

March 21, 2016
Weston CPC



Spring 2016 Recreation Path CPA Funding Requests

1. Winter St construction \$250K

2. Merriam St design \$30K

prepared by Weston Traffic & Sidewalk Committee

Why Invest CPA \$ in Recreational Paths?

- **Town benefits:** connect existing network of paths and trails through a modest (10%) expansion of our infrastructure. Connect our paths to our neighboring Towns that are doing/have done same.
- **Health benefits:** promotes “at home” exercise
- **Recreational benefits:** give walkers & joggers an attractive alternative that is off our busy streets
- **Community & social benefits:** paths connect neighbors and enhance property values

Health Benefits of Recreational Walking

- Center for Disease Control, *A Report of the Surgeon General, Physical Activity and Health, At-A-Glance*. CDC, Atlanta, GA, 1996
- <http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/info-2014/sidewalks-fact-sheet.html>
- <http://jpubhealth.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2013/10/23/pubmed.fdt099.abstract?sid=8e9e0ef8-aecb-4950-8303-d436f0c5f6f8>
- www.smartgrowthamerica.org/completestreets
- American Planning Association: The Benefits of Street-Scale Features for Walking and Biking
- <http://www.healthbydesignonline.org/documents/HbDFS Sidewalks.pdf>

How did TSC set priorities?

By mapping all the existing sidewalks, paths, and trails in Town, then identifying:

- Connections to/from schools
- Connections to/from transit stations
- Connections for “missing links” where existing sidewalks abruptly stop
- Typically, only major Town roads were considered
- E.g., Town Center to Rte 117 North-South links:
 1. Concord/Merriam (2.5m long, 0.5m w/out sidewalk)
 2. Conant (2.0m long, 1.2m w/out sidewalk)

Section Priorities

<u>Location</u>	<u>Length (ft)</u>	<u>Status</u>
• Warren Ave	1,800'	Funded
• Brown/Winter Street	4,458'	Bid
• Merriam Street	~2,600'	Design
• Highland Street	~2,500'	On hold
• Ash Street	~2,500'	Map
• Glen Road	<u>~7,500'</u>	<u>Map</u>
	21,358'	

