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# LENOX - STOCKBRIDGE PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE CIRCULATION STUDY

Public Open House Presentation 9.17.2025

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# Agenda

## **Presentation**

- Introductions
- Project Overview & Process
- Existing Conditions and Issues
- Draft Recommendations Overview
- Next Steps

## **Interactive Activities and Open House**

# Introductions

## BETA Group, Inc.

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Anna Sangree, Transportation Planner

## Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC)

Clete Kus, Transportation Program Manager

Nicholas Russo, Project Manager

## Town of Lenox

Eammon Coughlin, Land Use Director

William J. Gop, Superintendent of Public Works

Marybeth Mitts, Select Board

## Town of Stockbridge

Michael Canales, Town Administrator

Christine Rasmussen

Patrick White

# Meeting Purpose

Introduce plan initiative to improve walkability and bikeability in Lenox & Stockbridge near key cultural institutions

Share our process and draft recommendations

Hear your thoughts on the draft recommendations

# Project Overview

## Project Objective

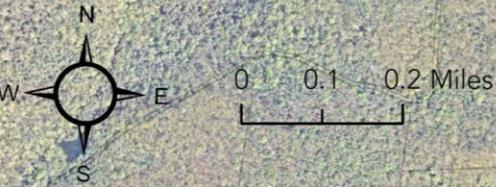
Develop recommendations for improved connections in the project area to address existing gaps and barriers for people walking and biking.

## Project Goals

- Improve bicycle and pedestrian access within the project area – make getting around safer and more fun.
- Recognize the area's significance as a cultural hub – brand connections linking the institutions in the area.



# Project Area



Morris Elementary School

BU Tanglewood Institute

The Curtis (Senior Housing)

Lenox Center

Shakespeare & Company

Frelinghuysen Morris House & Studio

Tanglewood

Gould Meadows

Berkshire Country Day School

Town Boat Ramp

White Pines Condominiums

Elm Court Estate

# Project Process

April  
2025

September  
2025

*Existing Conditions and  
Information Gathering*

*Alternatives  
Development*

*Final Plan &  
Recommendations*

**Developing  
Project Goals  
& Objectives  
(April)**

**Analysis of  
Constraints and  
Opportunities  
(May)**  
Wetlands, ROW, etc.

**Develop Options  
at key locations  
(June)**

**Final Report  
(September)**

*Stakeholder Engagement*

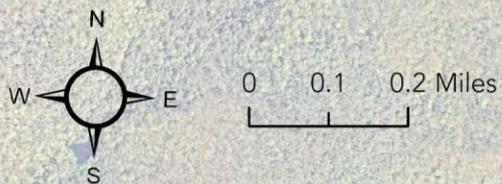
**Kick Off  
Meeting  
(April)**  
with BRPC, Lenox  
& Stockbridge  
Representatives

