



# Town of Harvard

## *Transportation Advisory Committee*

### **Public Listening Session:**

Potential Old Mill Road Bicycle Path and Connection to Devens

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

# Meeting Agenda

- Convene and Introductions
- Zoom Participation Protocol and Conventions
- Introduction and Background of the Project
- Public Comments and Questions
- Next Steps
- Adjourn (+/- 8:30 p.m.)

# Zoom Participation Protocol and Conventions

- Once you sign in, please make sure your name is clear and up to date.
- You will be muted upon entry and throughout initial presentation.
- If you have a question about sound, video, visuals, or need some clarification of a point, please use **Chat** function.
- When we open it up for questions and comments, please use the **Raise Hand** feature and we will have someone monitoring the cue for this so you will have your turn recognized.
- We will unmute you for your question and leave it unmuted in case you have an immediate follow up. We will then re-mute after your interaction.
- You are welcome to use **Chat** function for questions, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to answer these questions during the meeting, but we will try to follow up after the meeting.

# What is This?

- The 2016 Master Plan had the following action item:

Work with MRPC and MassDevelopment to explore the feasibility of a bikeway connecting Devens and Harvard.	3-5	N	Board of Selectmen	None	TBD based on scope of work and bids received
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- The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) began discussing trying to make progress on this action in early 2021.
- MRPC's work with the Town on an Update to the Transportation Element of the Master Plan included this as a project that was carried forward and prioritized.
- TAC asked engineering consultant TEC to provide a cost estimate for just the design and permitting stage for a possible 2022 MassTrails grant application for this work. However, the deadline for applying was too soon to hold a public meeting and prepare the application.
- Additionally, since this connects to Devens, this project would need to be regional and include both entities in an application. This will require participation by DEC, MassDevelopment, and the Red Tail Golf Course management.

# Key Elements Discussed at TAC

1. Bike path on roadways (Old Mill, Blanchard) would be painted sharrows (see next slide)
2. Start of path would be at Ayer Road, connecting to the Shared Use Path.
3. Devens trail connection would be stone dust or similar.
4. There would be an emergency access gate but vehicular traffic would otherwise be prohibited.
5. There would be signage along Old Mill and Blanchard roads.



