

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



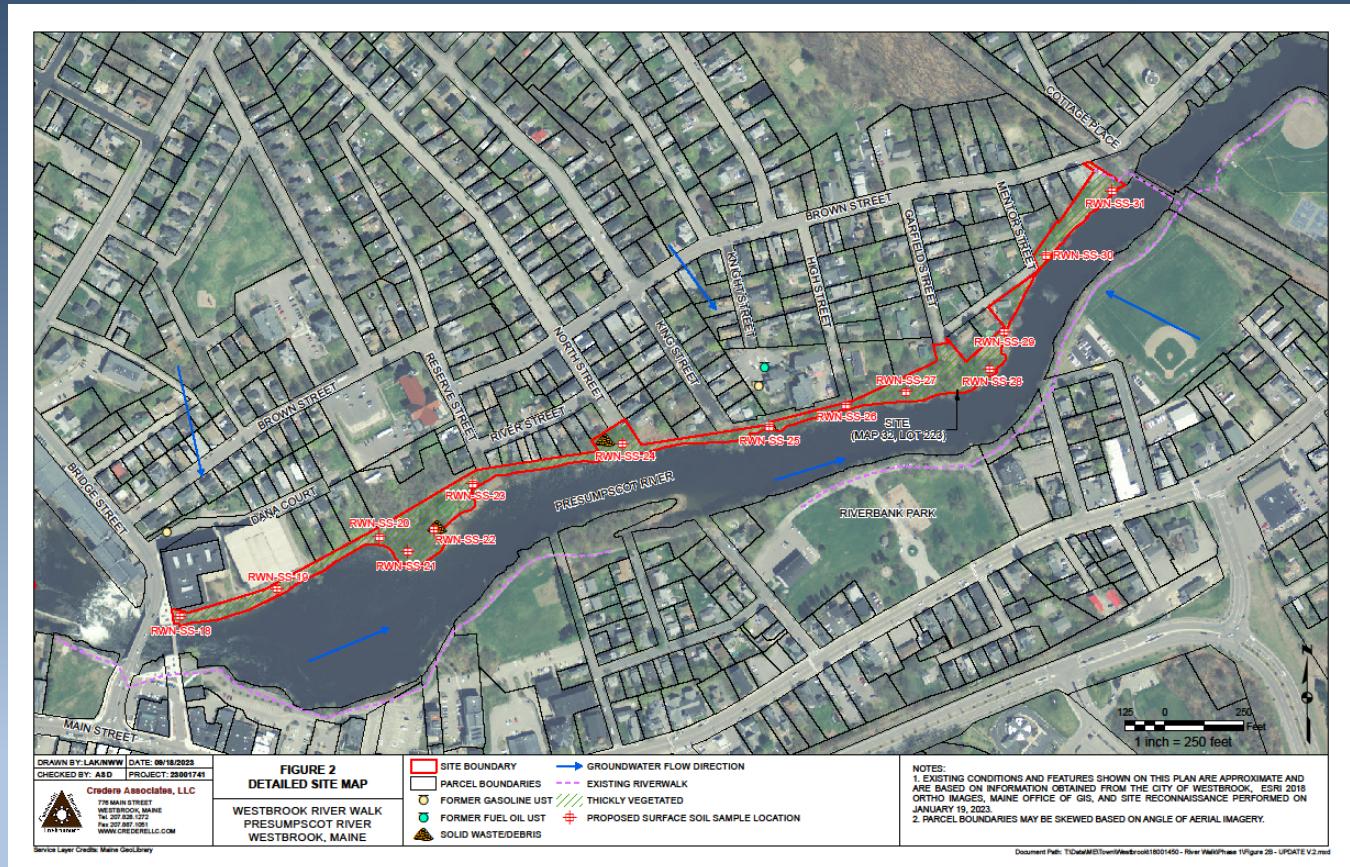
1) Project Overview – c) History



Map 39 Lot 31



1) Project Overview – c) Environ. History



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

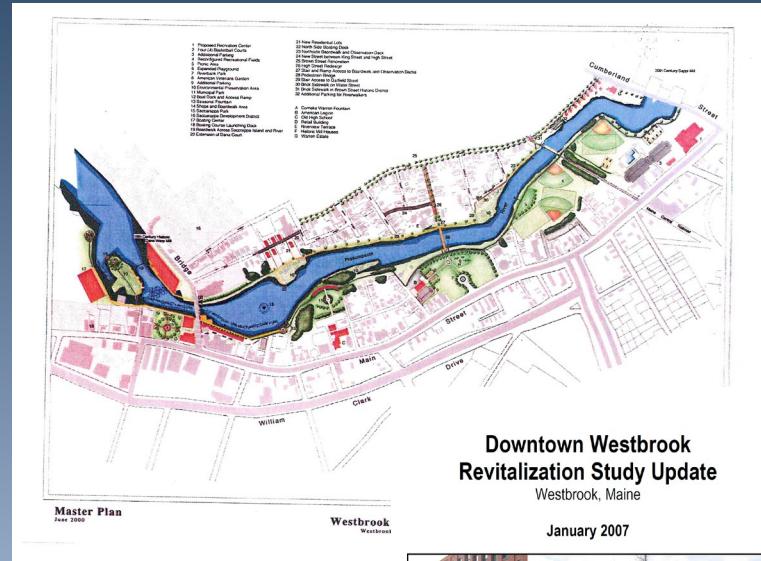
- Potential impacts from vinyl chloride in GW from Foye Mill



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



1) Project Overview – c) History



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/OpenSpace 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.

