

# CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: City Council Open Space Committee

Date: April 13, 2015

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 140 Main Street

Agenda Items to be addressed:

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11-17-2014 – **Order No. 14-1006030**: A review of the “Boroughs Trail” Conceptual Plan that will create a regional trail that links existing and proposed trail systems in Marlborough, Northborough, Westborough and Southborough into one regional 30+ mile walking trail loop.

- REFER TO OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

12-15-2014 – **Order No. 14-1006057**: A review of the “Panther Trail” Conceptual Plan that will create a loop around the city and connect many of the city’s open spaces, parks and schools with a city wide trail.

- REFER TO OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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# IN CITY COUNCIL

Marlborough, Mass., NOVEMBER 17, 2014

**ORDERED:**

That the "Boroughs Trail" Conceptual Plan, be and is herewith **REFER TO**  
**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE.**

**ADOPTED**

ORDER NO. 14-1006030



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November 13, 2014

City Council President Patricia Pope  
Marlborough City Council  
140 Main Street  
Marlborough, MA 01752

**Re: "Boroughs Trail" Conceptual Plan**

Honorable President Pope and Councilors:

Enclosed for your approval is a draft conceptual plan of the "Boroughs Community Trail Loop," an exciting proposal that creates a 30 mile recreational trail link between Marlborough and the towns of Northborough, Southborough and Westborough.

This plan has been a few years in the making and its success is largely owed to a group of dedicated volunteers across our region as well as the persistence of Conservation Officer Priscilla Ryder. When completed, this trail will be heavily promoted across all communities and will hopefully attract a number of competitive marathoners looking to test their abilities in our own backyard.

Ms. Ryder will be happy to discuss this innovative concept with you in greater detail. For your information I have included in this correspondence a map of the trail as well as a written narrative from Ms. Ryder.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arthur G. Vigeant  
Mayor



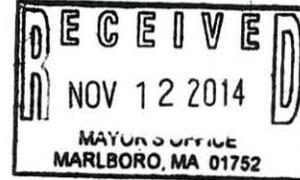
# City of Marlborough Conservation Commission

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November 12, 2014

Arthur Vigeant, Mayor  
140 Main St. City Hall  
Marlborough, MA 01752



RE: Proposed Borough's trail loop in Marlborough, Northborough, Westborough and Southborough

Dear Mayor Vigeant,

As you may be aware in 2012 the City of Marlborough Economic Development Corp was able to secure a 'District Local Technical Assistance' grant from the regional planning agencies to determine the feasibility of creating a "boroughs community trail loop". The result of this effort was the Boroughs Trail Feasibility Study completed in January 2013. This prompted the development of the enclosed Borough's trail concept plan. The plan is to create a regional trail that links existing and proposed trail systems in Marlborough, Northborough, Westborough and Southborough into one regional 30+ mile walking trail loop. See attached plan with the proposed vision. As a group we are pleased to submit this concept plan to you for your review and endorsement. The vision of the trail as noted on the plan is as follows:

*The Boroughs Loop Trail connects the hiking trail networks of Marlborough, Northborough, Southborough and Westborough to create a regional trail that encourages the exploration, enjoyment, and protection of the Borough's natural resources. The Boroughs Loop Trail will show case the region's natural beauty; provide ecological and economic health for the region; and promote a positive outdoor experience for all.*

The plan is that each community will work to make the trail connections a reality. Once the trail segments are all connected together signage and other way finding features will be coordinated among each community and incorporated into the existing trail system. Volunteers from community groups, trail committees and land trusts are eager to work on this plan to make it a reality.

At this time we wanted to share our planning efforts with you and get your approval of this regional trail concept plan. We will be looking for your help and support in the future as we work with state agencies and legislators when seeking grant funding and for easements/permission to connect trails across roadways, railroads and through parkland.

A large group of volunteers, organizations and municipal staff have worked together on this concept including the following key contacts in each community and participating organization: Kathy Joubert Northborough Town Planner; Bob Mihalek Chairman, Northborough Trails Committee; Dan Gilford, Chairman of Southborough Trails Committee; Jim Robinson, Westborough Town Planner; Priscilla Ryder Marlborough Conservation Officer; Dan Stimson Sudbury Valley Trustees.