**Site Visit  
(April)**  
with BRPC, Lenox,  
Stockbridge &  
Tanglewood  
Representatives

**Stakeholder  
Interviews (June)**

**Public Meeting  
(September)**

# Key Roadways



# Key Assets in the Project Area



Public & institutional land and resources



Beautiful natural areas



Existing sidewalks and trails



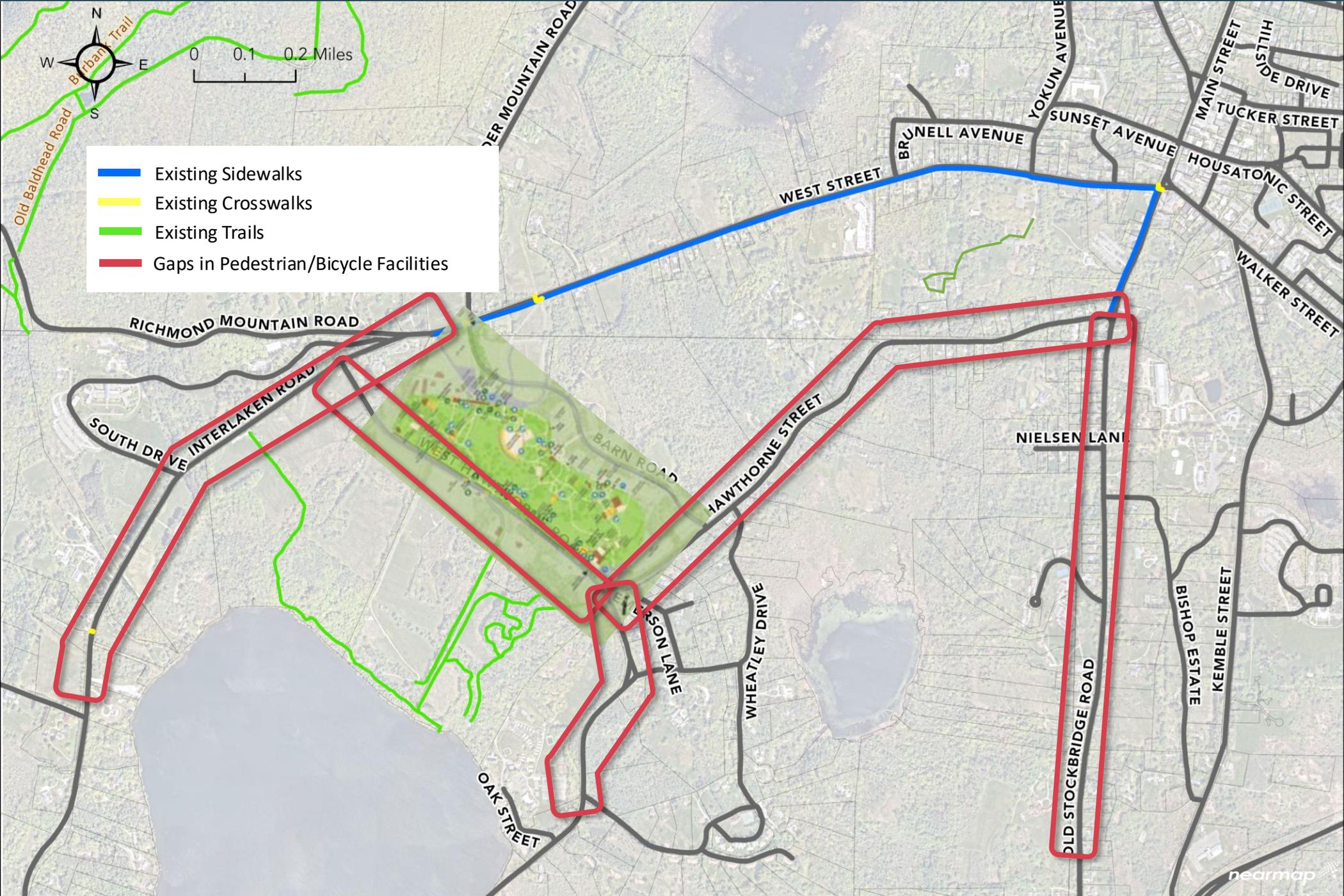
Lenox town center destinations

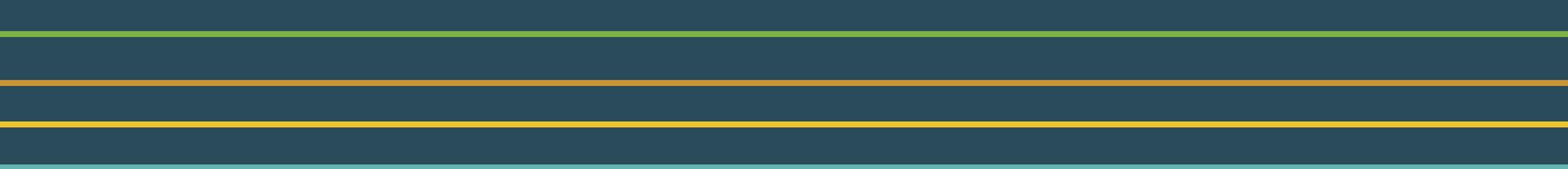
# Existing Sidewalks, Crosswalks and Trails – Key Roadways



