

City of Bath

Riverwalk Extension & Neighborhood Connectivity Study

Neighborhood Meeting
January 28, 2025



Agenda

- City Staff Welcome (6:00 PM)
- Introductions
- Available Resources
- Background & Process
- Health, Social, Environmental, and Economic Benefits
- Updated Concept Plan Review (Technical Presentation) (6:15 PM)
- Questions & Answers (6:45 PM)



Introductions

- Marc Meyers – City of Bath, City Manager
- Jenn Curtis, AICP – City of Bath, Director of Planning
- Misty Parker – City of Bath, Director of Economic and Community Development
- Rod Melanson – City of Bath, Director of Sustainability & Environment
- Jared S. Winchenbach, P.E. – Gorrill Palmer, Project Manager
- Don Ettinger, P.E. – Gorrill Palmer, Transportation Operations Leader, New England
- Seth Kimball, PLA, ASLA – Aceto Landscape Architects, Principal





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Available Resources

All material is/will be posted to the City's website at:

www.cityofbathmaine.gov/departments/PlanningDevelopment/Riverwalk

Materials include:

- Responses to questions issued during the 1st neighborhood meeting on August 21, 2024.
- Concept Plans from tonight's meeting.
- Economic Benefits of a Riverwalk.
- Examples of other Riverwalks within the State of Maine.
- Information regarding the study.

Riverwalk Video



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

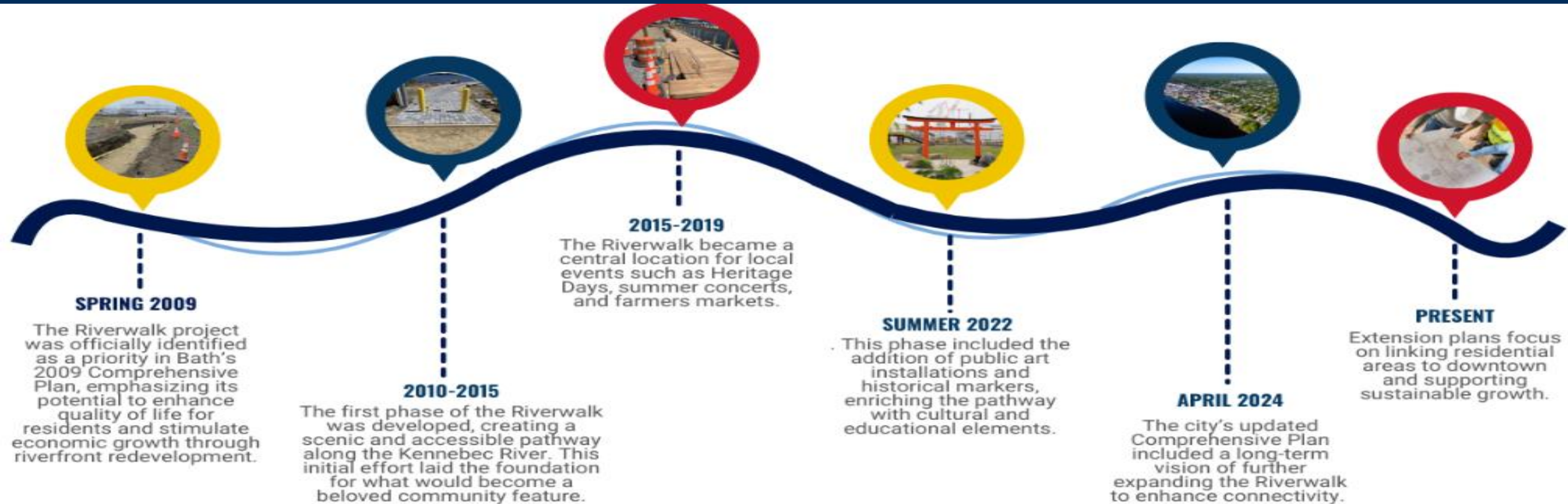
These meetings provided an opportunity for residents to share feedback on proposed designs and discuss ways to enhance public access along the waterfront. Community engagement during these sessions will help guide the next steps in developing a riverwalk for all to enjoy.





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Background & Process



RIVERWALK PROJECT TIMELINE

The development of a riverwalk serves as an important community development project that can significantly enhance the social, cultural, and economic vitality of a community. This timeline highlights key milestones in the development of the Riverwalk, showcasing the progress and vision for this community-driven project.