Total new paths: ~ 4.0 miles

Proposed New Paths

Merriam St

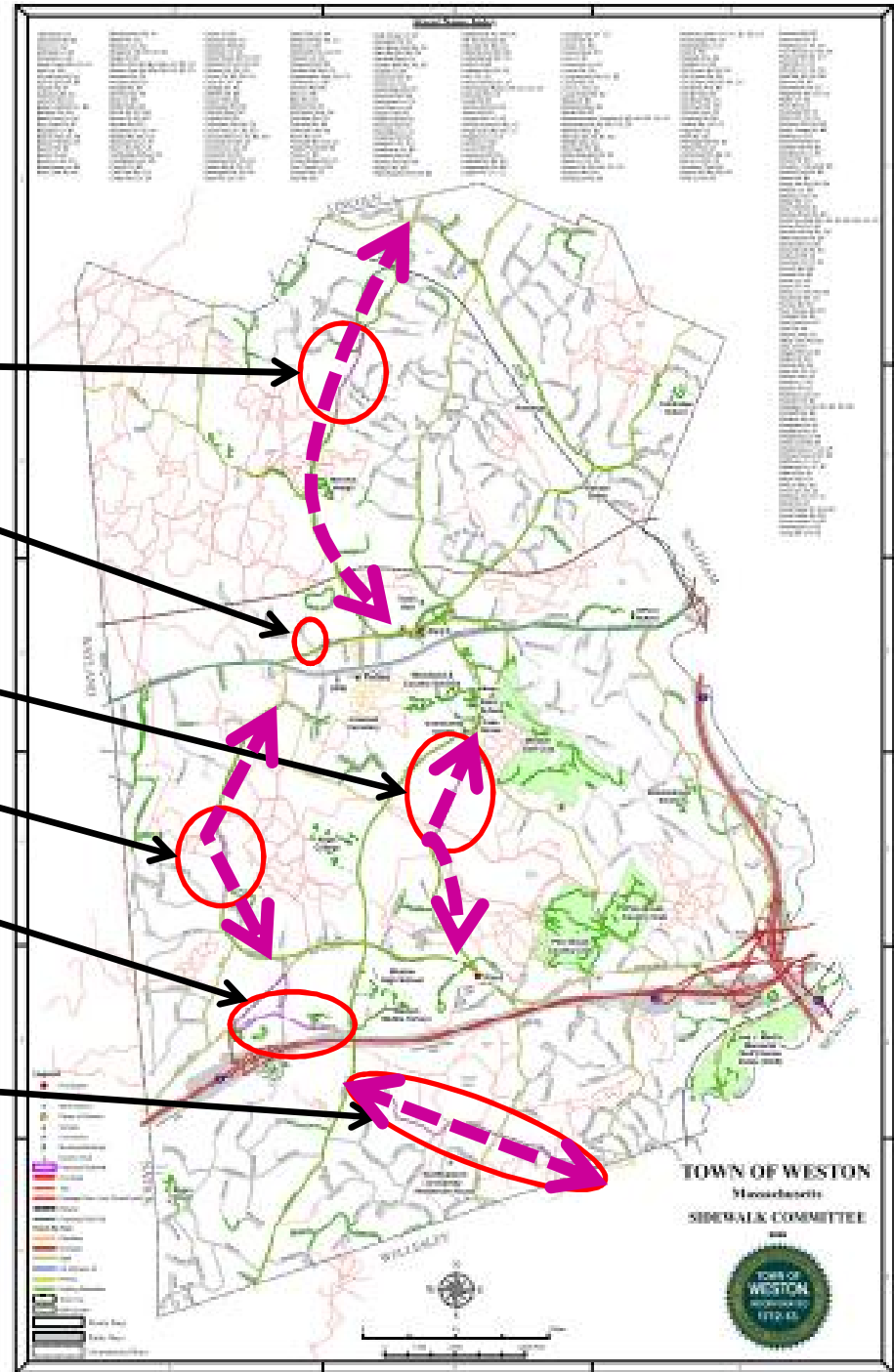
Ash St

Warren Ave

Highland Ave?

Brown St & Winter St

Glen Rd



Notes:

Numbered by master plan priority.

Blue= design or bid, Black= concept

Red circle= missing path link

Rec Path Request “2.0”

