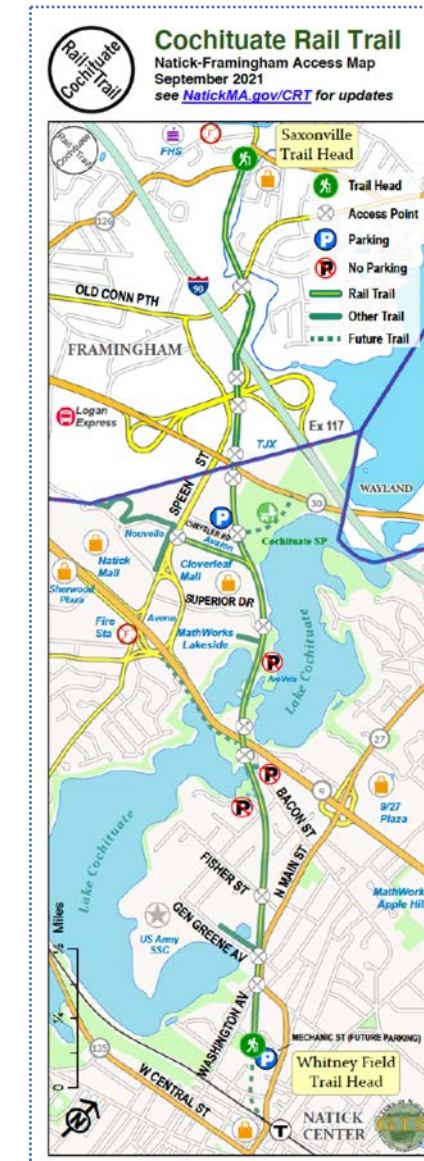


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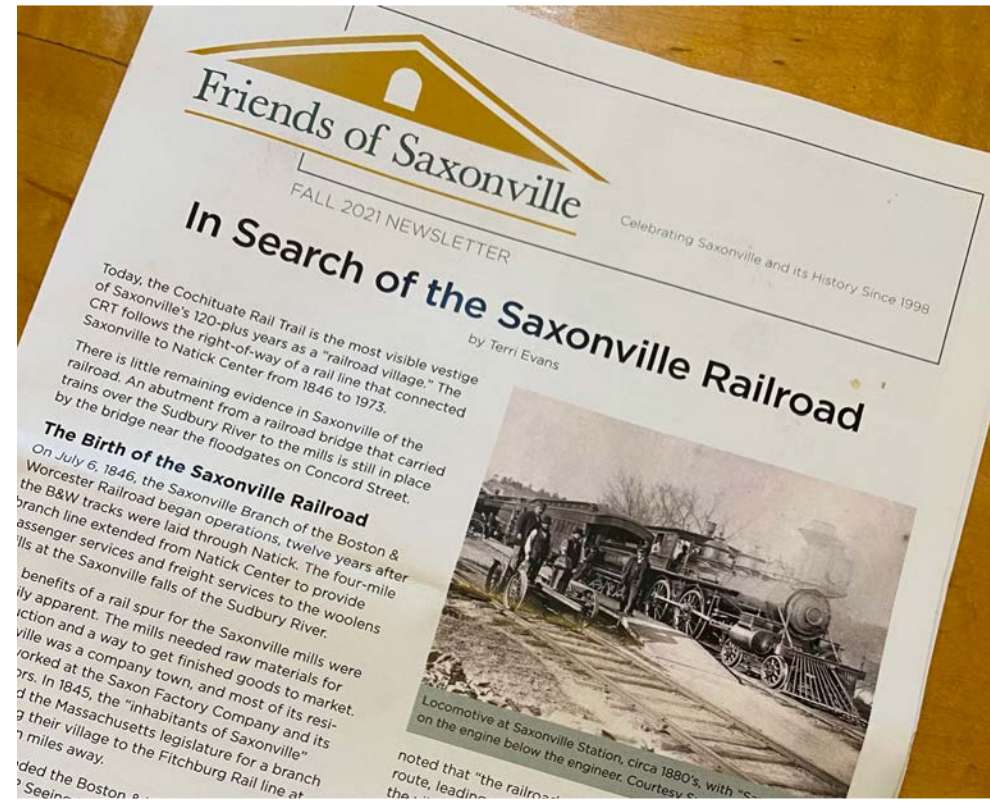
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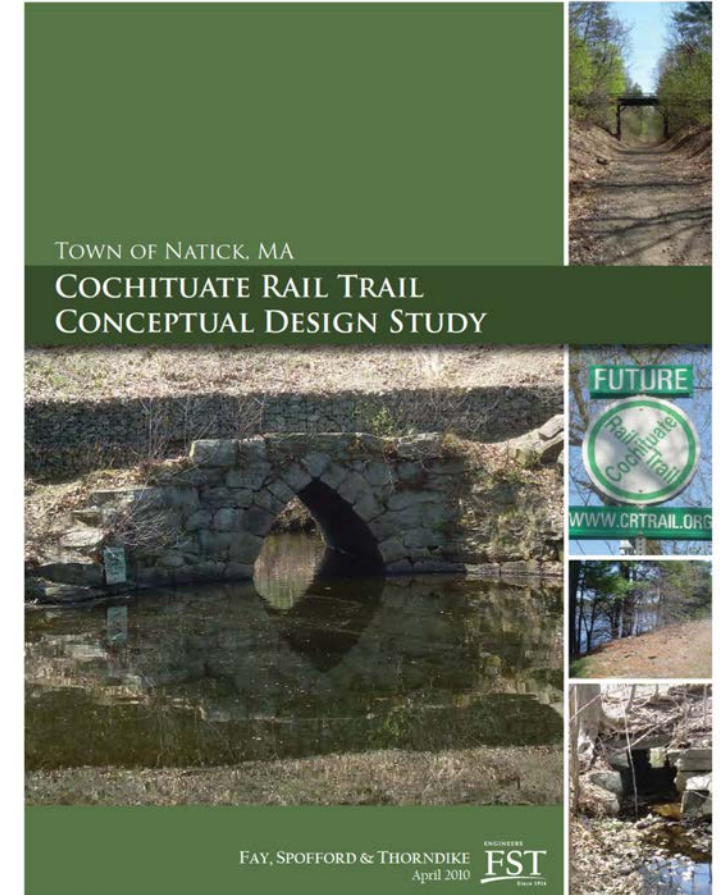