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Health, Social, Environmental, and Economic Benefit

- 1) Makes it easy to recreate.
- 2) Health Benefits – both physical and mental.
- 3) Environmental benefits – reducing air pollution and responsible wildlife viewing.
- 4) Safe and easy access to downtown.
- 5) Connecting people to the river helps people remember Bath's identity and history.
- 6) Pride of place – defining public space the community is proud of.
- 7) Social connectivity and cohesion.
- 8) Access for all.
- 9) Increased property values.
- 10) Fostering public-private partnerships and investment.
- 11) Attracting tourism and boosting local businesses.
- 12) Stimulating local economy through events and festivals.
- 13) Job creation and economic diversification.

BELFAST

Harborwalk

A mile long walkway connecting downtown Belfast with the working harbor.

"With a number of unique places along the working waterfront to see and stop at the riverwalk has encouraged more restaurant and retail development in the area. Additionally, by connecting with existing greenspaces, more connections and community engagement have transpired in the area."



GARDINER

Riverwalk

The riverwalk is part of a longer regional multi purpose trail along the Kennebec River.

"The economic impact of Gardiner's Riverwalk is multifaceted, enhancing tourism, supporting local businesses, improving property values, creating jobs, and fostering a stronger sense of community—all of which contribute to the long-term economic vitality of the city. Investments to their waterfront park and the riverwalk have resulted in increased recreation, visitors to downtown, and stronger support for local businesses in the area".



AUGUSTA

"The Kennebec River Rail Trail enhances public access to the Kennebec River while promoting active lifestyles, environmental stewardship, and community connection. Its accessible design and proximity to local businesses make it both a recreational asset and an economic driver for the region. The trail also serves as a venue for major events like the Ironman 70.3 Maine, drawing national attention and generating substantial visitor spending that supports the Central Maine economy. Keith Luke, City of Augusta Economic Development Director."



ECONOMIC IMPACT

The economic benefits of the Riverwalk project, will boost local businesses, increase tourism, create jobs, and enhance Bath's appeal as a vibrant, thriving community destination.





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FEASIBILITY STUDY

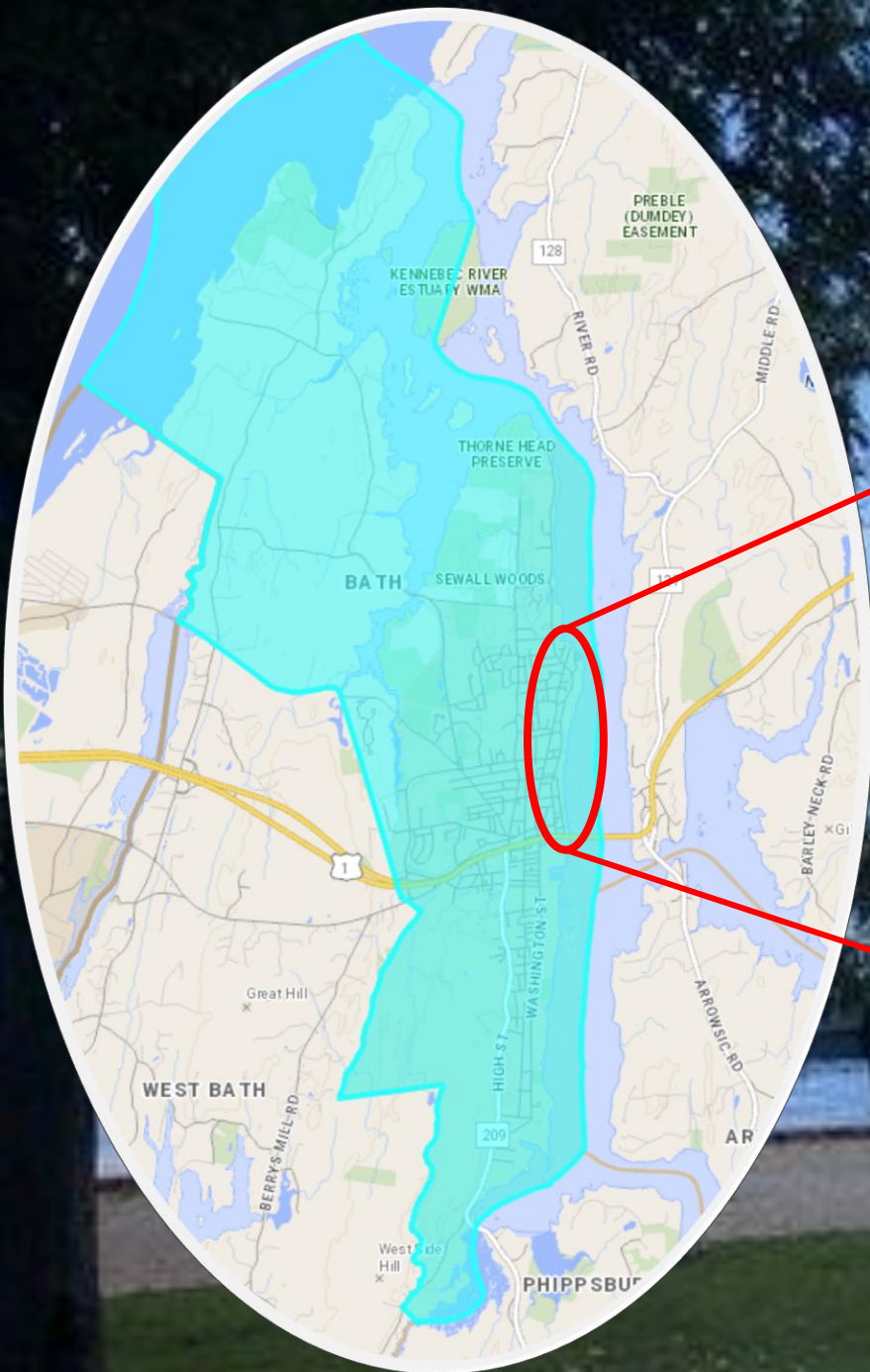
The primary scope of work of this study is to identify the costs, impacts, and constraints of constructing a new multi-use trail within the study area. The goal of the study is to develop a continuous pedestrian route from the waterfront park up to the boat launch facility.



