



Neponset River Greenway Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Foley Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Guests

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Neponset Band of the Massachusetts Tribe

- **Becoming a Non-Profit Group:** *Review progress toward becoming a 501(c)3 with John Lyons*

2. Along the Greenway with Stella Lensing, DCR Project Manager

- **Maintenance issues:** *What's new?*
- **Graffiti** – *Further discussion*

Mattapan:

- **Segment 2** – Central Ave to Mattapan Square: *Signage?*
- **Segment 6** – Crossing Blue Hill Ave.: *Progress?*
- **Mattapan Station apartments** – *Progress report*

Dorchester:

- **Segments 3 and 4** – Tenean Beach to Morrissey Blvd *Design completion date? Funding/easement status?*
- **Segment 8** – Morrissey Blvd. drawbridge to UMass: *Is there any design progress?*
- **Neponset Wharf** – *Project status?*
- **Billboards** and other developments
- **PJPII Park** – *Crosswalk at Hallet St.?*
- *Is there a Dorchester Beach Festival?*
- **Problems at Port Norfolk Park marsh:** *See letter*

Milton:

- **Central Ave. crossing** – *Progress on improvements*
- **Milton Landing to Ventura Park** – *Will there be access to 2nd DCR bridge from Milton side?*
- **Tileston-Hollingsworth Mill Building Demolition** – *What will the Milton ConComm allow? Time scale?*
- *Potluck before September 4th meeting?*

Hyde Park:

- **Segment 7** – Fairmount to Dana Ave.: *Possibilities for path?*
- **Segment 9** – Connecting Trail to Paul's Bridge *Where are we? How about a walk in May or June?*
- **Wolcott Square** – *Redesign underway. Updates?*
- **Meadow Rd.** – *Ideas for stopping dumping and speeding*

3. Events and Meetings

- **Past Events:** Mattapan on Wheels, Neponset RiverFest, Tenean Beach Day
- **Saturday, September 21, 2019, 8:00 am–?:** Neponset River Cleanup
Ryan Playground & Rice Islands, Mattapan, Pine Tree Brook, Mattapan Sq., Edgewater Drive, Martini Shell to Blake Estates, Paul's Bridge to Martini Shell, 2 Granite Ave., Milton
- Dorchester Beach Festival?
- **Other upcoming events?**

Upcoming Neponset River Greenway Council Meetings – Held first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm

September 4, 2019	Milton Yacht Club, Milton	October 2, 2019	Hyde Park Police Station, Hyde Park
November 6, 2019	Port Norfolk Yacht Club	December 4, 2019	Foley Senior Residences, Mattapan

Issues on the trail? (non-emergency) MassParks line: 617-626-1250, 0 for operator or email mass.parks@state.ma.us

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From: Reiner, Edward <reiner.ed@epa.gov>

Date: Tue, Aug 6, 2019 at 6:11 PM

Subject: Corps file NAE-2014-0426 Shaffer Paper Site, Dorchester, MA erosion at the Port Norfolk DCR park on the Neponset River

On August 5, 2019, I visited the shoreline restoration at Port Norfolk (former Shaffer Paper Company) where DCR did a project to create a park and clean up a shoreline full of waste materials used to fill the area historically. I commend the DCR for cleaning up the site and creating a beautiful park for the public to enjoy.

Some of the photos I took show a beautiful salt marsh is now growing along the shoreline. A closer examination, however, reveals that the Coir rolls have shifted or decayed, jute netting has shifted leaving rope like material, along the shoreline and exposing plastic mesh type material along the shore in various locations. Plastic mesh is a problem as it can capture fish and wildlife and float away creating plastic debris in the ocean. Erosion is occurring on the upland landscaped soils above the coir. Assorted debris has been exposed, which was either never picked up, or covered with the living shoreline fill materials which have eroded in places.

I previously provided photos from a visit in 2016 where I pointed out that lots of debris was still littering the shoreline. This includes metal rebar, other sharp metal objects, slag, bricks, and other waste materials. The devices used to secure the coir is now exposed as litter, each with a sharp metal cable exposed at the end. I cut my finger while taking a photo of the metal cable edges. I am providing these photos for your information so that we can learn what works, and what does not with living shoreline projects.

Maintenance is needed. If the erosion is not addressed, it will continue to cause soil loss and sedimentation to the adjacent waters and intertidal mud flat, exposing additional debris along the shoreline and threatening the living shoreline project.

Also of interest, the pilings that were to be removed are still out there. I would be happy to attend a site visit to show you the site if the photos are not clear enough to reveal the problems that need to be addressed before they get worse.

You can view and download the photos from this site. If you need me to send them in some other manner, please let me know and I will find an alternative way to share the photos.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/xMqiqpsBGzQGA8fcA>

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