History of the Saxonville Industrial Track



CRT Planning and Design

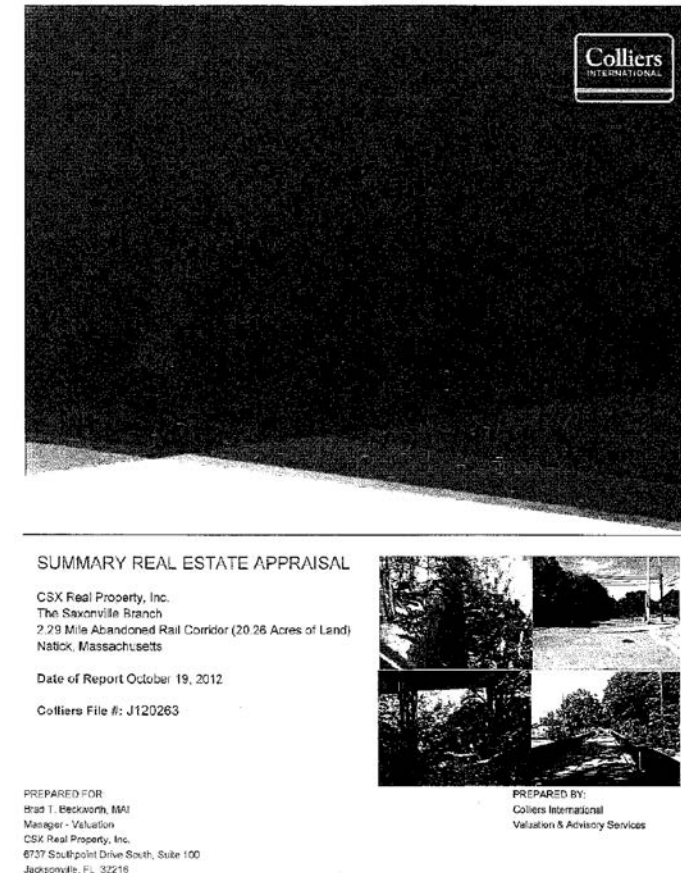
- 2001 Reconnaissance Study – Boston MPO
- 2006 Establishment of CRT Task Force
- 2006 Preliminary Report
- 2007 Abutter Report
- 2008 Community Forum
- 2010 Conceptual Design Study
- 2012 Transit/Trail Study
- 2014-2018 25% Through Final Design
- 2016 Environmental Assessment