Source: BETA, BRPC, MassGIS, Tanglewood Institute

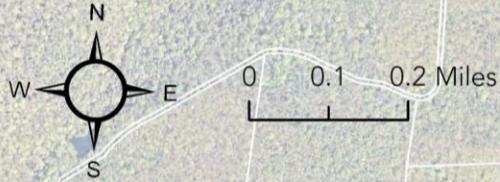
# Key Pedestrian and Bicycle Network Gaps



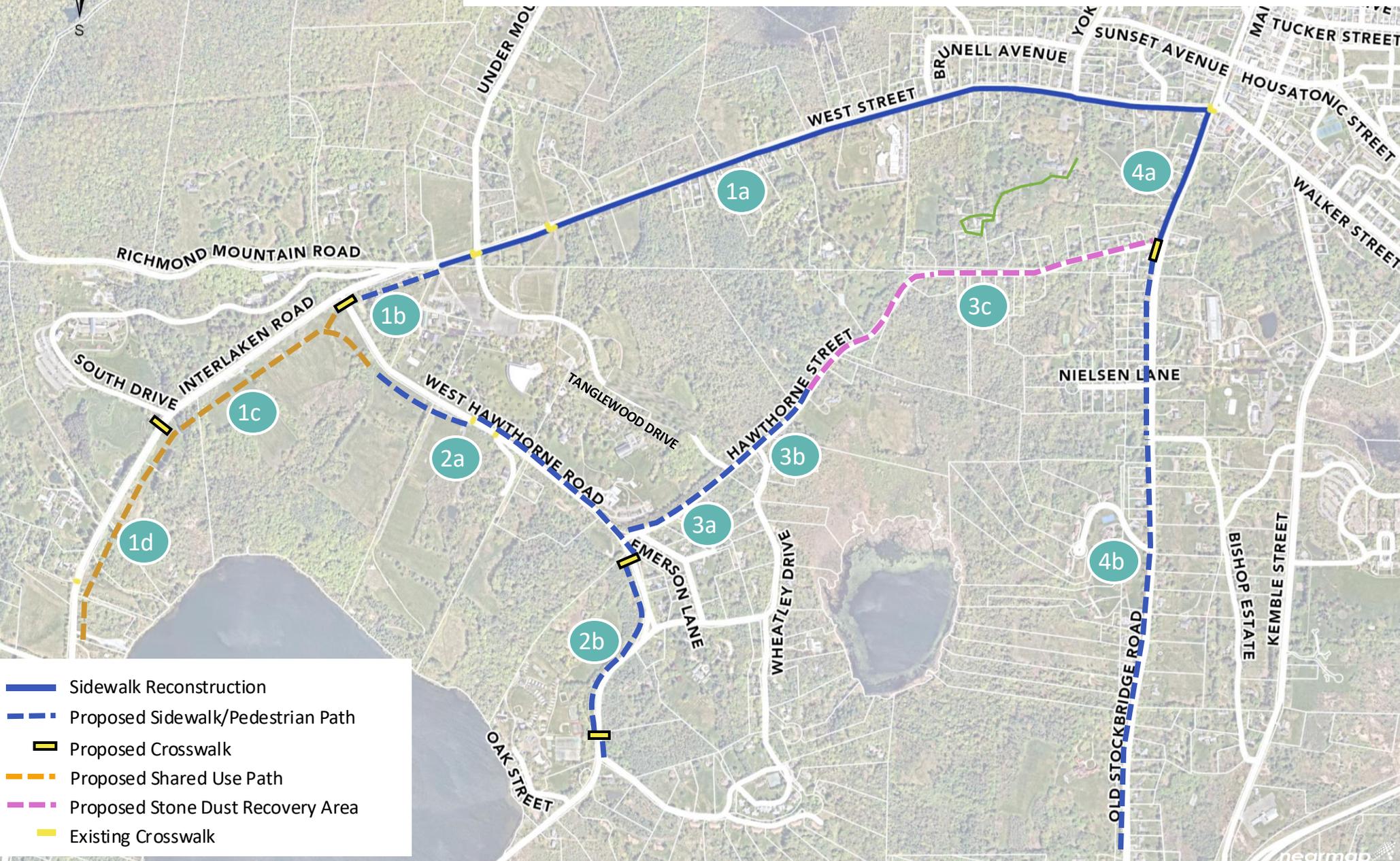


# Recommendations

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The recommendations are labeled by project and priority, starting with West Street and Interlaken Road (Route 183), then Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne Street and Old Stockbridge Road. The recommendations create a walking loop and introduce off-road facilities for biking.



- Sidewalk Reconstruction
- Proposed Sidewalk/Pedestrian Path
- Proposed Crosswalk
- Proposed Shared Use Path
- Proposed Stone Dust Recovery Area
- Existing Crosswalk

# 1a

## West Street Sidewalk Reconstruction

Reconstruct existing asphalt sidewalk with granite curb for ~1.5 miles on the south side of the road. Sidewalk sometimes also is buffered from the road by a grass strip that will be maintained. Project includes reconstruction of pedestrian ramps and driveway entrances.

In the long term, the Town can consider options for widening the existing sidewalk to shared use path width for an all ages and abilities bicycling option.