Technical Review



Study Area



- Commercial Street
- Front Street
- Bowery Street
- Town Landing Road





Bowery Street
25 MPH
(AADT: <500)

Front Street
25 mph
(AADT: 800)

Commercial Street
25 mph
(AADT: 1300)

**Existing
Infrastructure**

Town Landing Road
25 mph
(AADT: <100)

AADT = Average Annual Daily Traffic

East Coast Greenway



Existing Infrastructure

- Pedestrian Connectivity (see below)
- Bicycle accommodations
 - Eastcoast Greenway Route 1A (see picture)
 - Sharrows, & Bike Lanes.
- Review access management
- Placemaking opportunities
- Landscaping, lighting, wayfinding, & amenities



Existing Pedestrian Infrastructure

Existing Infrastructure Usage

STRAVA



Bicyclists



Pedestrians

Existing Infrastructure Usage

Large Vehicle Access



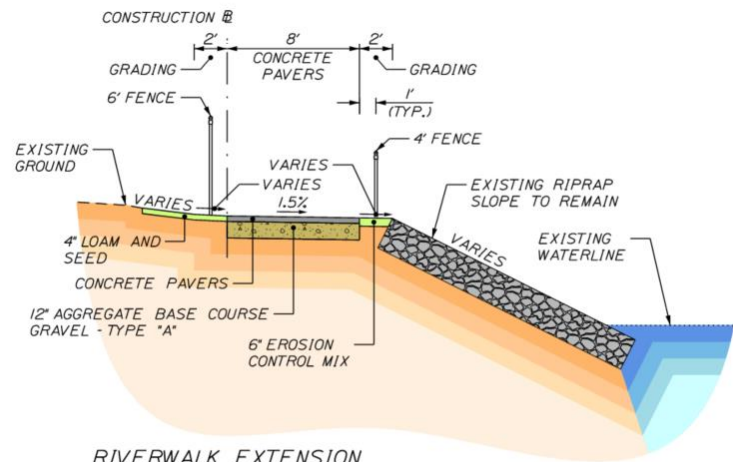


Linwood E. Temple Waterfront Park

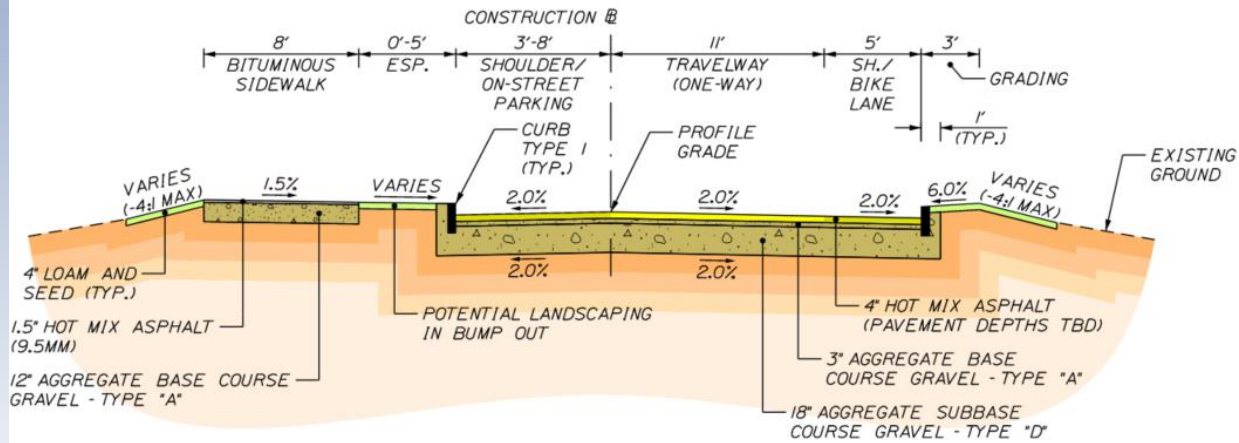


North End Boat Launch

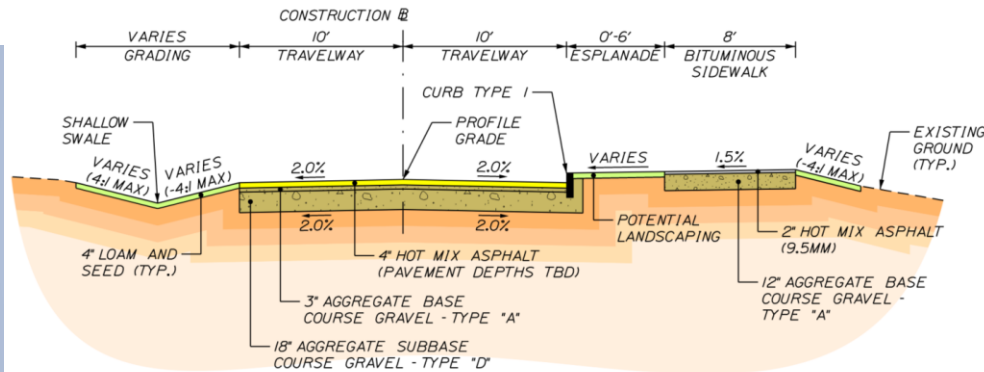
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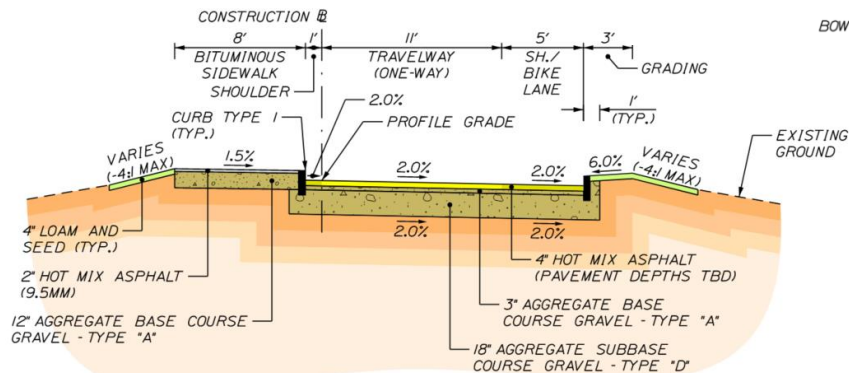
RIVERWALK EXTENSION
FULL DEPTH RECONSTRUCTION
 WOODEN WALKWAY TO FRONT STREET