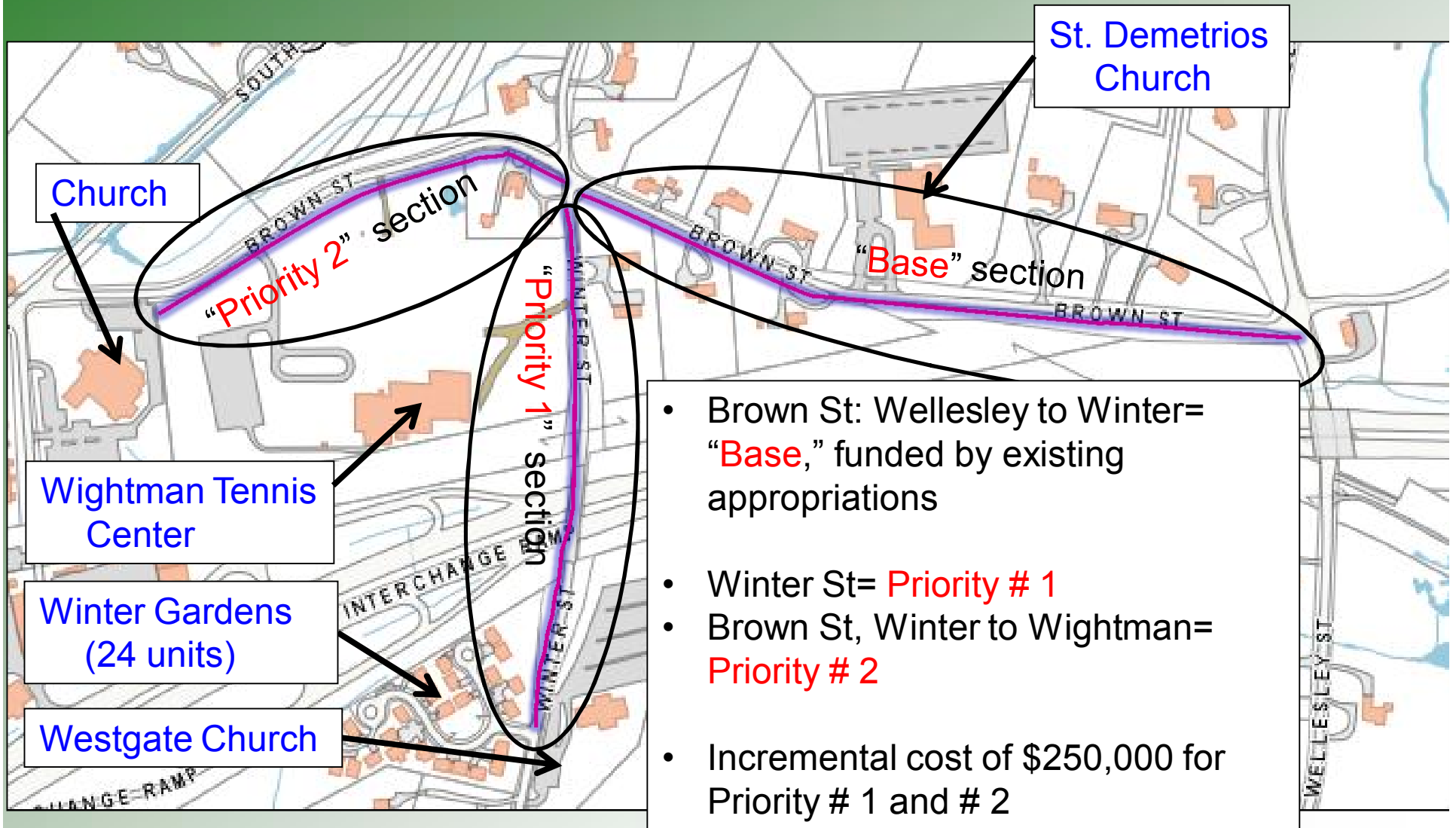
- **Why are we back 4 months later? Choices=**
 1. Give up? or
 2. Improve proposal and try again? (Winter lost 69-67)
- **Version 2.0- What’s different this time?**
 - Re-engage abutters through public outreach (public meeting for both sections Feb 10) and Town process
 - Reduce the project from 6’ wide walkway to 5’ (lower cost, gain PB approval- meeting 3/23)
 - Rebid entire project in hopes of driving cost lower
 - Reconsider when opposition is significant (Highland)