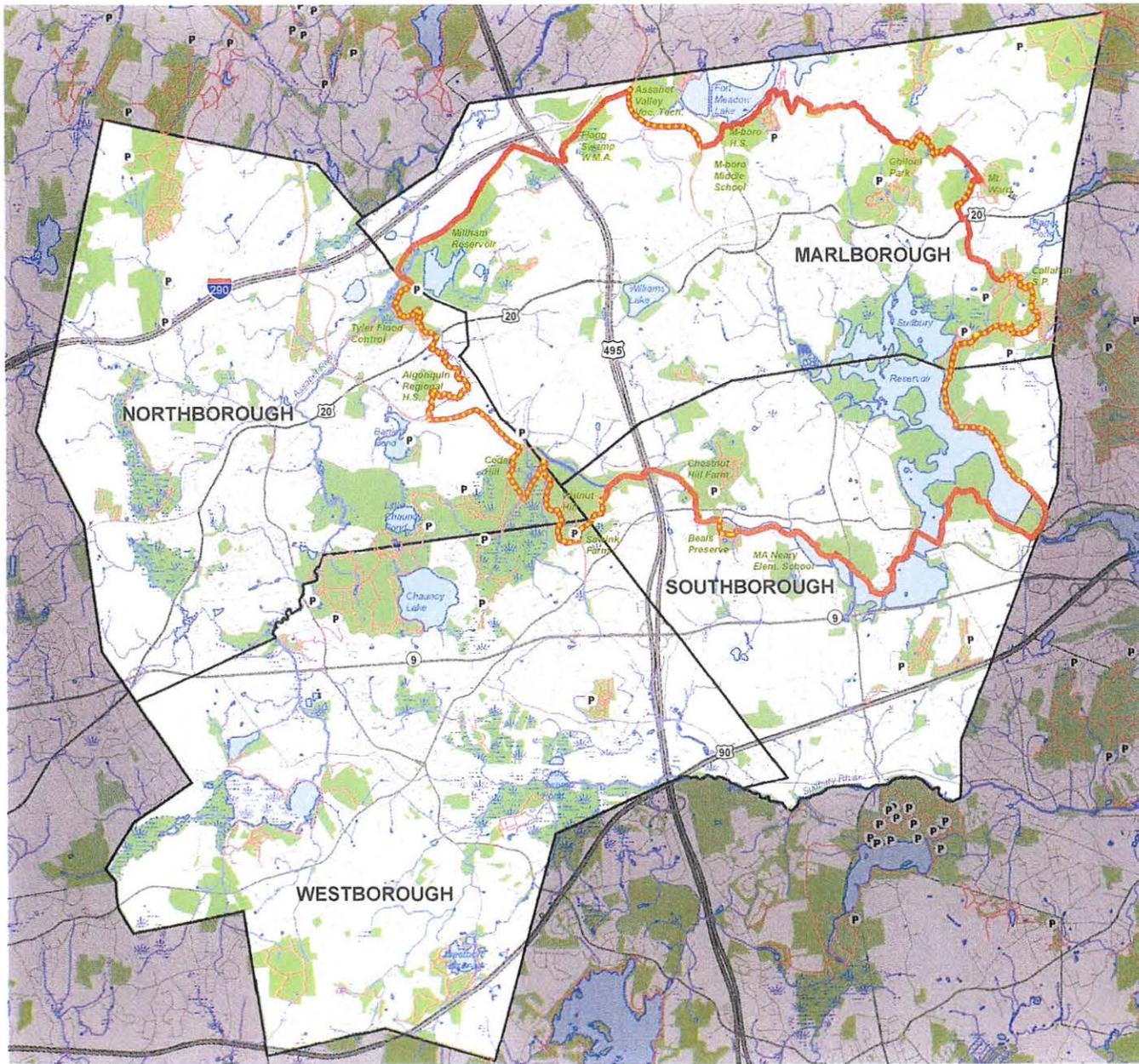
We hope you will look favorably upon this plan and we will keep you posted on our progress as we move this concept forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Priscilla Ryder", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation Officer

e-mail: Planning Board; Conservation Commission; Recreation Commission  
Borough's trail committee