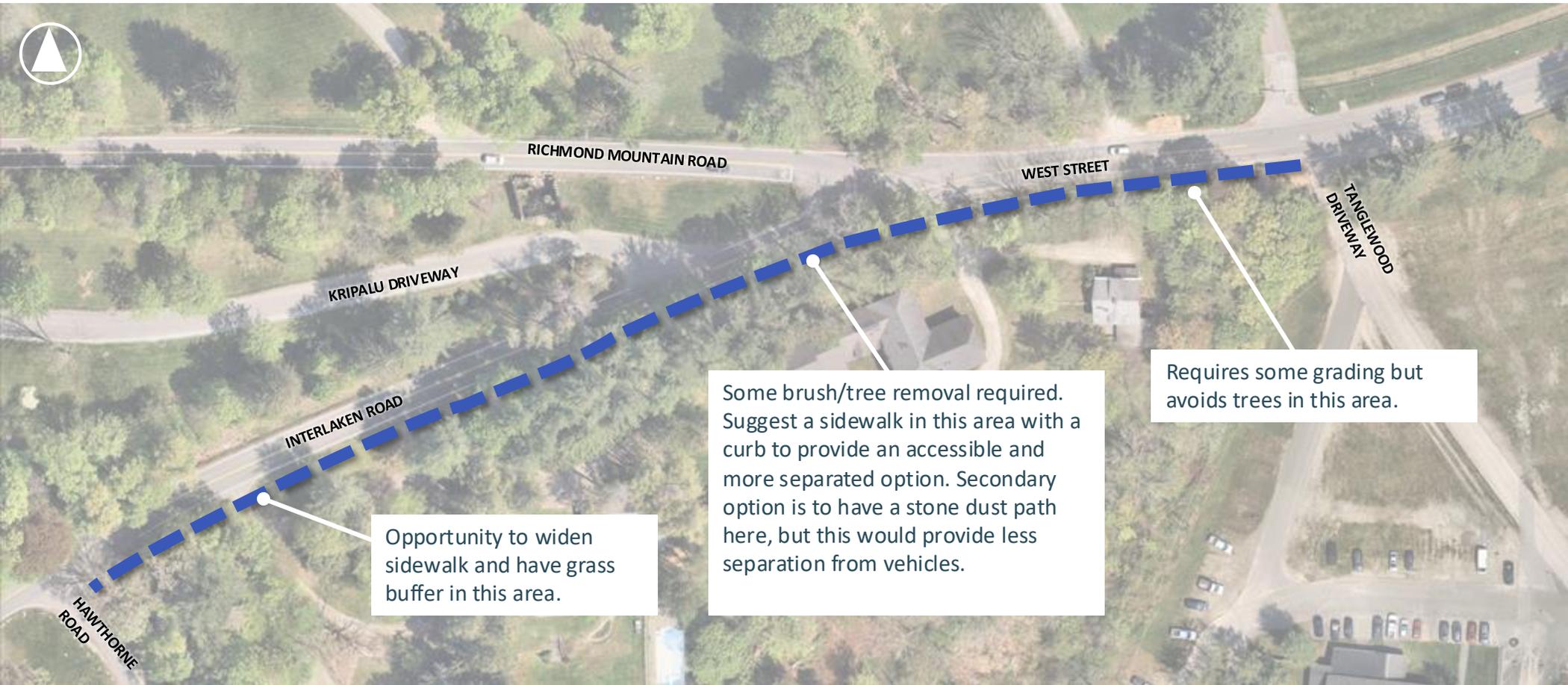
Existing sidewalk on West Street



# 1b

## West Street/Interlaken Road Sidewalk Extension

Construct a new asphalt or stone dust sidewalk or side path (5'-8' feet wide) with either granite curb or a grass buffer for ~ 1,000 ft on the south side of the roadway.

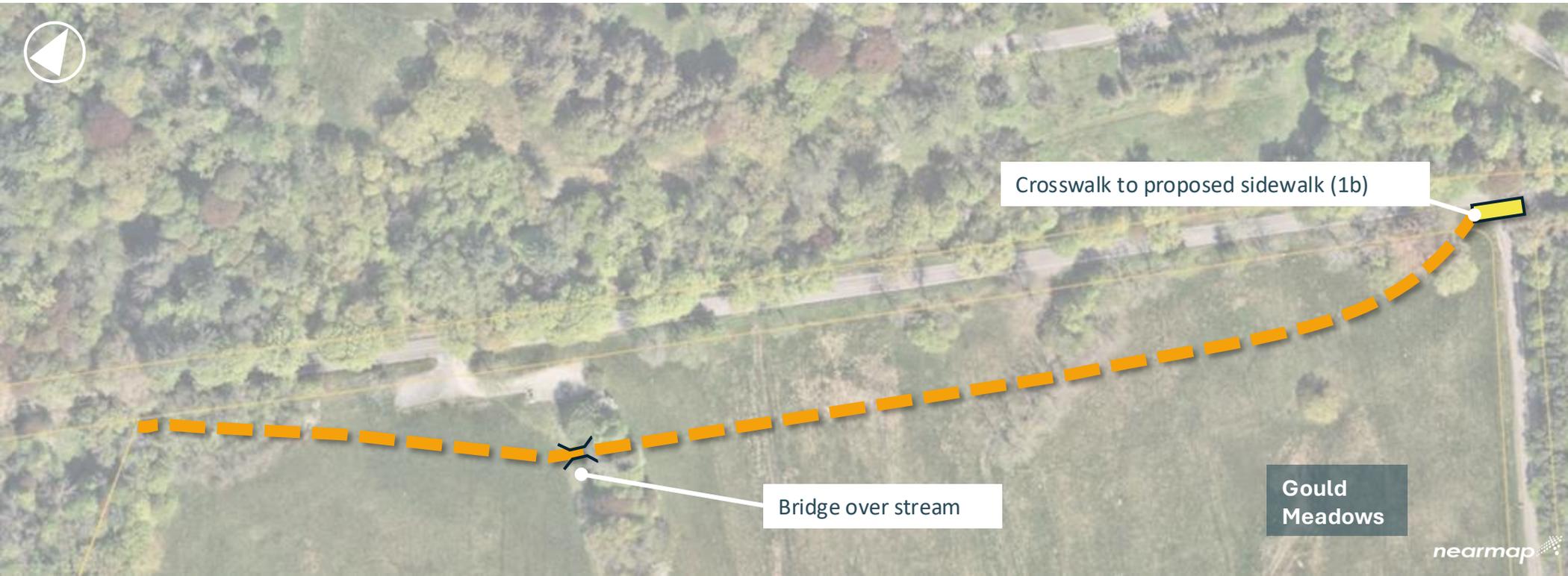


# 1c

## Gould Meadows Stone Dust Path

Construct a new accessible 10' stone dust path for ~1,800 feet. Install a crosswalk across Hawthorne Road connecting the path to the proposed sidewalk on Interlaken Road to the north (1b).