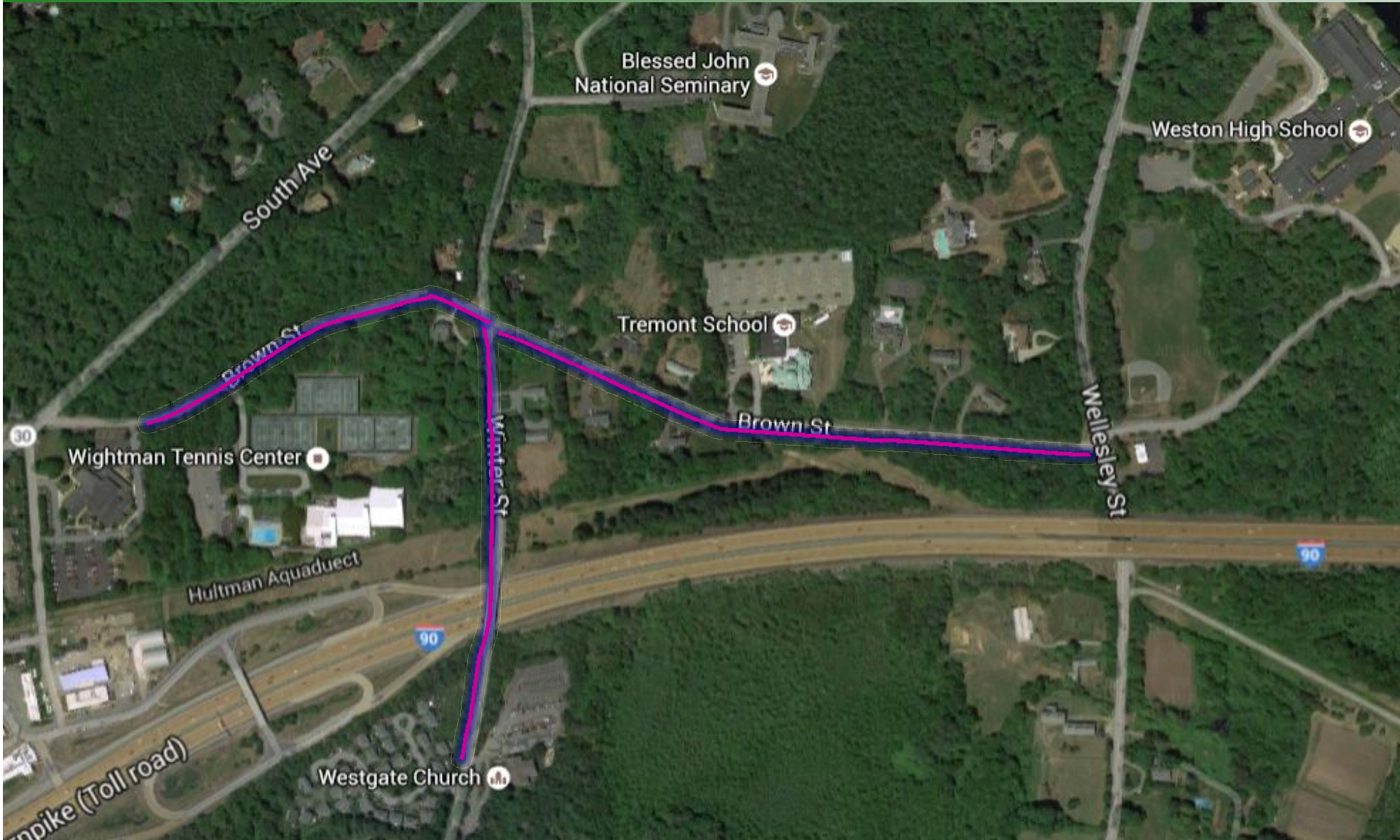
Rec. Path Master Plan Cost by Section (2016 dollars)

Section #	Street Name	From/To	Linear Feet of Sidewalk	Master Plan Estimate	Est. Price per foot	Cumulative
1	Brown St	Winter St to Wellesley St Winter St to Church Driveway	2,040 1,293	\$ 40,000.00		
1	Winter St	Brown St to Winter Gardens Driveway	1,125	\$ 560,000.00	\$ 125.62	\$ 600,000.00
2	Warren Ave	Entire length*	1,800	\$ 30,000.00 \$310,000.00	\$ 172.22	\$ 940,000.00
3	Merriam St	Sunset Rd to Bemis St*	2,600	\$ 54,000.00 \$ 550,000.00	\$ 211.54	\$ 1,544,000.00
4	Highland St	Phillips Rd to 1/2 mile north ON HOLD	2,500	\$ 40,000.00 \$ 375,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,959,000.00
5	Ash St	Weston Reservoir to Newton St	2,500	\$ 50,000.00 \$ 375,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,384,000.00
6	Glen Rd	Wellesley St to Townline	7,500	\$ 100,000.00 \$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,984,000.00
		TOTAL	21,358	\$ 3,984,000.00	\$ 186.53	

* Approximately 20% of project cost is culvert (drainage) work. Funding source TBD.

Brown St & Winter St (\$250k FY17 request)