# Proposed Old Mill Road Bike Sharrow to Devens

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DEVENS

Old Mill Road - Sharrow Road

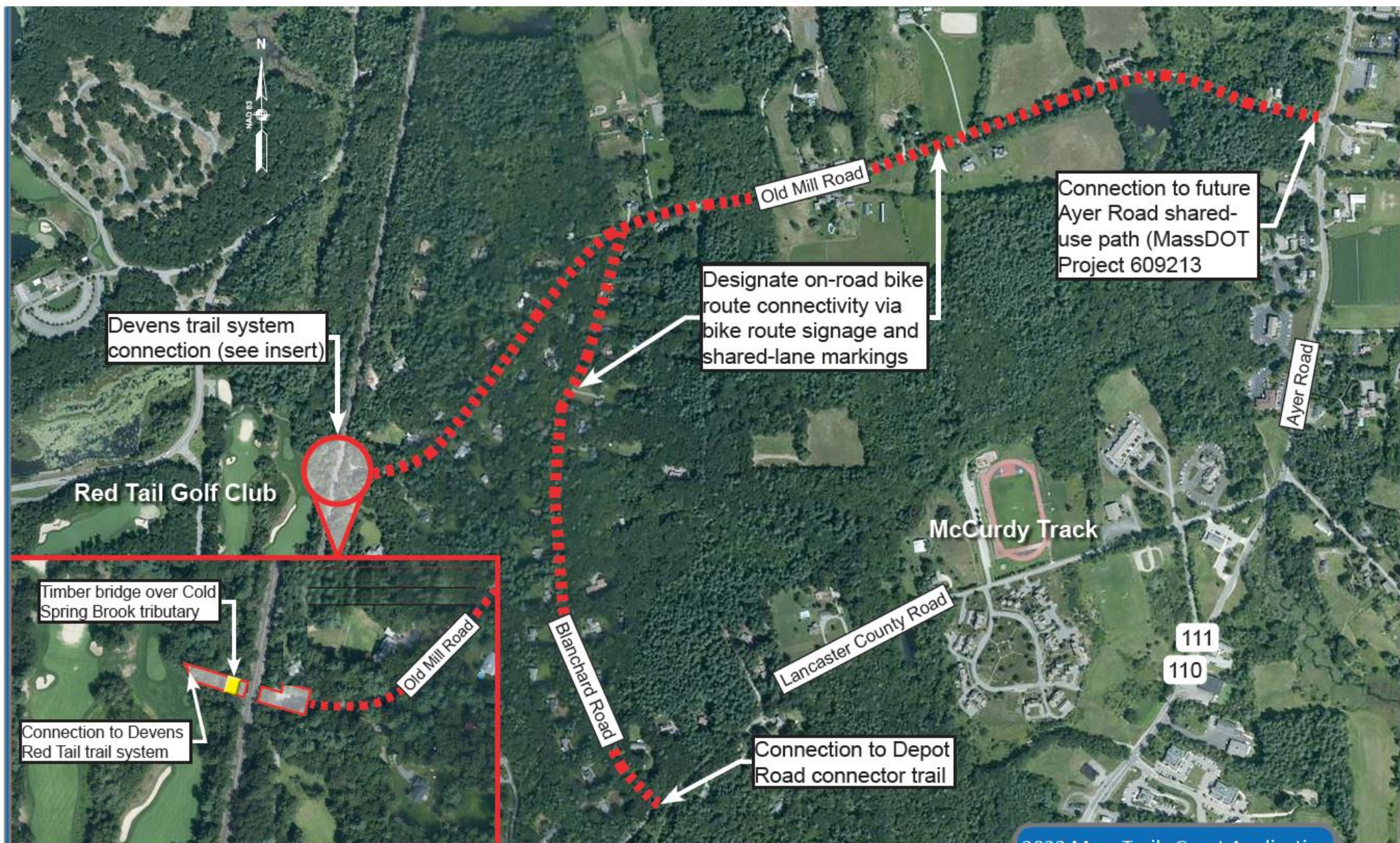
Ayer Road - Shared Use Path

Blanchard Road - Sharrow Road

- Old Mill Route
- Blanchard Route
- Ayer Road Shared Use Path
- Rail Underpass
- Path Intersection