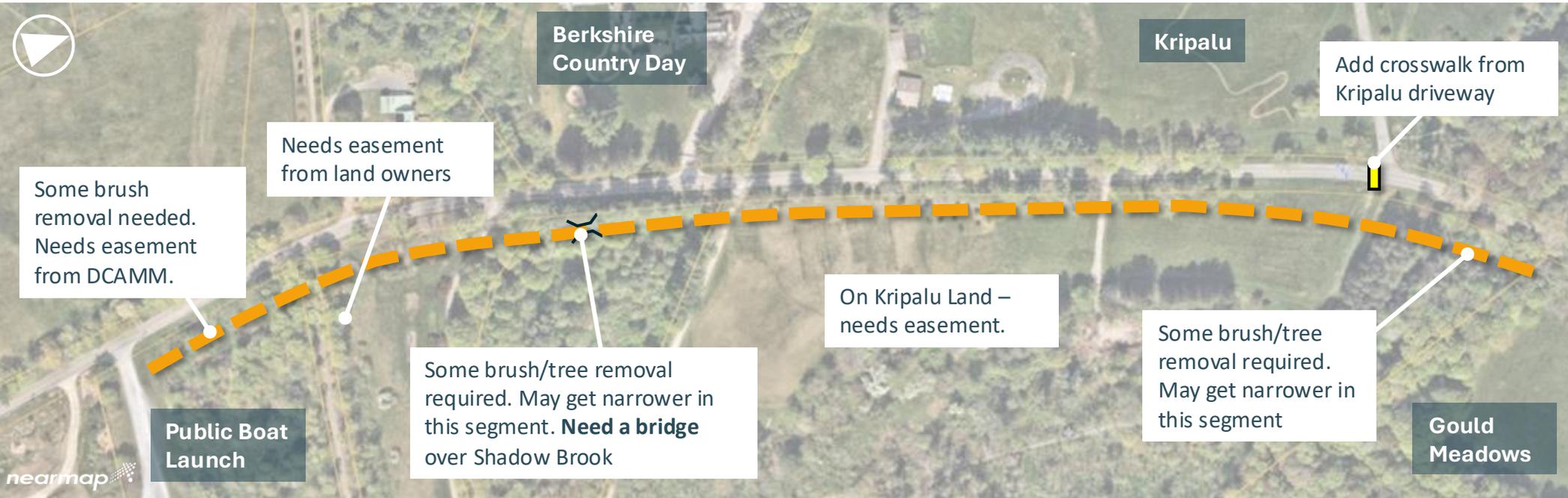
Some grading is required. Take advantage of shade trees where possible. Consider providing benches for people to sit and enjoy the park.



