feedback and stay informed.
- Reach out within the community to increase project knowledge and promote enhancements along corridor.

River Edge Clean Up:

- Invasive species along Riverbank will be removed and the slopes stabilized.
- Increased Visibility and Access for prevention and enforcement by Public Safety.
- Riverwalk will be constructed of resistant and manageable materials.

Environment:

- Wetlands at River Edge will remain protected. *
- Boardwalk construction will be elevated above wetland. *
- Impacts to habitat will be minimized and sensitive to environment. *
- The design team is working with Maine DEP and Army Corps of Engineers proactively.

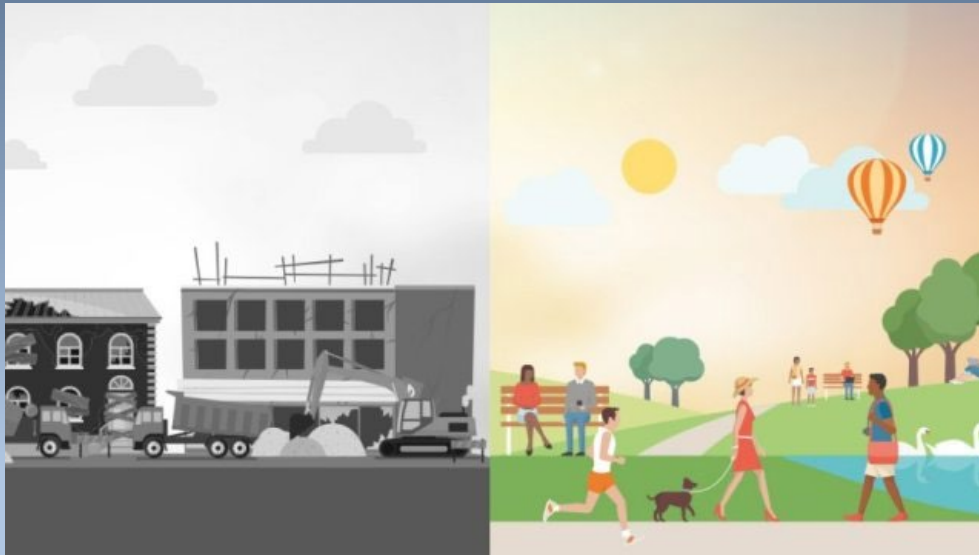
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2015 Riverwalk North Design



2) Introduction to Brownfields Program & Funding

- a. What does Brownfields mean?
- b. Why did this Project get funded?



3) Review of Project – a) Alignment



3) Review of Project – a) Alignment

LEGEND

- Riverwalk North 
- Riverwalk North - Alternative Path 
- Westbrook Riverwalk 
- Sidewalk Connections 



3) Review of Project – a) Alignment

LEGEND

- On-grade Trail 
- Boardwalk 







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RIVERWALK NORTH TRAIL SURFACE

Riverwalk North Public Meeting: 10.21.2025

3) Review of Project – a) Alignment

LEGEND

- NRPA 25-ft Setback 
- Regulatory Floodway 
- On-grade Trail 
- Boardwalk 







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REGULATORY CONSTRAINTS

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3) Review of Project – a) Alignment

LEGEND

NRPA 25-ft Setback	
Regulatory Floodway	
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Boardwalk	







