

Trail Improvements



The information below provides a status of the work being done on the SNETT! We are making progress! Check back here often for updates or call the Bellingham Planning office at 508-657-2852.





DCR: Department of Conservation and Recreation





BSTRA: Bay State Trail Riders

FBRTC: Franklin and Bellingham Rail Trail Committee

DPW: Department of Public Works

<i>Date</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>	<i>Work Performed By</i>	<i>Status</i>
2010	A paved parking lot and metal gate were installed on Grove Street in Franklin at the beginning of the SNETT Trail.	FBRTC and the Town of Franklin.	Completed 
2010	A trail head kiosk and two benches were constructed on Grove Street in Franklin at the beginning of the SNETT Trail. The kiosk is used to display maps, brochures, and other information about the trail.	Eagle Scout Eagle Scout Candidate Sean McKeown of BSA Troop 126 of Franklin.	Completed 
June 2012 - January 2013	The Massachusetts DCR awarded the Bay State Trail Riders and the Franklin and Bellingham Rail Trail Committee grants to improve the trail in Bellingham. The work that will be performed: 1. Brush back and grade the Lake Street to Center Street section of the trail. Install stone dust as needed. 2. Brush back and grade the Lake Street to Prospect Street section of the trail. 3. Install two gates at both Lake Street entrances to the trail.	Work will be performed by local contractors and the DCR.	In progress. 1. Work order has been initiated but no completion date at this time. 2. Work has been initiated but no completion date at this time. 3. Completed - Gates have been installed on each side of Lake Street.
August 2012	Lake Street parking area near the east trail entrance has been graded and parking signs have been erected. Pedestrian crossing warning signs have been installed on Lake Street.	Bellingham DPW	Completed 

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August 2012	Pedestrian crossing and Trail parking signs were installed by the Bellingham DPW on Lake Street in Bellingham near the SNETT entrance. In addition, the ground was graded on the northbound side of Lake Street to improve the parking area.	Bellingham DPW	Completed 
September 2012	A crosswalk was painted on Lake Street from the east entrance to the west entrance of the trail.	Bellingham DPW	Completed 
September 2012	A sign was installed by DCR at the Grove Street entrance in Franklin that provides the DCR Park Watch phone number so trail users can report illegal or suspicious trail activities.	DCR	Completed 
September 2012	Cross walks were painted by the Bellingham DPW on Center Street and Fox Run Rd.	Bellingham DPW	Completed
October 2012	The National Park Service (NPS) awarded a Conservation Assistance Grant to the Towns of Bellingham, Franklin, and Blackstone and their partners - the BSTRA and the FBRTC - to formulate strategies for developing and improving the SNETT and increasing public support.	Charles Tracy of the NPS and all interested parties. The Bellingham Planning office will coordinate the efforts.	Ongoing - December 2012 - January 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of the SNETT group organized • New website: www.SNETT.org  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of the SNETT Facebook page created.

<p>January 2013</p>	<p>Gates were installed by DCR on each Lake Street trail entrance.</p>	<p>DCR & FBRTC</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>West Gate</p>  <p>East Gate</p> 
<p>March 2013</p>	<p>Virtual Trail Summit 3.0 was held online at www.SNETT.org to work with DCR to help raise awareness of the SNETT to help realize the full potential of the 22-mile SNETT from Franklin, MA to Douglas, MA.</p>	<p>Friends of the SNETT, National Park Service</p>	<p>Completed - go to www.SNETT.org for complete information.</p>  <p>Virtual SNETT Trail Summit 3.0 Online Version of our Trail Summit - Originally scheduled for February 8, 2013 & rescheduled for March 8, 2013.</p> <p>Welcome to the Friends of the SNETT Virtual Trail Summit 3.0.</p>
<p>May 2013</p>	<p>A parking area on Center Street was graded and designated to accommodate parking for the Center Street trail entrances.</p>	<p>Bellingham DPW</p>	<p>Completed</p> 
<p>May 2013</p>	<p>Pedestrian crossing and trail parking signs were installed at the Center Street parking lot.</p>	<p>Bellingham DPW</p>	<p>Completed</p>  

June 1, 2013

Flowers were planted on National Trails Day at various SNETT entrances Franklin, Bellingham, Uxbridge, and Douglas

Friends of the SNETT





June 22nd and 23rd, 2013

A kiosk and landscaping were installed on Center Street at the parking area opposite the Center Street trail entrance. The kiosk will be used to display maps, brochures, and other information about the trail.

Ryan Gonthier, Eagle Scout Candidate, and Boy Scout Troop 100

Completed



			 
Possibly - Spring 2014	Demolition of the Route 126 bridge in Bellingham and installation of a bike culvert.	Mass DOT	In the preliminary design phase.