Blessed John National Seminary

Weston High School

South Ave

Tremont School

Grawn St

Brown St

Wellesley St

Wightman Tennis Center

Winter St

Hultman Aquaduct

Westgate Church

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90

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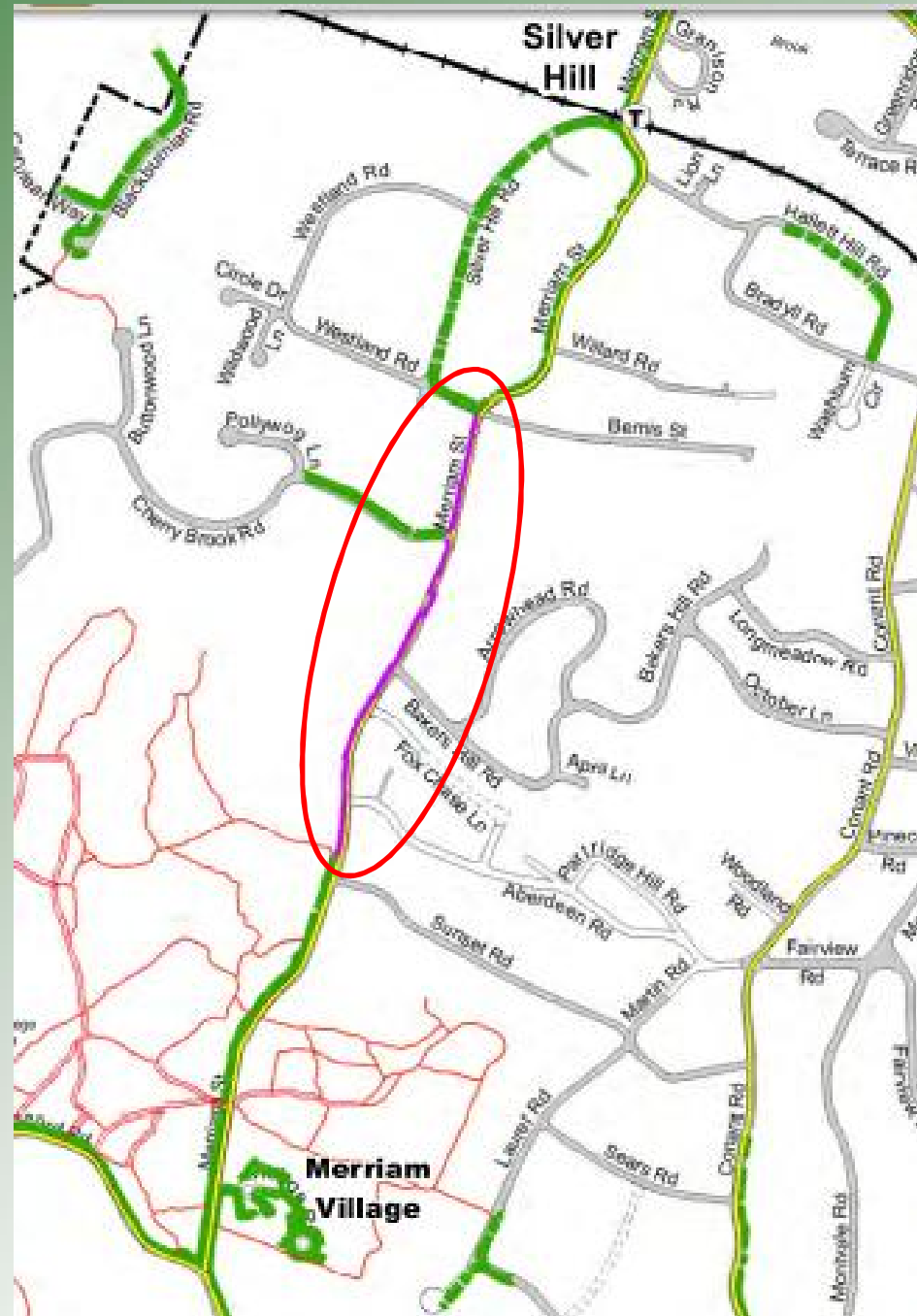
Winter/Brown Path Milestones