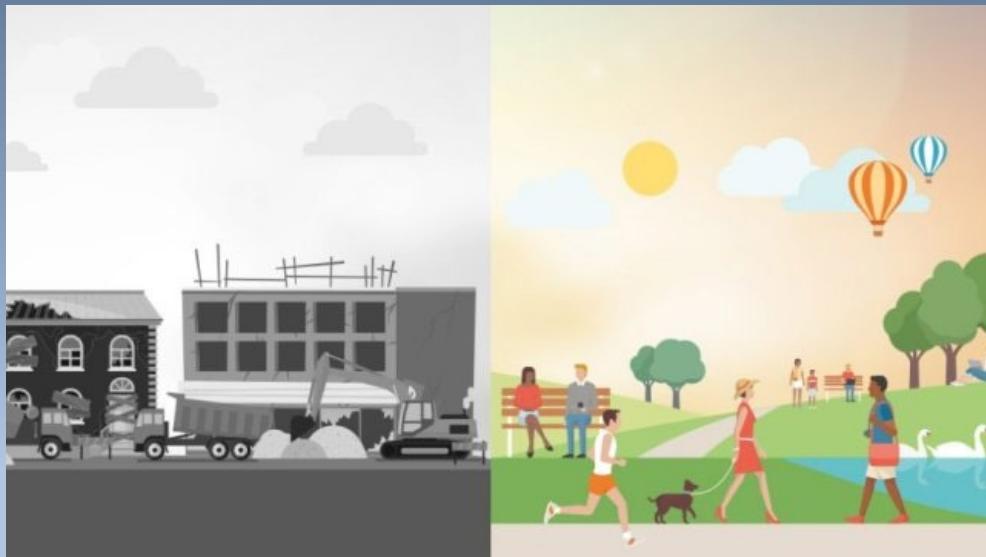
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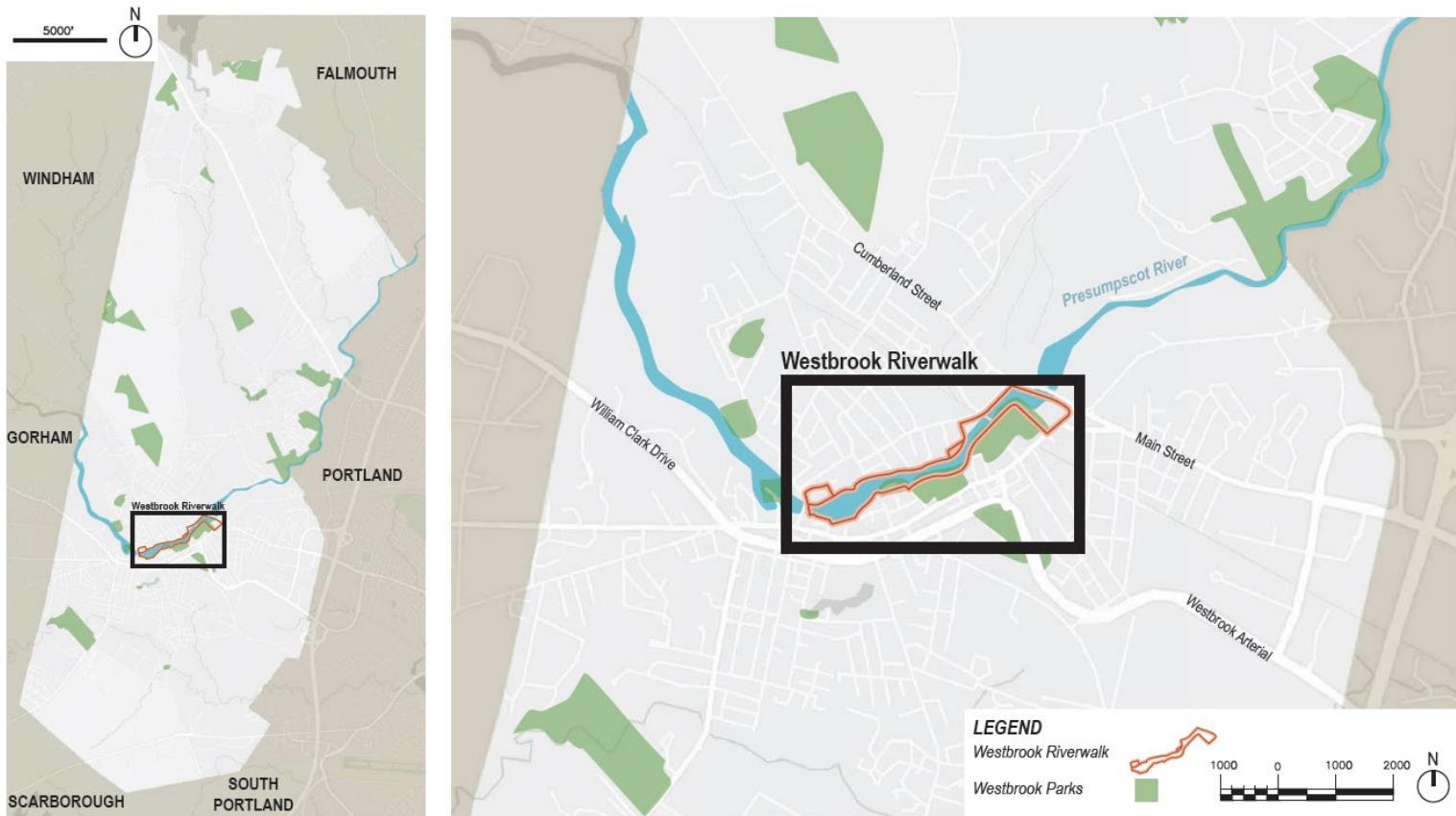
2015 Riverwalk North Design

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



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WESTBROOK RIVERWALK

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3) Review of Project – a) Alignment

LEGEND



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RIVERWALK NORTH TRAIL SURFACE

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3) Review of Project – a) Alignment

LEGEND

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



3) Review of Project – a) Alignment

LEGEND

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3) Review of Project – b) Alignment

