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# Coming spring 2024 completion of the Squannacook River Rail Trail!

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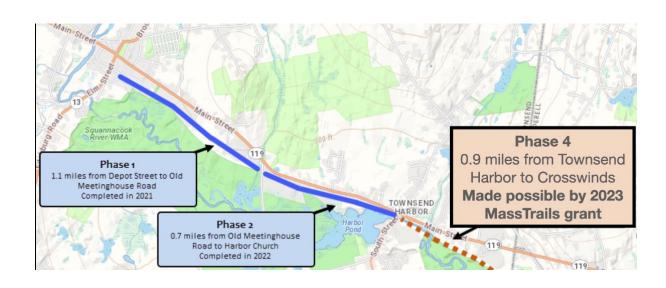
Squannacook Greenways is happy to announce that we won a 2023 MassTrails grant of \$150,000 to help build phase 4 of the Squannacook River Rail Trail! This section will run from Townsend Harbor, behind Harbor Village, to the just completed phase 3 section at Crosswinds Drive in Groton. When phase 4 is opened in the spring of 2024, the Squannacook River Rail Trail will run 3.7 miles from Townsend center to the Bertozzi area in Groton. In the picture with Lieutenant Governor Driscoll are Squannacook Greenways board members Peter Cunningham, Bruce Easom, and Joan Wotkowicz, along with friend of the rail trail Veronica Kell. Also helping to fund this section is money from the Groton Community Preservation Act and an earmark from State Senator John

Cronin.

# We look forward to a really big celebration in Spring 2024!



From left to right - Veronica Kell, Bruce Easom, Peter Cunningham, Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, and Joan Wotkowicz.





The four phases of the presently planned Squannacook River Rail Trail.



Thanks to MassTrails for numerous grants that helped make this rail trail possible.

### Is this really the end of construction?

None of the rest of the Greenville line is permitted yet, and permitting can be more challenging than construction. We are considering extensions both to the south, toward Ayer, and to the north, toward New Hampshire. But there are challenges in both directions. So stay tuned!

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