For Discussion Only – February 16, 2022





2022 Mass Trails Grant Application

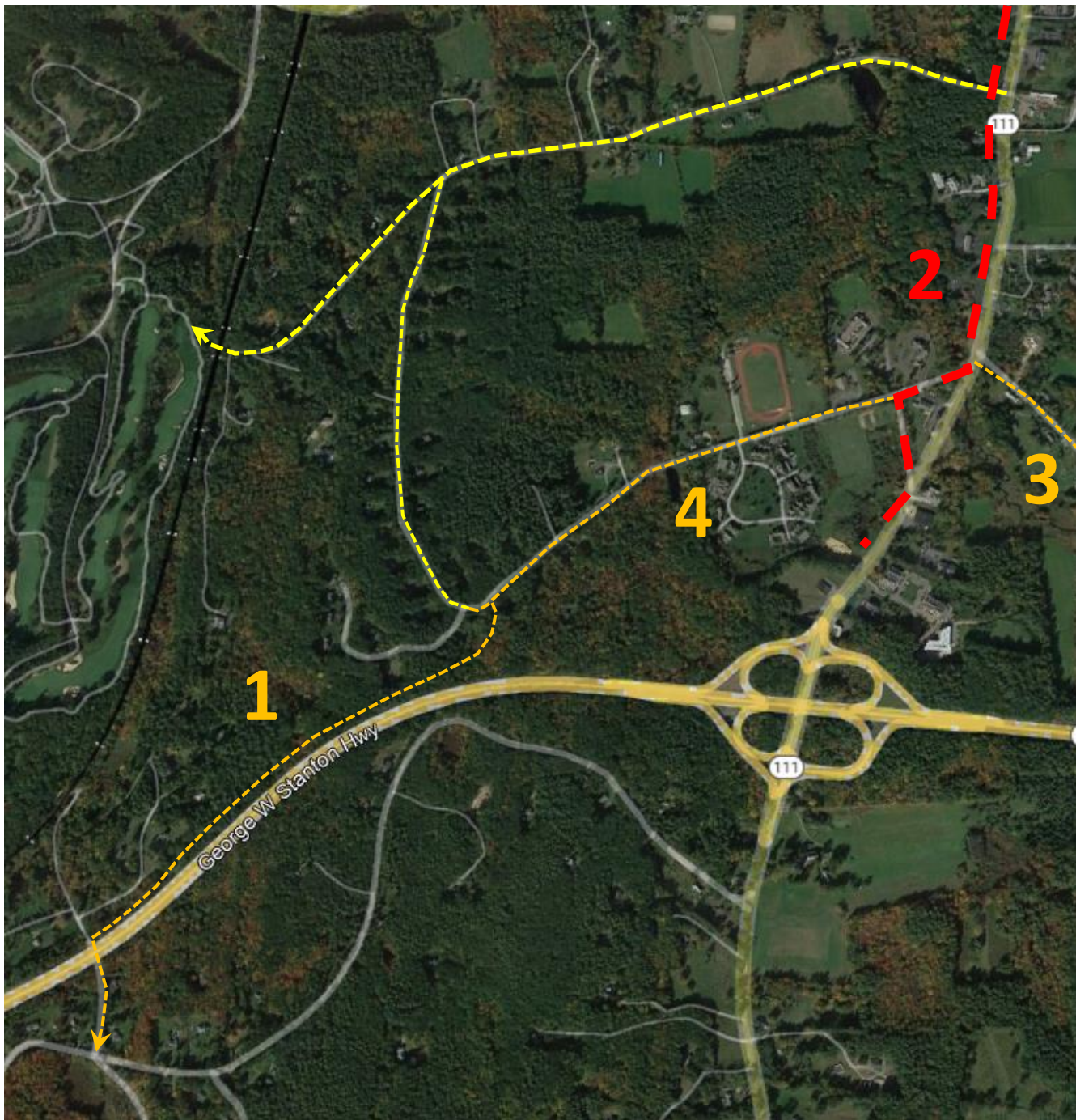


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Locus Plan & Scope of Planned Improvements  
Old Mill Road & Blanchard Road Trail Connections  
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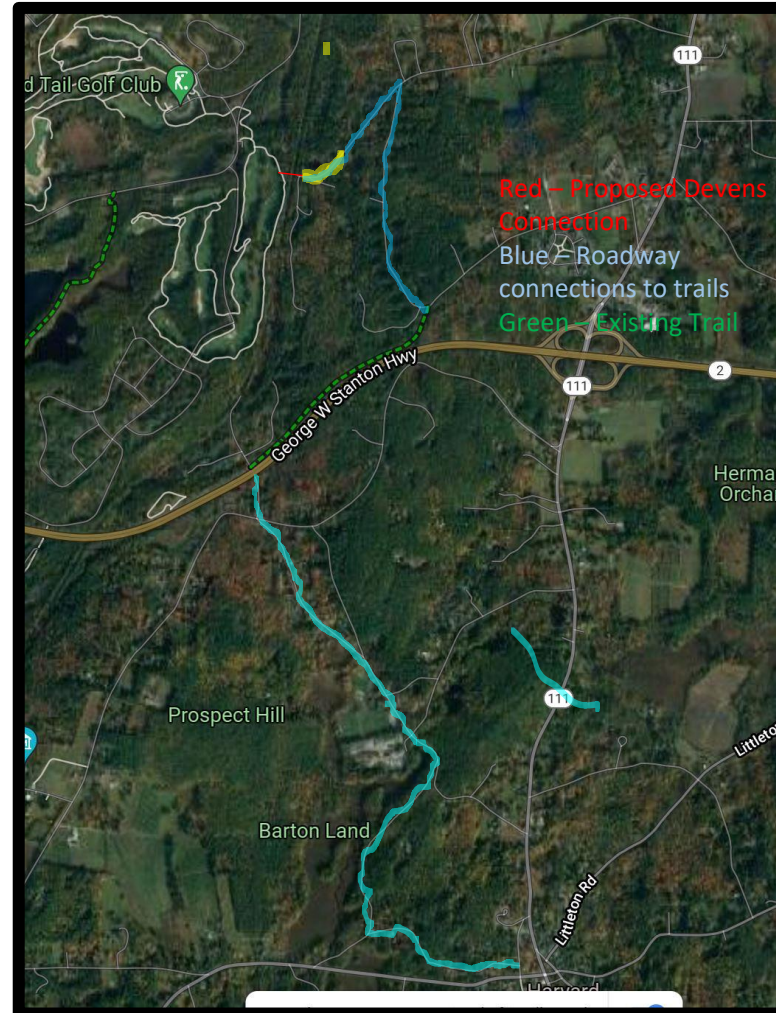


## How the Proposed Trail Could Connect to Other Trails and Paths...

1. To a Depot Road connection
2. To the Ayer Road Shared Use Path (SUP)
3. To a possible Poor Farm Road connection
4. To a Lancaster County Road connector



# Connecting North Harvard/Devens with Town Center









# **Proposed Scope of Services – Design and Permitting Only**

Proposed scope of services for engineering services for the design and permitting of a multi-use trail connection at the westerly end of Old Mill Road and on-road shared lane bicycle accommodations (comprised of pavement markings and signing) to provide expanded connectivity along Old Mill Road and Blanchard Road in Harvard, MA.

**Total cost for engineering services expected to be grant funded within a collaborative project between Harvard and Devens.**

## **Estimated Time Frame:**

**A. Grant Application – February 2023**

**B. Grant Award – Spring 2023**

**C. Design and Permitting Work (incl. 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting) – Spring/Fall 2023**

**D. Grant Application for Construction – February 2024**

**E. Grant Award – Spring 2024**

**F. Construction Work – Spring 2024 to Spring 2025**



**QUESTIONS?**

**COMMENTS?**

**CONCERNS?**