# 1d

## Interlaken Road Stone Dust Path

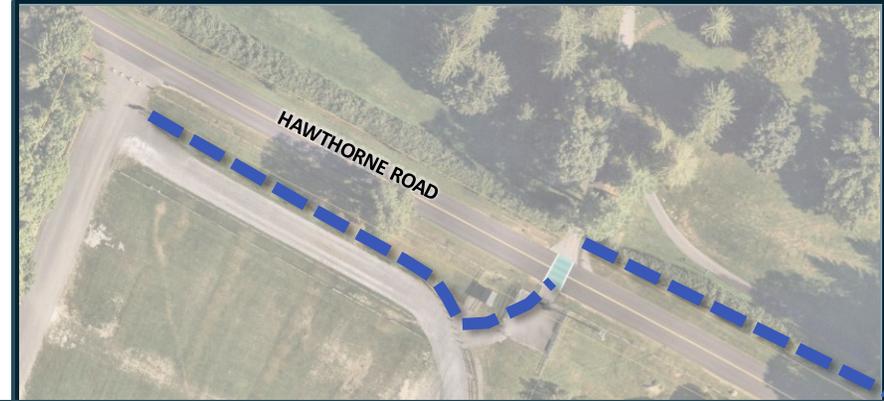
Construct a new stone dust path (10' wide) for ~4,600 feet from Gould Meadows to the Public Boat Launch on Interlaken Road. Install a new crosswalk across Interlaken Road by the Kripalu driveway. Requires easements from abutting land owners, brush and vegetation removal, and a bridge over Shadow Brook.