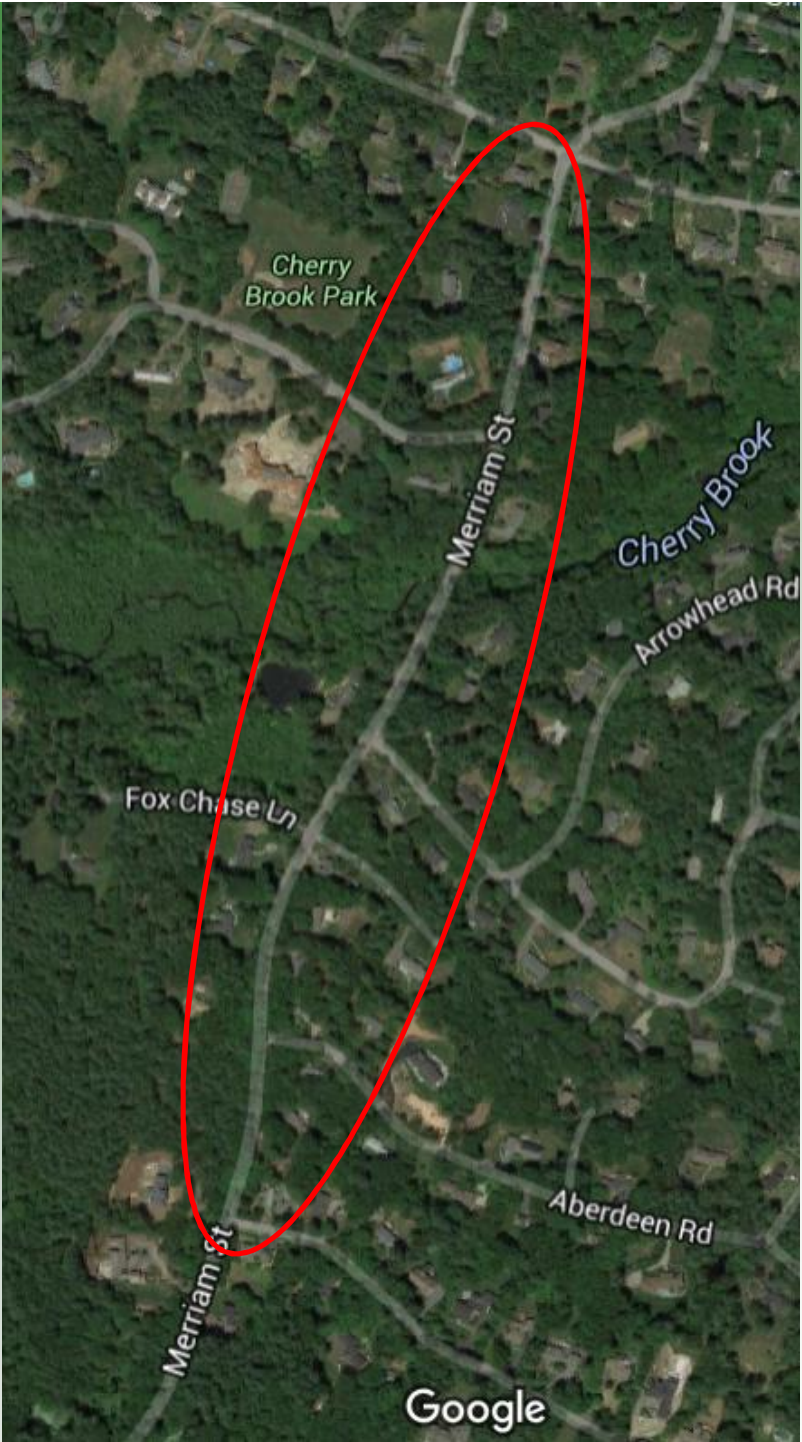
- CPC public meeting 3/21/16
- Planning Board 3/23/16 (Winter only)
- Bid opening 3/31/16
- Town Meeting 5/9/16
- Construction contract signing: July 2016
- Construction complete: July 2017

Merriam St

Start: Sunset Rd
End: Bemis St

- Approximately 2,600 LF to connect dead-ends
- Preliminary Design is complete – funded by CPC
- Public Meeting to be scheduled for this fall
- Final design funds requested: \$30,000
- Construction cost estimated at \$550,000





Merriam Path Milestones

- CPC public meeting: 3/21/16
- Town Meeting: 5/9/16 (design \$)
- Planning Board: June 2016
- Contract signing: July 2016
- TSC review/public meeting: Sept 2016
- CPC review: Fall 2016
- Bid opening: Oct 2016
- Town Meeting: Nov-Dec 2016 (construction \$)
- Spring 2017: Construction