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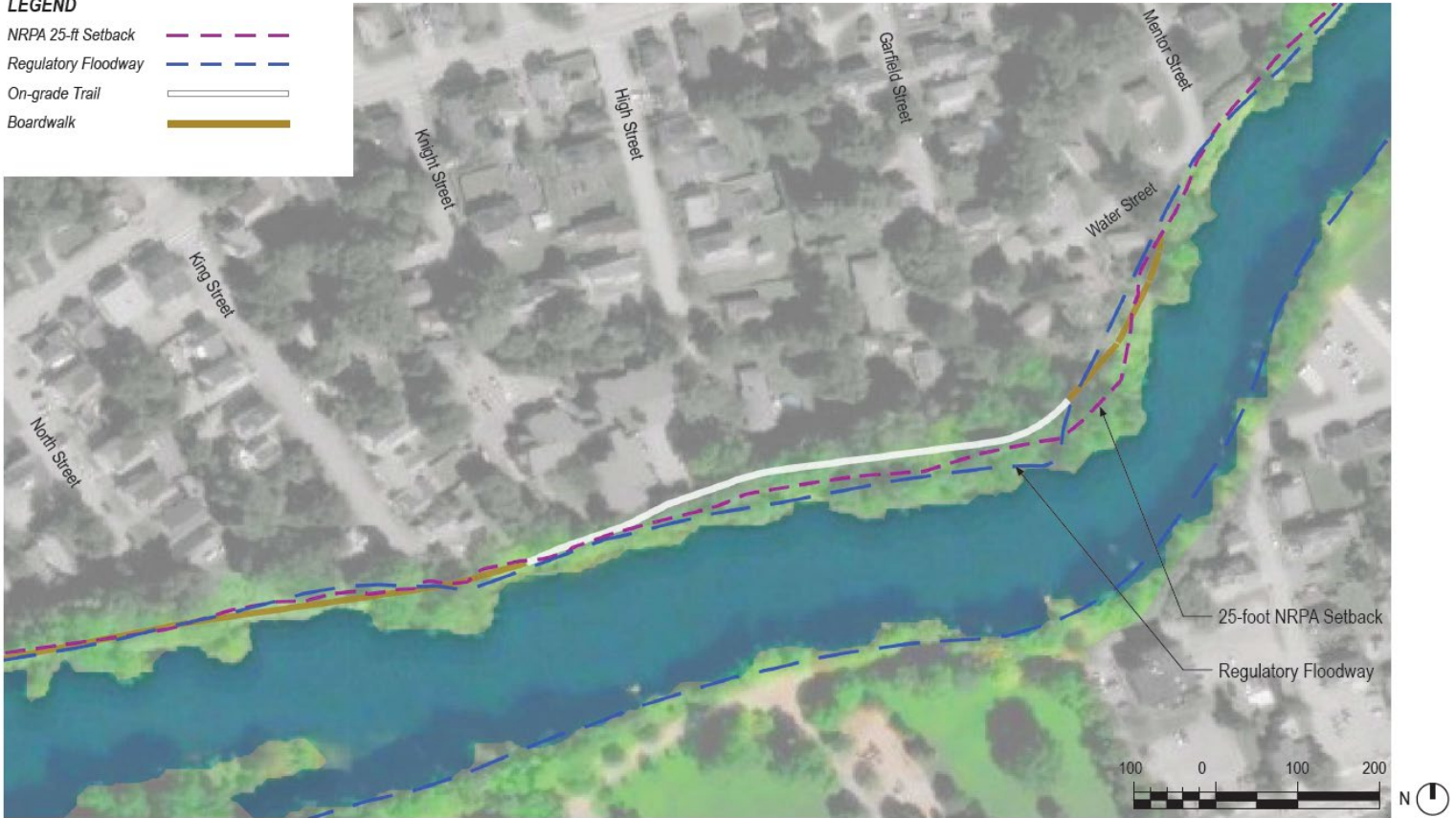
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3) Review of Project – b) Alignment

LEGEND

- NRPA 25-ft Setback 
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3) Review of Project – b) Design Elements