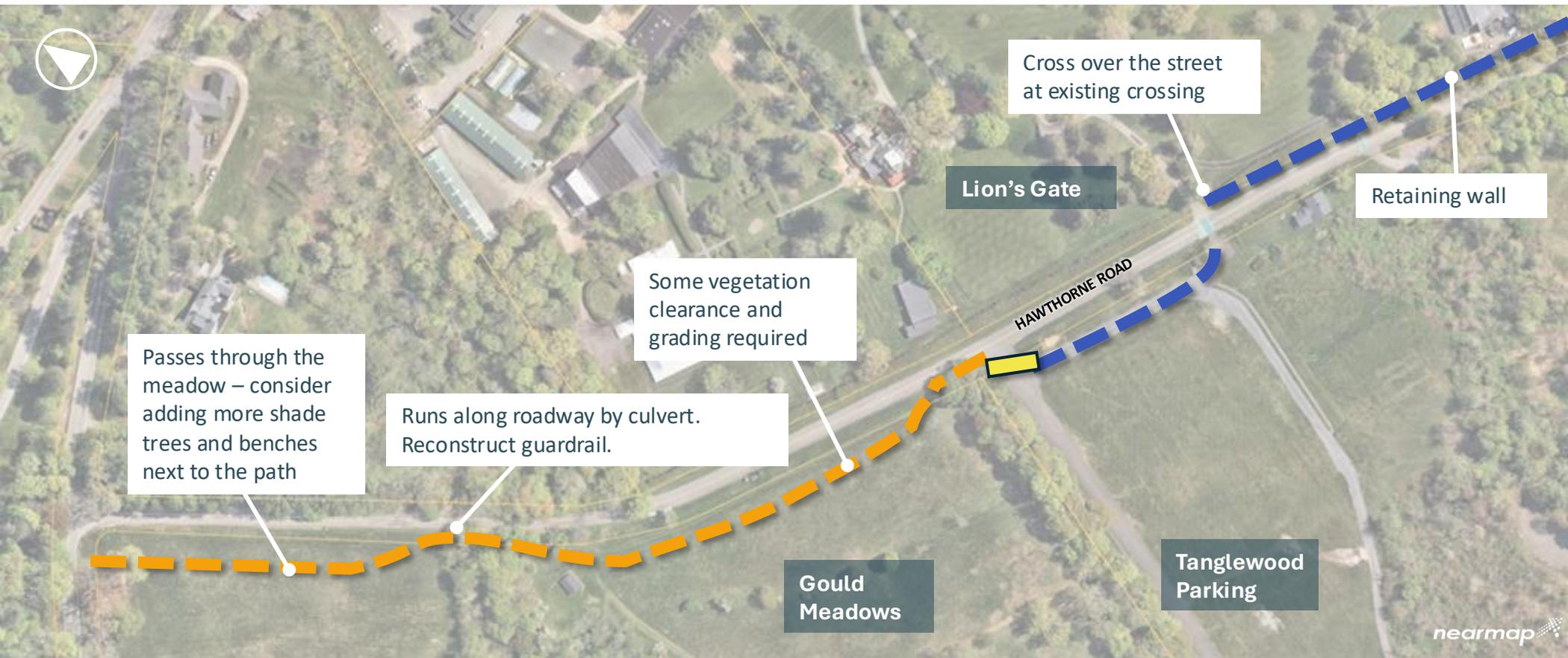
# 2a

## Shared Use Path and Sidewalk Along Hawthorne Road – Gould Meadows and Tanglewood

Construct stone dust shared use path (8'-10' wide) within Gould Meadows following Hawthorne Road for ~1,500 feet. Construct 5-6' asphalt sidewalk with granite curb (5'-6' wide) along Hawthorne Road from Gould Meadows to Hawthorne Street for ~2,200 feet (concept continued on next page).



Provide path in the existing parking area access road. Requires coordination with Tanglewood



2a

