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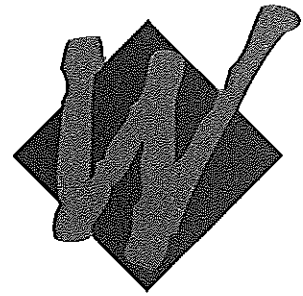
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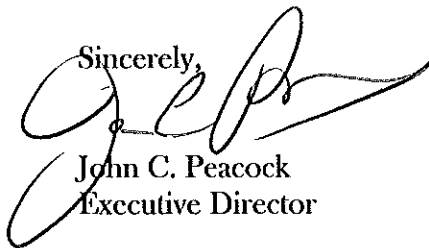
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Daria Gere  
Executive Director





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Jodi Rosenbaum  
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Sincerely,

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July 8, 2013

Dear Paul,

I'm writing as Site Leader of the Adobe Systems building at 21 Hickory Drive in Waltham and as a committed bike rider. Adobe values the environment, and to that extent has built a Leed Certified Platinum building here at the site. Indeed, most Adobe buildings have achieved Leed Certification.

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we encourage the use of alternative transportation, but would welcome a more bike-friendly environment in Waltham. We currently support biking to work by providing a secure bike cage at our facility, as well as making available a monthly "stipend" for those employees who choose to leave their cars at home and commute by bike.

The development of the Mass Central Rail Trail would be a significant boost for those commuting along that corridor. It has the potential to take a number of cars off the road, and to increase safety for those of us already on bikes.

The 128 business area is already choking on the number of cars trying to get in and out during rush hours. Providing a safe and convenient route can help alleviate the congestion, reduce pollution, and contribute significant health benefits to those who choose to ride.

Thanks very much for your work so far. I look forward to riding on the MCRT soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RT Am', written over a horizontal line.

Rick Treitman  
Entrepreneur in Residence  
Site Leader  
Adobe Systems



Paul Jahnige  
Director Greenways and Trails Program  
Department of Conservation and Recreation  
136 Damon Rd  
Northampton, MA 01060

Dear Paul,

We, the Friends of the Mass Central Rail Trail, Wayland, want to register our enthusiastic support for the development of a recreational path along the old Mass Central Railroad bed. We represent the residents of Wayland, who have shown unmistakable support (see Exhibit A), voting their approval of the trail development in a town-wide referendum in 1997, and appropriating \$25,000 for feasibility studies in 2011. People from towns along this rail right of way have been advocating for development of a rail trail since the day the last train came thru 35 years ago. There is overwhelming demand for this linear greenway in our suburbs, and the benefits to our communities are huge.

Evidence that people want this greenway to be established can be seen from any road that crosses the rail bed. Along most of this 23 mile abandoned right-of-way, adventurous joggers, bikers, and dog walkers have, on their own, already created a dirt trail that they use to navigate this corridor. They are fighting poison ivy, ticks, thorns, vines and trash, but still they come. Development of the rail trail will allow everybody – young children, families, seniors – to enjoy it.

In addition to providing greater accessibility, development of the rail trail will address an important safety issue. Just for fun, pretend you are a family with younger kids and you want to ride a bike or walk locally, maybe from one town center to another, e.g., Weston to Wayland, or Sudbury to Hudson. Pull up Google maps and you will see that any route available is too dangerous. Connecting roadways are too busy and too narrow. Now, imagine that the rail trail is built - it goes thru the town centers, and suddenly you have a safe, enjoyably and beautiful walk or bike from one Metrowest town to another. From the perspective of a pedestrian or biker, the change could not be more dramatic.

The health, recreation, transportation, and economic benefits of rail trails are well documented. What is so special about this rail trail? *It's the connections.* Beyond connecting our towns, the Mass Central will be a linchpin in a growing system of rail trails. Massachusetts has several excellent planned and existing rail trails, but nearly all of them run north/south. The Mass Central will provide an east/west corridor connecting the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, the Assabet River Rail Trail, the National Wildlife Refuge, the Bay Circuit Trail and the Minuteman Bikeway into an incredible recreational/ transportation trail network.

Sincerely,

Larry Kiernan  
Friends of the Mass Central Rail Trail, Wayland



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RE: MBTA Rail Trail

Dear Mr. Jahnige:

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The Planning Board looks forward to the development of more miles of useable trails and look forward to someday joining our trail to other trails in adjacent communities. We strongly support DCR's efforts and herby endorse them in their continued endeavors to transform this abandoned rail corridor into a linear park.

