

Neponset River Greenway News

Winter, 2021-2022

January 1, 2022

First Day Walk on the Neponset Greenway



Kick off your New Year's fitness resolutions and join us for a First Day Walk along the [Neponset Trail!](#)

Meet at 1 pm on New Year's Day, 2022, on the Neponset Trail west of Central Ave. next to the Neponset River in Milton. You can find car parking nearby at Walgreens or bike parking at Central Ave. and Coffee Break Cafe has hot food and drink a few short steps away across Eliot Street.

We will walk west to Mattapan Square over the scenic Harvest River and Canopy Bridges and back for a total distance of 2.7 miles. If you'd like a shorter walk, you can return on the trolley from the Mattapan or Capen Street stations.

Wear a mask because the Omicron variant of SARS-Cov2 is more contagious than previous versions of the virus and because while we'll try to stay 6 feet apart on the trail, we might be walking close together.

This picturesque section of the trail has won local and national awards for landscape architecture and planning, and is a great place to see local wildlife like turkeys and deer. Got questions about the trail? Come and talk with us about your ideas for improvements, and learn about the projects in the works to extend the trail and connect to a regional network of green spaces!

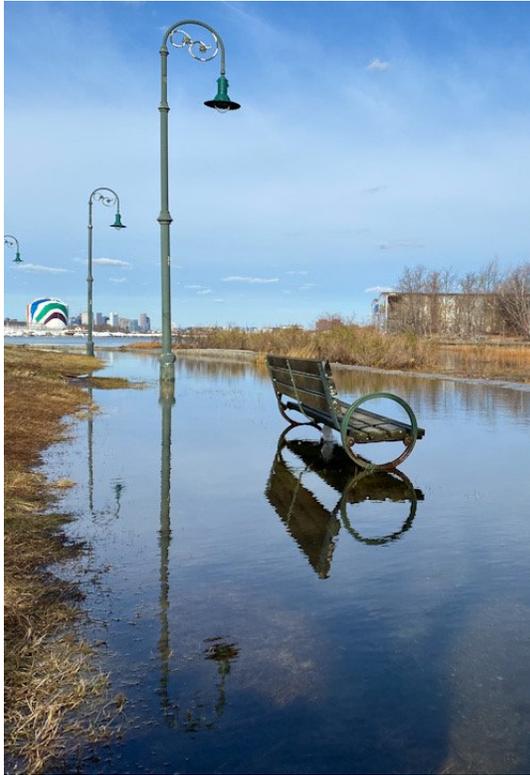
[Sign up on EventBrite!](#) [Email us if you have any questions!](#)

November and December Wicked High Tides!

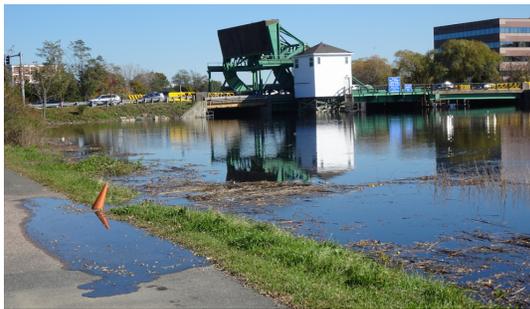
King Tides first weekends of November and December

In November and December we hosted bike rides showing king tide flooding along the trail. During the winter around the time of the new moon the tides are at their highest. Tenean Beach floods frequently, and even the trail itself near Granite Avenue can flood when the tides top 12 feet. Blue sky flooding like this is becoming more common, and in places it is starting to erode the trail. You'll see the orange cone at the missing spot near Granite Ave, and if you travel up Morrissey Boulevard you can see places where the sand washes over the

sidewalk during storms.



Photos above are from our December ride led by Lee Toma and photos below are from our November ride led by Jessica Mink. The City of Boston is looking at options to mitigate flooding as part of their [Climate Ready Boston](#) program.



Environmentally Friendly Winter Safety Tips!



Use Greener Ice Melt

As we start to get snow and ice covering the Greenway and surrounding streets, it's important to keep these areas safe for recreation – but in an environmentally friendly way! [Click here](#) to see what our friends at the Neponset River Watershed Association suggest when it comes to using ice melt.



Shovel Snow and Ice off Your Local Stormdrains!

It's important to keep our stormdrains uncovered so that melting snow and rain can flow into them and reduce the risk of flooded streets and Greenways. Please do your part to shovel off stormdrains near your homes!

CAUTION – Slippery When Wet !!!

This is the mark a bicyclist makes when they wipe out in the snow. Please be careful on all Neponset Greenway bridge surfaces when they are wet. Bicyclists are especially vulnerable while turning, but slick surfaces can be hazardous for walkers and runners too.



New Milton Billboard Proposal at

Granite Ave



The John Flatley Co. has proposed a two sided electronic billboard that will be on 2 Granite Ave facing the Neponset River Estuary and Greenway Trail. The billboard will be 47 feet tall and will cause environmental effects on the wildlife in a designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern

(ACEC). Lots of neighbors and environmental groups around Dorchester, Milton, and Quincy have come forward to express disapproval of the billboard. While this proposal is only in an early phase, it's important for people to send comments to the Milton select board to express their view on this proposal. [Click here](#) to send comments or questions to the select board.

Milton resident Patrick Kane has created a change.org petition against the billboard, which has over 1,500 signatures. [Click here](#) to sign on to the petition.

Upcoming Spring Events

March 26: First Saturday of Spring Neponset Greenway Ride

April: NepRWA Neponset River Cleanup, with sites along the Trail

Sometime: MassDOT Public Meeting on construction of the Tenean Beach to Morrissey Blvd. section of the Neponset Trail

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