LEGEND

NRPA 25-ft Setback



Regulatory Floodway



On-grade Trail



Boardwalk



3) Review of Project – b) Design Elements

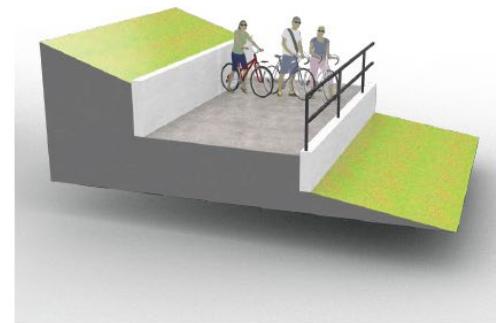
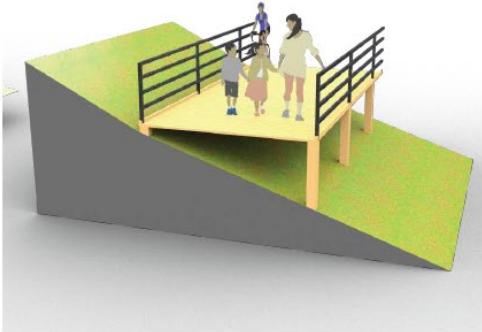
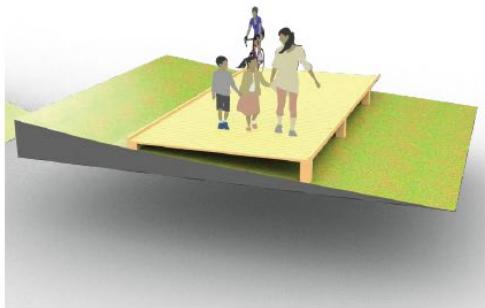


RIVERWALK NORTH CONCEPT: BOARDWALK

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3) Review of Project – b) Design Elements



4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback

**PRIVACY
&
NOISE**

**FLOODING
&
VEGETATION**

**WILDLIFE
&
NATURAL
IMPACTS**

**SAFETY
&
SANITATION**

**ACCESS
&
DESIGN**

**COMMUNITY
VISION**



**CREDER
ENVIRONMENTS**

WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM YOU

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4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback

**PRIVACY
BUFFERS?**

**LOSS OF
PRIVACY**

**TRAILS ARE TOO
CLOSE TO HOMES**

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

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

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**

FLOODING & VEGETATION: FEEDBACK

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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

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Schizachyrium scoparium /
Little Bluestem



Carex appalachia /
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

DOES THE TRAIL
INVITE DISRUPTIVE
ACTIVITIES TO HOMES?

TRESPASSING
VANDALISM
THEFT

PRIVACY MEASURES?
(LIGHTS, CAMERAS)

4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback



**LITTER
RECEPTACLES**



**DOWN
LIGHTING**



**CAMERAS &
SAFETY BEACONS**



**PLANTED
BUFFERS**

SAFETY & SANITATION: FEEDBACK

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4) Neighborhood Meeting #1 Feedback