Very truly yours,

Sarkis Sarkisian  
Director of Planning

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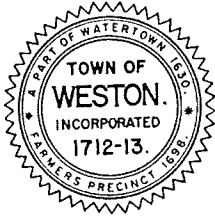
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Beth Toolan, Executive Director  
Waltham Partnership for Youth, Inc.  
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June 27, 2013

Paul Jahnige  
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**RE: Planning Phase – 23-Mile Mass Central Rail Trail**

Dear Mr. Jahnige:

The Weston Conservation Commission (Commission) has been informed that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is preparing an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) that will be filed with the Mass Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) office in the middle of July. The Commission supports DCR's decision to embark on the planning phase of developing the 23-mile Massachusetts Central Rail Trail, Wayside Branch, that will run from Berlin to Waltham.

DCR's basic plan, as the Commission understands it, includes developing a 10' wide multi-use path with shoulders to be built primarily on the existing alignment of the railroad grade. The Commission and the Town of Weston anticipate the opportunity to review the details submitted in the EENF. The Commission intends to stay involved as the project progresses to ensure that the project minimizes environmental impacts as it provides passive recreational opportunities for trail users.

Sincerely,

Laurie Bent  
Chair, Weston Conservation Commission

Cc: Weston Board of Selectmen  
Michele Grzenda, Conservation Commission Administrator



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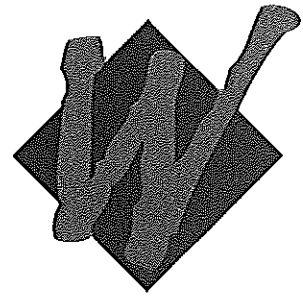
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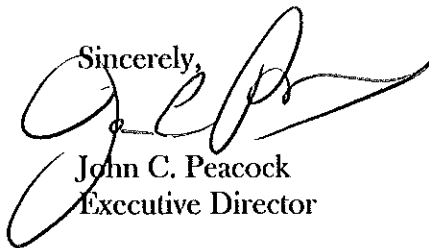
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Sincerely,

*Douglas Waybright*

Douglas Waybright, Vice President  
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July 19, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of WATCH CDC, we are excited to learn that Department of Conservation and Recreation Services (DCR) is filing an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) for the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail (MCRT). This long awaited trail, which passes through Waltham, when finally completed will be over 100 miles long through 24 communities, making it the longest single rail trail in New England. We understand that this EENF proposes to construct a 10'-wide, multi-use pathway primarily constructed on the existing Mass Central railroad grade from Berlin to Waltham, a distance of approximately 23 miles.

We believe this trail will significantly benefit our community, providing those who live, work, study and recreate in Waltham additional opportunities to enjoy its natural resources.

WATCH CDC looks forward to the development of more miles of useable trails and look forward to someday joining our trail to other trails in adjacent communities. We strongly support DCR's efforts and hereby endorse them in their continued endeavors to transform this abandoned rail corridor into a linear park.

Sincerely,

Daria Gere  
Executive Director





Empowering Youth to Take Charge of Their Lives by Taking Charge of a Business

July 18, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of More Than Words, we are excited to learn that Department of Conservation and Recreation Services (DCR) is filing an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) for the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail (MCRT). This long awaited trail, which passes through Waltham, when finally completed, will be over 100 miles long through 24 communities, making it the longest single rail trail in New England. We understand that this EENF proposes to construct a 10'-wide, multi-use pathway primarily constructed on the existing Mass Central railroad grade from Berlin to Waltham, a distance of approximately 23 miles.

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Sincerely,

Jodi Rosenbaum  
Executive Director

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August 9, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, we are excited to learn that Department of Conservation and Recreation Services (DCR) is filing an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) for the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail (MCRT). This long awaited trail, which passes through Waltham, when finally completed will be over 100 miles long through 24 communities, making it the longest single rail trail in New England. We understand that this EENF proposes to construct a 10'-wide, multi-use pathway primarily constructed on the existing Mass Central railroad grade from Berlin to Waltham, a distance of approximately 23 miles.

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REACH Beyond Domestic Violence looks forward to the development of more miles of useable trails and looks forward to someday joining our trail to other trails in adjacent communities. We strongly support DCR's efforts and hereby endorse them in their continued endeavors to transform this abandoned rail corridor into a linear park.

Sincerely,

Laura R. Van Zandt  
Executive Director

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*Mark Wasnock*  
*President 2013 - 2014*

July 26, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Rotary Club of Waltham we are excited to learn that Department of Conservation and Recreation Services (DCR) is filing an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) for the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail (MCRT). This long awaited trail, which passes through Waltham, when finally completed, will be over 100 miles long through 24 communities, making it the longest single rail trail in New England. We understand that this EENF proposes to construct a 10'-wide, multi-use pathway primarily constructed on the existing Mass Central railroad grade from Berlin to Waltham, a distance of approximately 23 miles.

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The Rotary Club of Waltham looks forward to the development of more miles of useable trails and look forward to someday joining our trail to other trails in adjacent communities. We strongly support DCR's efforts and herby endorse them in their continued endeavors to transform this abandoned rail corridor into a linear park.