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Land acquisition and easements

- 2006+ Railbanking
 - 2007 – 2016 Appraisals (\$3.3mm - \$14mm)
 - 2007 – 2016 CSX negotiation (\$6.07mm acquisition)
 - 2017 Wonderbread Spur taking (\$0)
 - 2018 Construction and permanent easements
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- CSX appraisal methodology
 - Railbanking pro & con
 - Eminent Domain considerations



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Construction

- 2014 MassDOT Project Review Committee approval
 - 2018 Boston MPO approval
 - 2018 Bid and contract award
 - 2019 Notice to Proceed
 - 2019 Groundbreaking
 - 2021 Ribbon cutting
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- Framingham section completed 2015

Budget Overview (all funding sources)

Total Project Budget (all funding sources)	\$19,967,957
Federal/State construction	\$12,074,327
State appropriation (design)	\$252,156
Mitigation (design)	\$875,000
Free Cash (design)	\$220,000
Mitigation (land acquisition)	\$3,100,000
Borrowing (land acquisition)	\$2,960,000
Donations (land acquisition)	\$11,000
Tax Levy (land acquisition)	\$375,000
Capital Stabilization (easements)	\$100,474

Budget Overview (local appropriations)

Design and related services				
Appropriations	Amount	Year(s)	Notes	
December 2006 STM #1	\$107,250	2006	Mall mitigation	
Spring 2007 ATM	\$30,000	2007	Mall mitigation	
Spring 2011 ATM	\$362,750	2011	Mall mitigation	
Spring 2013 ATM	\$25,000	2013	Avalon Natick mitigation	
Fall 2014 ATM	\$300,000	2014	Mall mitigation (\$100,000); 40R incentive (\$200,000)	
2016 STM #2	\$50,000	2016	MathWorks mitigation	
Fall 2017 ATM	\$220,000	2017	Free Cash	
Total	\$1,095,000			

Land Acquisition				
Appropriations	Amount	Year	Notes	
2016 Special TM #2 Article 3	\$3,100,000	2016	FAR Bonus Stabilization Fund	
2016 Special TM #2 Article 3	\$2,960,000	2016	Borrowing	
2016 Special TM #2 Article 3	\$11,000	2016	Donations	
2018 Spring TM Article 26 (Easements) *	\$200,000	2018	Capital Stabilization; unexpended appropriations revert to fund	
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Budget Overview (land/local appropriations)

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Sponsorships

- Sponsorships have been identified as a way to recoup Town expenses
- 2017 legislation to authorize Natick and Framingham to sell bridge naming rights was not successful due to legal concerns at MassDOT
- The Town has an agreement with the Friends of Natick Trails, which has provided \$100,000 +/- to date through signage, bricks, and benches
- Spring 2021 Town Meeting established a revolving fund for CRT Maintenance

Maintenance and Operations

- The DPW Land Facilities and Natural Resources Division will perform maintenance
- Town oversight and administration is under the Select Board/Town Administration

Future Connectivity

- Lake Cochituate Path – connecting to West Natick neighborhoods
 - MassDOT project at 25% design; scheduled for TIP in FFY 2025
- Natick Center/MBTA Station connection
 - Path level connection to outbound platform to be constructed by MBTA
 - Viaduct to Main Street is approaching 25% design
 - \$300,000 design c/o by MassTrails & MetroWest Health Foundation grants
 - Scheduled for TIP TBD
- Cochituate State Park connection
 - Construction by DCR late 2021/Spring 2022
- Future connections to Bruce Freeman Rail Trail
 - City of Framingham initiative