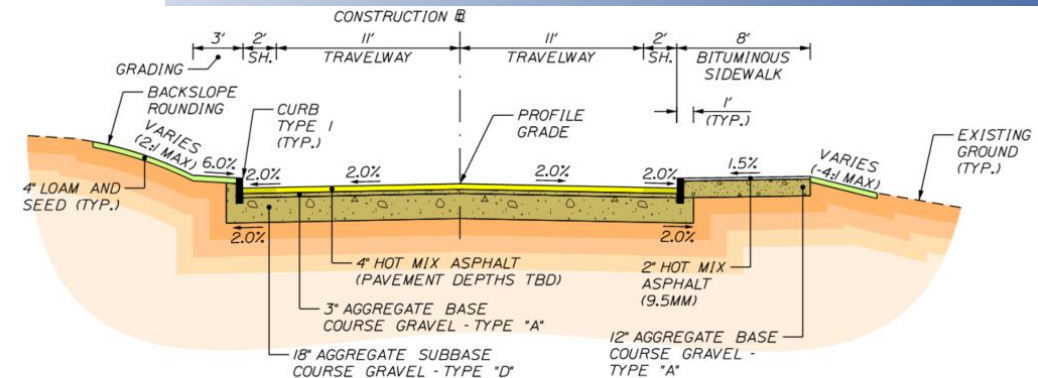
FRONT STREET
FULL DEPTH RECONSTRUCTION
 COMMERCIAL STREET TO HOLLY STREET



TOWN LANDING ROAD
FULL DEPTH RECONSTRUCTION
 BOWERY STREET TO THE NORTH END BOAT LAUNCH



FRONT STREET
FULL DEPTH RECONSTRUCTION
 HOLLY STREET TO BOWERY STREET



BOWERY STREET
FULL DEPTH RECONSTRUCTION
 FRONT STREET TO TOWN LANDING ROAD

Typical Sections



Draft Concept
Plans



**Draft Concept
Plans**



1111 WASHINGTON ST
N/F MASON, MICHAEL R &
MURPHY, PETER D. TRUST
MASON & MURPHY TRUST

1115 WASHINGTON
ST
N/F SCHWARTZ
ERIK L &
KATHLEEN L

1121 WASHINGTON
ST
N/F CARON,
GREGORY R &
MARY W
TRUST

1127 WASHINGTON ST
N/F BLANK, SCOTT L &
CAROL T

1135 WASHINGTON ST
N/F ANDERSON, SCOTT
D & SAETZ, JACOB A

26 BOWERY ST
N/F WICKMAN, JONATHAN
LENN & JACQUELINE
WICKMAN

BOWERY ST
N/F MCINNIS, MICHAEL
D & LYNN A

BOWERY ST
N/F DUPUIS,
MARIELOUISE FRS
MASTERS TRUST

13 BOWERY ST
N/F RESACK, MICHAEL D
RESACK, GARY D

N/F CITY
OF BATH

BOWERY ST
N/F SLAY & DAYLAN
SLAY

FRONT STREET

ONE-WAY →

ONE-WAY

BOWERY STREET

**Draft Concept
Plans**

POTENTIAL FUTURE
CONNECTION:
POTENTIAL SCENIC
OVERLOOK AND
PEDESTRIAN ACCESS
WAY TO SITE BELOW



100 BOWERY ST
M/INTS, RICHARD
P. & JENNA A.

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100 BOWERY ST
M/INTS, RICHARD
P. & JENNA A.