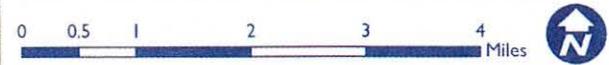


# Boroughs Loop Trail

Marlborough, Northborough, Southborough, Westborough

- Boroughs Loop Trail, Existing
- Boroughs Loop Trail, Conceptual
- Other Trail
- Open Space
- River, Stream
- Pond, Lake
- Wetland
- Submerged Wetland

The Boroughs Loop Trail connects the hiking trail networks of Marlborough, Northborough, Southborough and Westborough to create a regional trail that encourages the exploration, enjoyment, and protection of the Boroughs' natural resources. The Boroughs Loop Trail will showcase the region's natural beauty; provide ecological and economic health for the region; and promote a positive outdoor experience for all.



Map produced by Sudbury Valley Trustees. Portions of the data Provided by Office of Geographic and Environmental Information (MassGIS), Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. This Map should be used for reference only. Boundaries and trail locations are approximate.



# IN CITY COUNCIL

Marlborough, Mass., DECEMBER 15, 2014

**ORDERED:**

That the "Panther Trail" Conceptual Plan, be and is herewith refer to **OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE.**

ADOPTED

ORDER NO. 14-1006057



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December 11, 2014

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*Open Space*

**Re: "Panther Trail" Conceptual Plan**

Honorable President Pope and Councilors:

Enclosed for your information is a draft conceptual plan of the "Panther Trail," a 26.2 trail connecting the city's parks, public grounds and open space in one loop extending throughout the city.

Much like the "Boroughs Trail," the creation of this innovative recreational opportunity is owed to the efforts of Conservation Officer Priscilla Ryder, the Open Space Committee and the work of many volunteers. When completed, it will add another new amenity to our city that I hope will be heavily utilized by our residents and employees working throughout the community.

For your information I have included in this correspondence a map of the trail as well as a detailed narrative from Ms. Ryder.

Sincerely,

*Arthur G. Vigeant*

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December 10, 2014

Arthur Vigeant, Mayor  
140 Main St. City Hall  
Marlborough, MA 01752

RE: Proposed Panther Trail – 25+ mile trail loop through Marlborough

Dear Mayor Vigeant,

The recently approved Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) 2011-2018 recommends the establishment of a trail to be called the “Panther Trail” which will loop around the city and connect many of the city’s open spaces, parks and schools with a city wide trail.

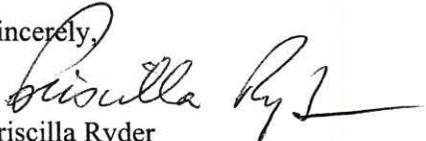
The attached plan is the conceptual plan for the Panther trail which will also serve as part of the four community Borough’s trail submitted to you a few weeks ago. As with the Borough’s trail there are several sections of the Panther trail already in place where it connects into existing trails and sidewalks. Other sections will need to be built by scouts and volunteers and still other sections are part of development plans to be constructed in the near future such as the Forest St. trail connection through the mixed use overlay district or proposed sidewalks on Hayes Memorial Dr. When all the details are worked out we are striving to get a 26.2 mile -marathon length- trail loop. Currently, the proposed trail shown in red on the attached map is approximately 25.8 miles.

The trail as shown will connect many of the city’s open space and recreation gems including the Assabet River Rail Trail, Ghiloni Park, Callahan State Park, Sudbury Reservoir Watershed land, Lake Williams, Felton Conservation land and Millham Reservoir. The vision is to have the trail marked with signage that identifies it for a well guided walk. We are envisioning signage as shown on the map with the orange Panther paw and arrow which will be placed along the way.

As outlined in the OSRP the goal is to make the city a healthy place to live by creating safe places for people to walk, jog and in some sections bike. We will be finalizing the route this winter to ensure we have legal access to make all the connections envisioned, shift the trail as needed and then embark on its implementation next spring.