Sincerely,

Mark Wasnock  
President



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July 8, 2013

Dear Paul,

I'm writing as Site Leader of the Adobe Systems building at 21 Hickory Drive in Waltham and as a committed bike rider. Adobe values the environment, and to that extent has built a Leed Certified Platinum building here at the site. Indeed, most Adobe buildings have achieved Leed Certification.

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we encourage the use of alternative transportation, but would welcome a more bike-friendly environment in Waltham. We currently support biking to work by providing a secure bike cage at our facility, as well as making available a monthly "stipend" for those employees who choose to leave their cars at home and commute by bike.

The development of the Mass Central Rail Trail would be a significant boost for those commuting along that corridor. It has the potential to take a number of cars off the road, and to increase safety for those of us already on bikes.

The 128 business area is already choking on the number of cars trying to get in and out during rush hours. Providing a safe and convenient route can help alleviate the congestion, reduce pollution, and contribute significant health benefits to those who choose to ride.

Thanks very much for your work so far. I look forward to riding on the MCRT soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RT Am', written over a horizontal line.

Rick Treitman  
Entrepreneur in Residence  
Site Leader  
Adobe Systems



Paul Jahnige  
Director Greenways and Trails Program  
Department of Conservation and Recreation  
136 Damon Rd  
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Dear Paul,

We, the Friends of the Mass Central Rail Trail, Wayland, want to register our enthusiastic support for the development of a recreational path along the old Mass Central Railroad bed. We represent the residents of Wayland, who have shown unmistakable support (see Exhibit A), voting their approval of the trail development in a town-wide referendum in 1997, and appropriating \$25,000 for feasibility studies in 2011. People from towns along this rail right of way have been advocating for development of a rail trail since the day the last train came thru 35 years ago. There is overwhelming demand for this linear greenway in our suburbs, and the benefits to our communities are huge.

Evidence that people want this greenway to be established can be seen from any road that crosses the rail bed. Along most of this 23 mile abandoned right-of-way, adventurous joggers, bikers, and dog walkers have, on their own, already created a dirt trail that they use to navigate this corridor. They are fighting poison ivy, ticks, thorns, vines and trash, but still they come. Development of the rail trail will allow everybody – young children, families, seniors – to enjoy it.

In addition to providing greater accessibility, development of the rail trail will address an important safety issue. Just for fun, pretend you are a family with younger kids and you want to ride a bike or walk locally, maybe from one town center to another, e.g., Weston to Wayland, or Sudbury to Hudson. Pull up Google maps and you will see that any route available is too dangerous. Connecting roadways are too busy and too narrow. Now, imagine that the rail trail is built - it goes thru the town centers, and suddenly you have a safe, enjoyably and beautiful walk or bike from one Metrowest town to another. From the perspective of a pedestrian or biker, the change could not be more dramatic.

The health, recreation, transportation, and economic benefits of rail trails are well documented. What is so special about this rail trail? *It's the connections.* Beyond connecting our towns, the Mass Central will be a linchpin in a growing system of rail trails. Massachusetts has several excellent planned and existing rail trails, but nearly all of them run north/south. The Mass Central will provide an east/west corridor connecting the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, the Assabet River Rail Trail, the National Wildlife Refuge, the Bay Circuit Trail and the Minuteman Bikeway into an incredible recreational/ transportation trail network.

Sincerely,

Larry Kiernan  
Friends of the Mass Central Rail Trail, Wayland



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Wayland Town Planner

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Paul Jahnige  
Director Greenways and Trails Program  
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RE: MBTA Rail Trail

Dear Mr. Jahnige:

On behalf of the Town of Wayland Planning Board we are excited to learn that Department of Conservation and Recreation Services (DCR) is filing an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) for the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail (MCRT). This long awaited trail which passes through our New Town Center Development, when finally completed will be over 100 miles long through 24 communities, making it the longest single rail trail in New England. The Planning Board has already committed \$250,000 dollars for this trail that runs through Wayland by the Town Center Developer.

The Planning Board looks forward to the development of more miles of useable trails and look forward to someday joining our trail to other trails in adjacent communities. We strongly support DCR's efforts and herby endorse them in their continued endeavors to transform this abandoned rail corridor into a linear park.