RIVERWALK NORTH CONCEPT: BOARDWALK

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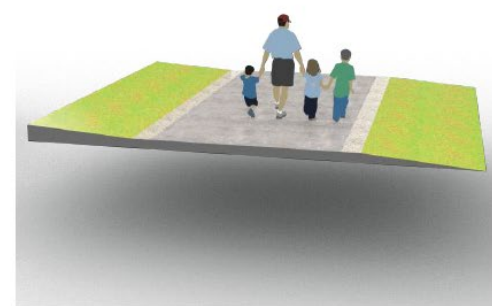
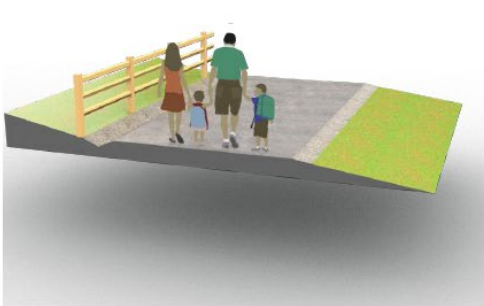
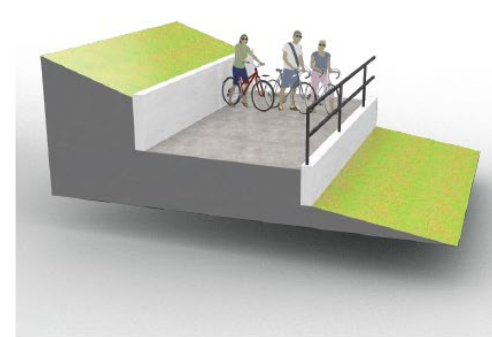
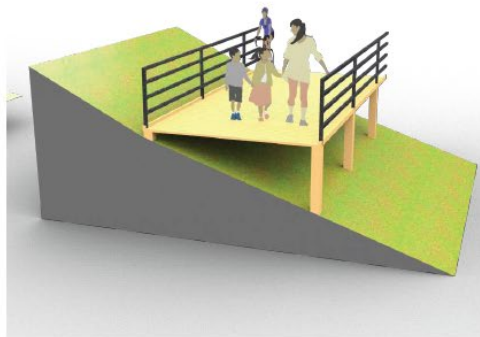
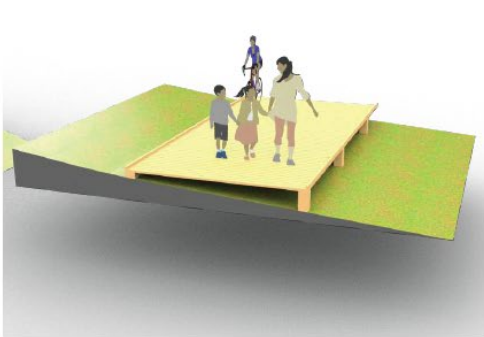


RIVERWALK NORTH CONCEPT: ON-GRADE TRAIL

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3) Review of Project – b) Design Elements



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RIVERWALK NORTH TRAIL CONCEPT TYPOLOGIES

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4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback

**PRIVACY
&
NOISE**

**FLOODING
&
VEGETATION**

**WILDLIFE
&
NATURAL
IMPACTS**

**SAFETY
&
SANITATION**

**ACCESS
&
DESIGN**

**COMMUNITY
VISION**

4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback

**PRIVACY
BUFFERS?**

**LOSS OF
PRIVACY**

**TRAIL SHOULD
OUTLET ON
GARFIELD STREET,
NOT WATER STREET**

**TRAILS ARE TOO
CLOSE TO HOMES**

**CAN YOU REROUTE
THE TRAIL TO
THE FRONT OF
HOMES?**

PRIVACY & NOISE: CONCERNS

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4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback



**CMU
RETAINING WALL**



**POUR-IN-PLACE
RETAINING WALL**



**WALL +
FENCE**



**GABION
WALL**



**BOARDWALK
W/ RAILING**



**BOARDWALK
W/ FENCING**



**SPLIT RAIL
FENCING**



**OPEN SLAT
FENCING**



**CLOSED SLAT
FENCING**



**FENCING +
VEGETATION**



**MEDIUM
VEGETATION**



**TALL
VEGETATION**



4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback

**FLOOD
RESILIENCY**

**PRIOR
FLOODING
EVENTS**

**HOW WILL PLANT
REMOVAL IMPACT
FLOODING?**

4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback



TREE PROTECTION FENCING



RYE SEED + EROSION CONTROL



TEMPORARY IRRIGATION



TOP-DOWN CONSTRUCTION



PARTIAL TOP-DOWN



HELICAL PILES

4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback



**LAYERED
PLANTING**



**LIVE
STAKING**



**BIODEGRADABLE
BLANKETS**



**LIVING
FASCINES**



**BRUSH
MATTRESSES**



**COIR
LOGS**



4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback



Spirea alba /
Meadowsweet



Myrica Pennsylvanica /
Northern Bayberry



Rhus Glabra /
Smooth Sumac



Gaylussacia Baccata /
Black Huckleberry



Aronia arbutifolia / Red Chokeberry



Clethra alnifolia /
Summersweet



Cornus sericea /
Red Twig Dogwood

4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback



Schizachyrium scoparium /
Little Bluestem



Carex appalacia /
Appalachian Sedge



Calamagrostis canadensis /
Bluejoint



Dennstaedtia punctilobula /
Hay Scented Fern



Doellingeria umbellata /
Flat-topped Aster



Arctostaphylos uva-ursi /
Bearberry



Eutrochium maculatum /
Jor-Pye Weed



Monarda didyma /
Scarlet Beebalm

4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback

**RIPARIAN
ECOSYSTEM
DEGRADATION**

**HABITAT
LOSS**

**IS THIS TRAIL WORTH
THE ECOLOGICAL
IMPACTS?**

**CAN THIS BE A
NATURE
PRESERVE?**

4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback



**LOW
BOARDWALK**



**RAISED
BOARDWALK**



**ANIMAL
CROSSINGS**



**INTERPRETIVE
SIGNAGE**

4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback



4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback

**EMERGENCY
ACCESS**

**TRESPASSING
VANDALISM
THEFT**

**DOES THE TRAIL
INVITE DISRUPTIVE
ACTIVITIES TO HOMES?**

**PRIVACY MEASURES?
(LIGHTS, CAMERAS)**

4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback



**LITTER
RECEPTACLES**



**DOWN
LIGHTING**



**CAMERAS &
SAFETY BEACONS**



**PLANTED
BUFFERS**

4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback

**TRESPASSING
WHILE
FISHING**

**TRAIL
TERMINATION
POINTS**

**BRIDGE & ROAD
CONNECTIONS**

**SAFE SEPARATION
FROM THE RIVER**

**ADA
ACCESSIBILITY**



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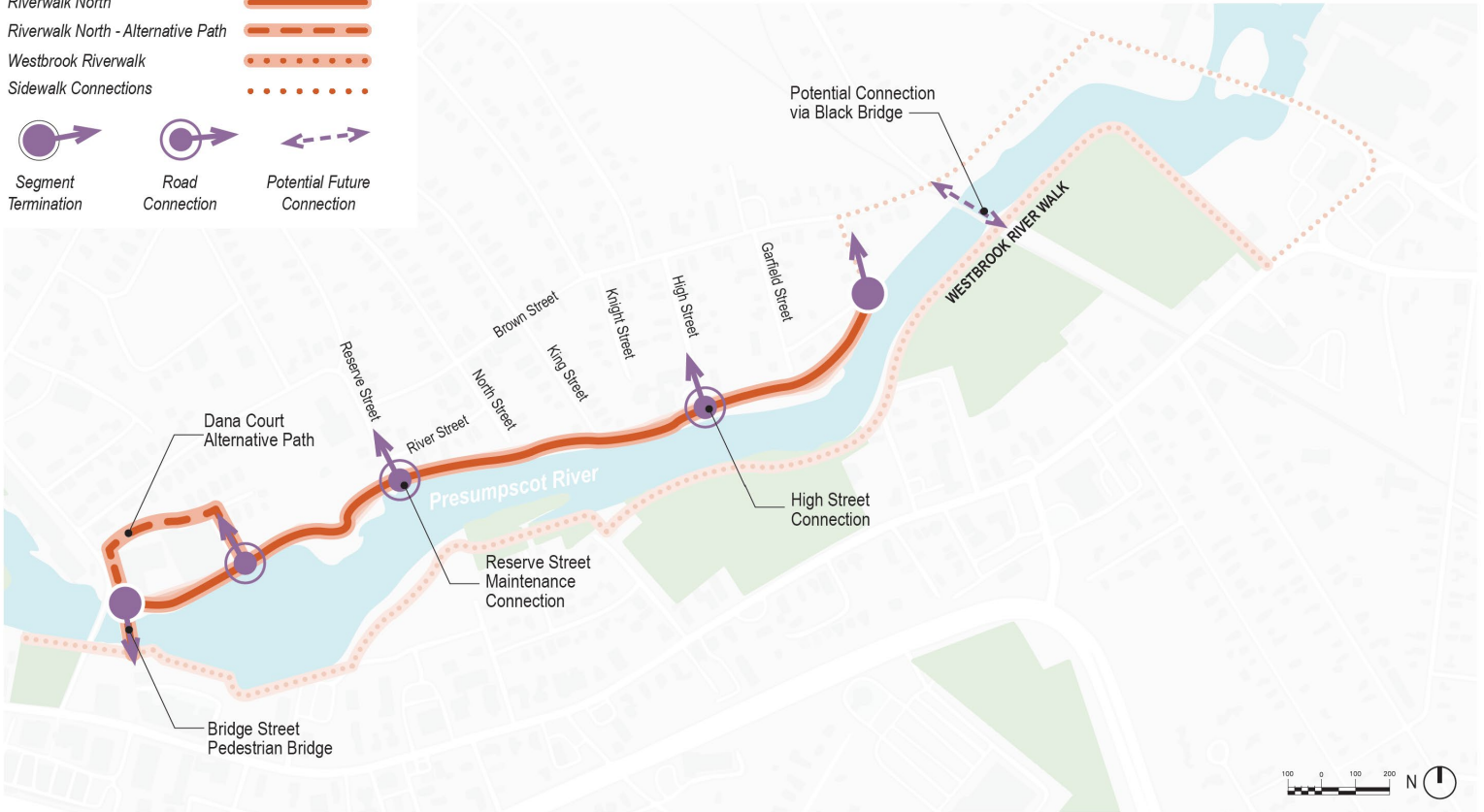
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4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback

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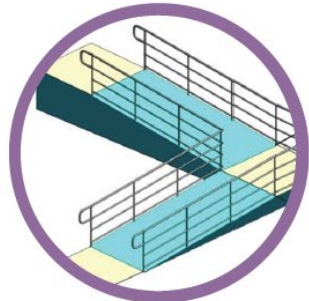
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- Sidewalk Connections
- Segment Termination
- Road Connection
- Potential Future Connection



ACCESS & DESIGN: FEEDBACK

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4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback



**ADA
ACCESS**



**PROTECTIVE
RAILINGS**



**STABILIZED
TRAIL SURFACE**



**DESIGNATED
FISHING AREA**

4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback

**WE NEED A
BROADER
PLAN**

**EXAMPLES OF
SUCCESSFUL
PROJECTS?**

**CONNECTING
ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS**

4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback

ANDROSCOGGIN RIVERWALK
BRUNSWICK



BACK COVE TRAIL
PORTLAND



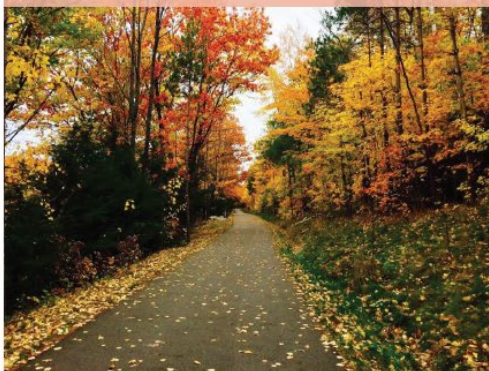
BREWER RIVERWALK
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ROYAL RIVER PARK
YARMOUTH



SKOWHEGAN RIVER WALK
SKOWHEGAN



GREENBELT PATHWAY
SOUTH PORTLAND



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COMMUNITY VISION: FEEDBACK

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5) Neighborhood Feedback #2

- a. What Excites Me Most About the Riverwalk North Trail Project?
- b. What Concerns Me Most About the Riverwalk North Trail Project?



5. Neighborhood Feedback #2

**PRIVACY
&
NOISE**

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WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM YOU

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6) Next Steps

- a. Due diligence (wetlands, setbacks, interagency discussions)
- b. Furthering concept design

