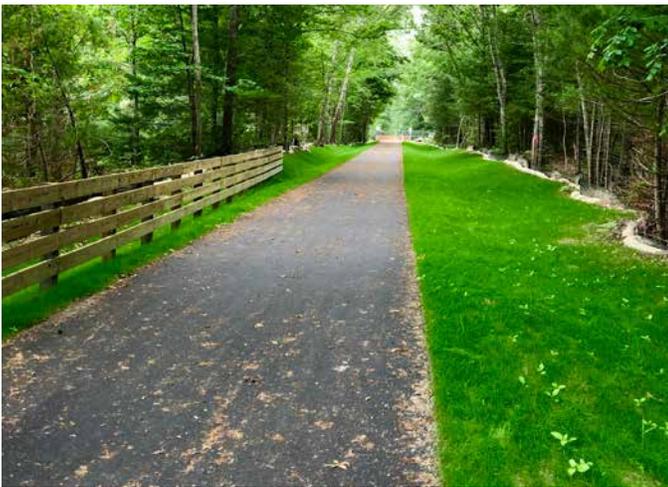




MATTAPOISETT BIKE PATH SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Phase 1B Construction Continues Despite Pandemic

Our Shining Tides (Phase 1B) is shaping up to be a great ride! Although the path is still officially slated to open in Spring 2021, unofficial reports indicate that, if construction goes as smoothly as it has since September, we could be riding this incredible mile by early Winter. If this occurs, our supporters will be the first to know! If you are not on our email list, go to: <https://mattapoissettrailtrail.com/contact-us>.



Fundraising for Phase 2B, the Marion Connector

The Mattapoissett Rail Trail has been working with the town to rebuild Industrial Drive. The rebuild will include a separate biking/walking path that runs parallel to Industrial Drive. We are currently raising funds for a half-mile segment of this path that will connect our path to Marion's anticipated bike path. This segment will complete Phase 2B and provide a safe connection from the North Street Park & Ride to the Marion town line.

While the pandemic has impacted the pace of grant funding for this phase of the bike path, our "shovel ready" design will increase our chances of being awarded grants when funding resumes.

That means we need your donations more than ever. We understand that there is so much need right now, but if you are able to contribute to making biking a safe, healthy, ecological and affordable alternative to cars, please visit our website for ways to donate. Thank you!



Covid-19 Precautions on the Trails

The Friends would like to remind everyone to do their part to keep everyone safe during this pandemic. When walking or biking, please be respectful of busy trails, and continue to maintain at least a six foot distance, or wear a mask if that's not possible and when it's mandatory (as it is on the Phoenix Rail Trail in Fairhaven.) We all need to take care of each other!



New Town Administrator Meets Bike Path Board

Mike Lorenzo, Mattapoissett's new Town Administrator, has had a whirlwind few months since taking office. Despite his frenzied schedule, on July 9th he met with five Friends of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail board members, as well as longtime Bike Path Committee member Steve Kelleher, at Shipyard Park. We all feel confident that our new town captain believes in the importance of the bike path, and that he will help keep the progress of our bike path afloat!



We are a 501c3 (tax deductible) organization!

For more information and to donate toward the completion of the bike path, please visit our website at

<https://www.mattapoisettrailtrail.com>