Very truly yours,

Sarkis Sarkisian  
Director of Planning



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**To:** Jahnige, Paul (DCR)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of Support for MCRT - Wayside Branch from Berlin to Waltham

**From:** Randel, Kathy [<mailto:krandel@hbs.edu>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2013 1:51 PM  
**To:** Jahnige, Paul (DCR)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for MCRT - Wayside Branch from Berlin to Waltham

Dear Mr. Jahnige,

I am writing on behalf of the Waltham Energy Action Committee to support the construction of the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail Wayside Branch from Berlin to Waltham. Denmark recently opened their first Cycle Super Highway, providing cyclists a safe, smooth ride from central Copenhagen to the suburban town of Albertslund, 22 km outside the city. "The newly opened Copenhagen-Albertslund route is the first of a planned network that when completed will comprise 26 Cycle Super Highways, covering a total of 300 km. The network will increase the number of cycle lanes in Greater Copenhagen by 15 percent and is predicted to reduce public expenditure by EUR 40.3 million annually thanks to improved health." (<http://denmark.dk/en/green-living/bicycle-culture/cycle-super-highway/>) With the Minuteman Trail and the Charles River Bike Path, MCRT would add to Boston's own cycle super highways.

The Wayside Branch of the MCRT is also an important segment of the East Coast Greenway, which, when completed will provide nearly 3,000 miles of shared-use paths from Canada to Key West, linking all the major cities of the eastern seaboard. (<http://www.greenway.org/vision.aspx>)

The Waltham Energy Action Committee is very excited by the possibility of this long-awaited path coming to fruition. Please let me know if there is anything else we can do to help.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Katharine L. Randel  
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Please consider the environment before printing this email.

July 18, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Waltham Partnership for Youth, we are excited to learn that Department of Conservation and Recreation Services (DCR) is filing an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) for the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail (MCRT). This long awaited trail, which passes through Waltham, when finally completed will be over 100 miles long through 24 communities, making it the longest single rail trail in New England. We understand that this EENF proposes to construct a 10'-wide, multi-use pathway primarily constructed on the existing Mass Central railroad grade from Berlin to Waltham, a distance of approximately 23 miles.

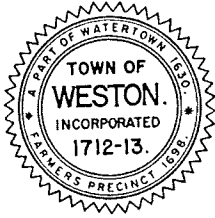
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Waltham Partnership for Youth looks forward to the development of more miles of useable trails and look forward to someday joining our trail to other trails in adjacent communities. We strongly support DCR's efforts and hereby endorse them in their continued endeavors to transform this abandoned rail corridor into a linear park.

Sincerely,



Beth Toolan, Executive Director  
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## WESTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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June 27, 2013

Paul Jahnige  
Director Greenways and Trails Program  
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**RE: Planning Phase – 23-Mile Mass Central Rail Trail**

Dear Mr. Jahnige:

The Weston Conservation Commission (Commission) has been informed that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is preparing an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) that will be filed with the Mass Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) office in the middle of July. The Commission supports DCR's decision to embark on the planning phase of developing the 23-mile Massachusetts Central Rail Trail, Wayside Branch, that will run from Berlin to Waltham.

DCR's basic plan, as the Commission understands it, includes developing a 10' wide multi-use path with shoulders to be built primarily on the existing alignment of the railroad grade. The Commission and the Town of Weston anticipate the opportunity to review the details submitted in the EENF. The Commission intends to stay involved as the project progresses to ensure that the project minimizes environmental impacts as it provides passive recreational opportunities for trail users.

Sincerely,

Laurie Bent  
Chair, Weston Conservation Commission

Cc: Weston Board of Selectmen  
Michele Grzenda, Conservation Commission Administrator

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July 29, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of Directors of the Waltham Land Trust strongly supports the creation of the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail (MCRT), and we are excited to learn that the Department of Conservation and Recreation Services (DCR) is filing an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) for the project. When completed, the long awaited trail, which passes through Waltham, will be over 100 miles long. The MCRT passes through 24 communities, making it the longest single rail trail in New England. We understand that this EENF proposes to construct a 10'-wide, multi-use pathway primarily constructed on the existing Mass Central railroad grade from Berlin to Waltham, a distance of approximately 23 miles.

The Waltham Land Trust has been actively supporting and promoting the MCRT in our community. In the stretch east of Lyman Street, the path coincides with the Western Greenway, a 20-mile trail network we are currently constructing in collaboration with the Friends of the Western Greenway. We have engaged over 100 volunteers to assist DCR with clean-up activities along this section. Representatives of the Land Trust and the Waltham City Council have walked the entire length of the MCRT in Waltham with DCR District Manager Kevin Hollenbeck, and discussed neighborhood connections to the trail. The Land Trust has garnered support for the trail with several community groups and business associations, each of which plans to submit its own letters of support for this project. Waltham anxiously awaits the creation of the MCRT.

The Waltham Land Trust looks forward to the development of more miles of useable trails and to building further connections between the MCRT and our community trails. We strongly support DCR's efforts and hereby endorse them in their continued endeavors to transform this abandoned rail corridor into a spectacular linear park.

Sincerely,

Nadene B. Stein, PhD  
President