TRESPASSING
WHILE
FISHING

TRAIL
TERMINATION
POINTS

SAFE SEPARATION
FROM THE RIVER

BRIDGE & ROAD
CONNECTIONS

ADA
ACCESSIBILITY

ACCESS & DESIGN: CONCERNS

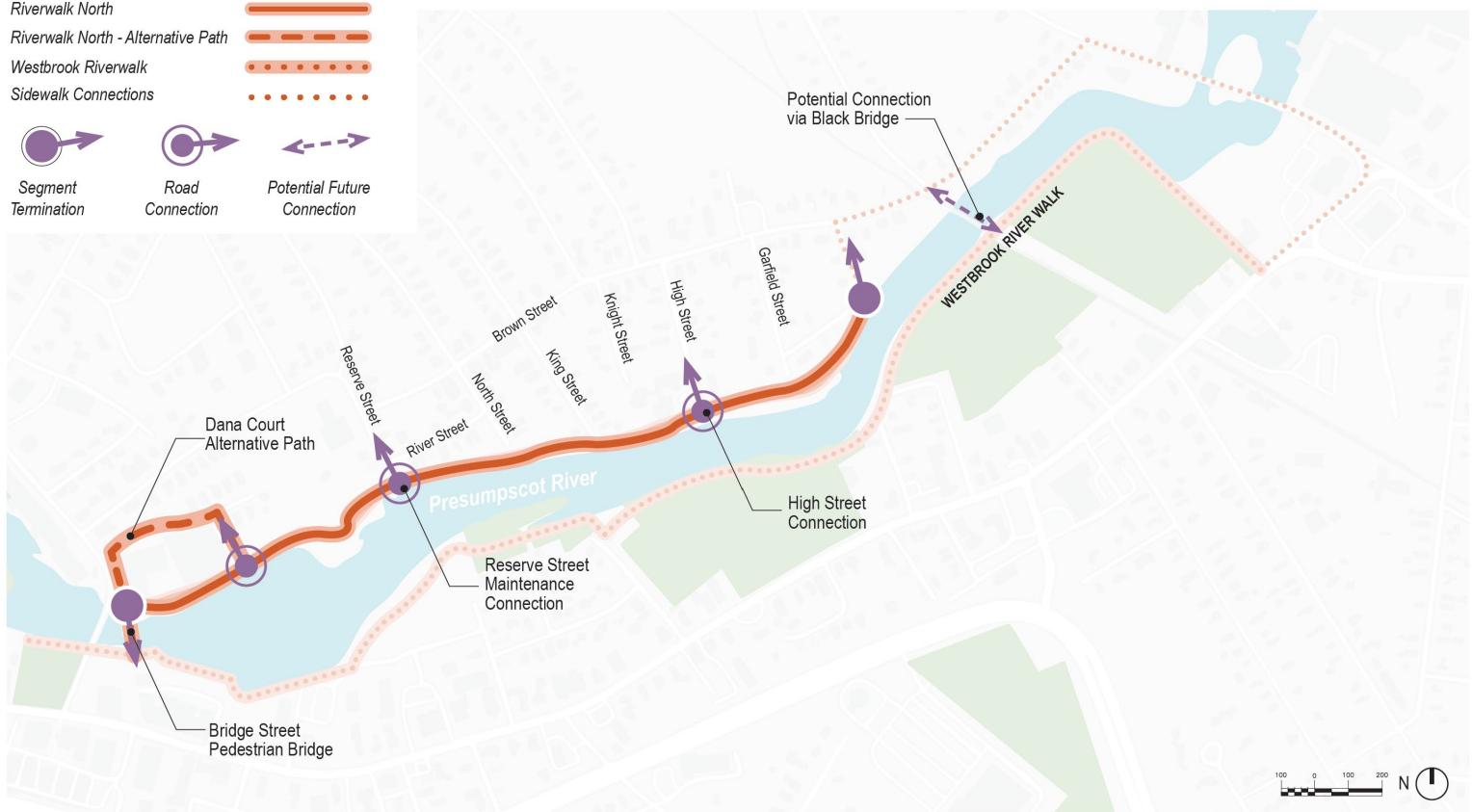
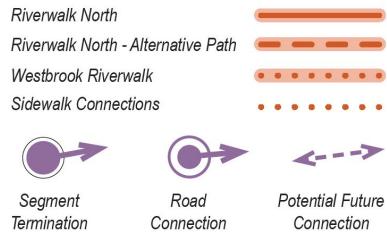
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LEGEND



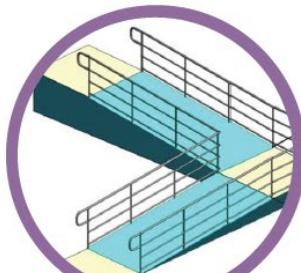
ACCESS & DESIGN: FEEDBACK

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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

BREWER



ROYAL RIVER PARK

YARMOUTH



SKOWHEGAN RIVER WALK

SKOWHEGAN



GREENBELT PATHWAY

SOUTH PORTLAND



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

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VISION**

6) Next Steps

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