I share this with you now as it is tied into the Boroughs trail loop recently submitted and is part of the larger vision for the city’s trail network. Input on this trail is encouraged at this final planning stage. I will keep you posted as this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

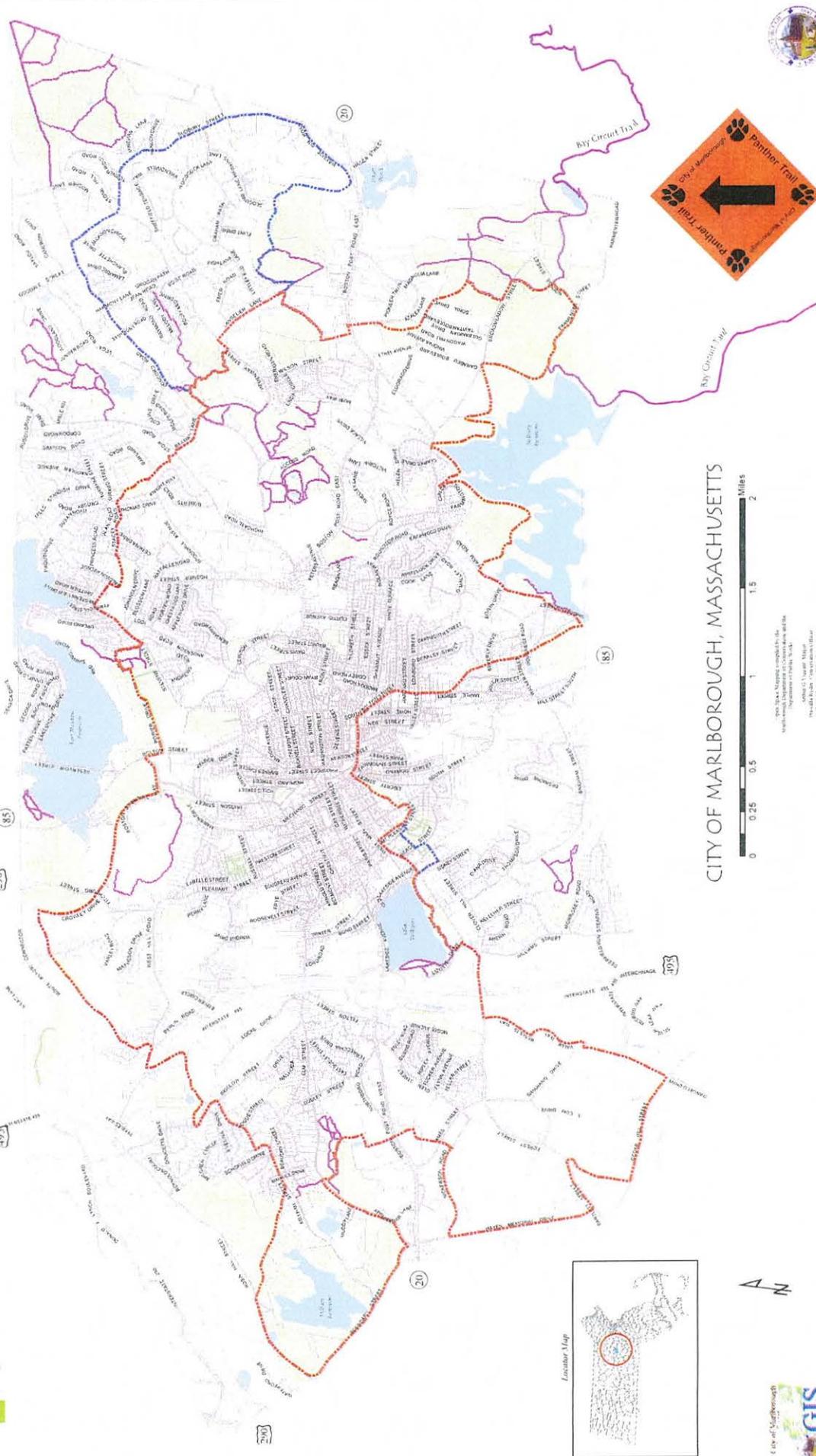
  
Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation Officer

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E-mail: Planning Board; Conservation Commission; Recreation Commission

# Conceptual Panther Trail 2014

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CITY OF MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS



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