110 BOWERY ST
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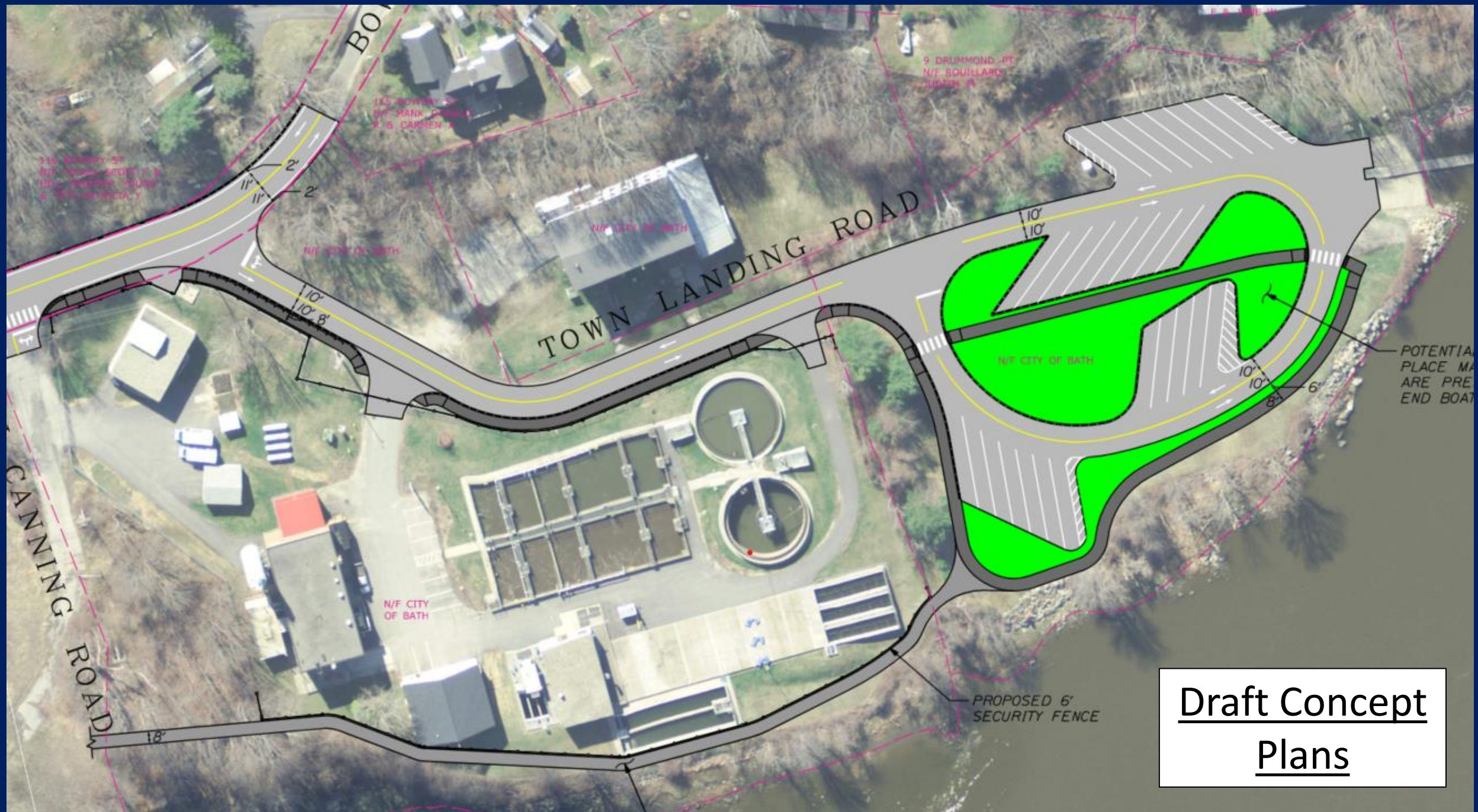
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REHABILITATION OF
EXISTING RETAINING
WALL IS REQUIRED

THIS AREA IS PRIVATELY OWNED AND CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR ADDITIONAL SITE DEVELOPMENT. ANY PROPOSED TRAIL CONNECTIONS AND/OR SCENIC AREAS WILL NEED TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER/SITE DEVELOPER. THE PROPOSED PATHWAY SEGMENTS AT EITHER END OF THE SITE ARE TO SHOW POTENTIAL CONNECTION POINTS WITH THE INTERNAL PEDESTRIAN NETWORK TO BE DECIDED BY THE DEVELOPER.

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100 BOWERY ST
N/F MCINTOSH, MICHAEL
S. & JENNIFER A.

BOWERY ST
N/F DUPUIS,
MARIELOUISE FRA
MAISON ANCIENNE

115 BOWERY ST
N/F BROWN, SCOTT F. &
JANE, JENNIFER, JAMES
& TARA, JENNIFER Y.

1201 WASHINGTON ST
N/F LANDLUBER, J.

23 CUMMINGS ST
N/F WILSON, BRADLEY
T. & JENNIFER L.

24 BOWERY ST
N/F WILSON, BRADLEY
T. & JENNIFER L.

N/F STONE

BOWERY STREET

BATH CANNING ROAD

POTENTIAL FUTURE
CONNECTION:
POTENTIAL SCENIC
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65 BOWERY ST
N/F DIRIGO
HOLDINGS LLC

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Schedule

- ☐ Neighborhood Meeting #1: August 21, 2024
- ☐ Neighborhood Meeting #2: January 28, 2025*
- ☐ Public Meeting: May 2025
- ☐ Draft Report: June/July 2025
- ☐ Final Report: August 2025

* A separate Zoom meeting has been requested to enable participation for people who could not attend in person, see the website for additional details.

Public Input

- ☐ Safety Improvements
- ☐ Intersection Improvements
- ☐ Pedestrian / Bike Accommodations
- ☐ Traffic Pattern Adjustments
- ☐ Access Management
- ☐ Parking Accommodations
- ☐ Pedestrian Connectivity
- ☐ Placemaking Opportunities
- ☐ Other Items



Questions?