



Assabet River Rail Trail, Inc.

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"A link between communities, nature, and history in central Massachusetts"

Maynard Trail Walk and Cleanup

On Sunday, April 25, ARRT member David Mark will lead a trail walk and litter pick up event starting at 2 p.m. Held in conjunction with Maynard's annual townwide cleanup, the walk will cover the portion of the trail running from Sudbury Street to the Stow line. This is a great opportunity to discover a beautiful wooded section of the trail and help clean up the environment at the same time. Participants are asked wear gloves and to meet at the intersection of Main Street and Sudbury Street. Bags will be provided.

Maynard Woodchip Project

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 15 to help spread woodchips on the section of trail from Rte. 117 to Sudbury Street in Maynard that volunteers worked to clear this past November. Plans are to create a smooth walking path. Wear gloves, and if you have them, bring a wheelbarrow, shovel, garden rakes, and/or branch loppers. Meet in front of Ray & Sons Cyclery on Main Street at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Contact project leader David Mark at 978-897-5853 with any questions.

Marlborough Trail Cleanup

On Saturday, May 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the public is invited to join with volunteers from HOPE worldwide New England for a spring trail cleanup on the finished trail sections off Fitchburg Street. We will bag litter and rake twigs, acorns and weed growth to restore a clean full-width trail. Wear gloves and bring a rake. Park on Sasseville Way off Fitchburg Street. Visit the ARRT web site for detailed directions. Refreshments will be provided.

ARRT Partners with Hudson Public Schools

As one of the Community Partners in the Hudson schools' community service learning program, ARRT will be proposing ARRT-related projects that are both educational and of benefit to the community. The first event was held March 30 at Hudson's JFK Middle School. There, ARRT volunteers gave a slide presentation to 75 students to introduce them to the Hudson section of the rail trail. The students expect to take a class trip in May to see the portion of the trail that is currently open.

Votes at Acton TM Benefit ARRT

Voters at the annual town meeting passed two articles that will have a positive effect on trail development in Acton.

Approved was Article 18, the appropriation of \$944,456 in Community Preservation Act funds to 12 local projects. Included in the 12-part appropriation is \$170,000 for ARRT. This represents the Town's share of the design and build costs of the Acton portion of the trail.

Passing by voice vote was a zoning variance on the Anderson property. This clears the way for the Selectman to sign a Right Of Way easement with Anderson for the trail.

Thanks to all the trail supporters who turned out to vote.

Construction Update

Construction of a total of 4.8 miles of the trail in Marlborough and Hudson is proceeding on schedule and an end-of-year completion date is anticipated. While grading the trail approach to the new Wilkins Street parking lot in Hudson, the construction crew uncovered historic stone abutments from a bridge removed in 1943. The bridge once carried the Mass Central railroad over the Marlboro Branch and a Hudson-to-Concord trolley line.

Yes, the Assabet River Rail Trail is important to me! To become an ARRT supporter and join the mailing list, complete this form and send it with a check payable to "ARRT, Inc." to:

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Events Calendar

- 04/21 Monthly Meeting
Maynard Town Hall, 7 p.m.
- 04/25 Trail Walk/Litter Cleanup
Maynard, 2 p.m.
- 05/01 Spring Trail Cleanup
Marlboro, 9:30 a.m.
- 05/15 Woodchip Spreading
Maynard, 2 p.m.
- 05/26 Monthly Meeting
Acton Library, 7 p.m.

About Us

The Assabet River Rail Trail (ARRT) is a planned 12.5-mile paved, multi-use, non-motorized trail that will connect Acton, Maynard, Stow, Hudson and Marlborough. The trail is being constructed using a combination of private, local, state and federal funds. ARRT volunteers organize trail clean-ups and fundraising as well as other activities. New members are always welcome. Monthly meetings are open to the public and are generally finished before 9 p.m.

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