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Sidewalk along the north side of Hawthorne Road

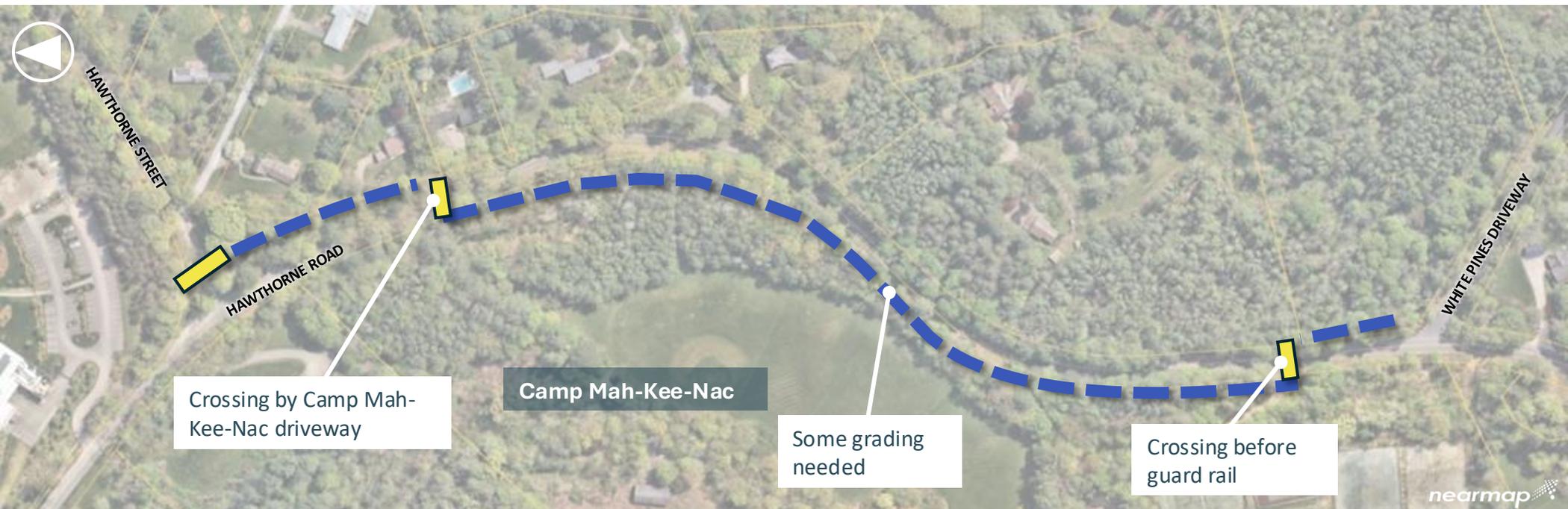
# 2b

## Hawthorne Road Sidewalk

Construct asphalt sidewalk (6' wide) with grass buffer or asphalt berm for ~2,400 feet. Sidewalk switches sides based on where fewer constraints exist to construct the sidewalk, once by Camp Mah-Kee-Nac driveway and once before White Pines driveway.



Proposed crosswalk east of Camp Mah-Kee-Nac driveway



Crossing by Camp Mah-Kee-Nac driveway

Camp Mah-Kee-Nac

Some grading needed

Crossing before guard rail

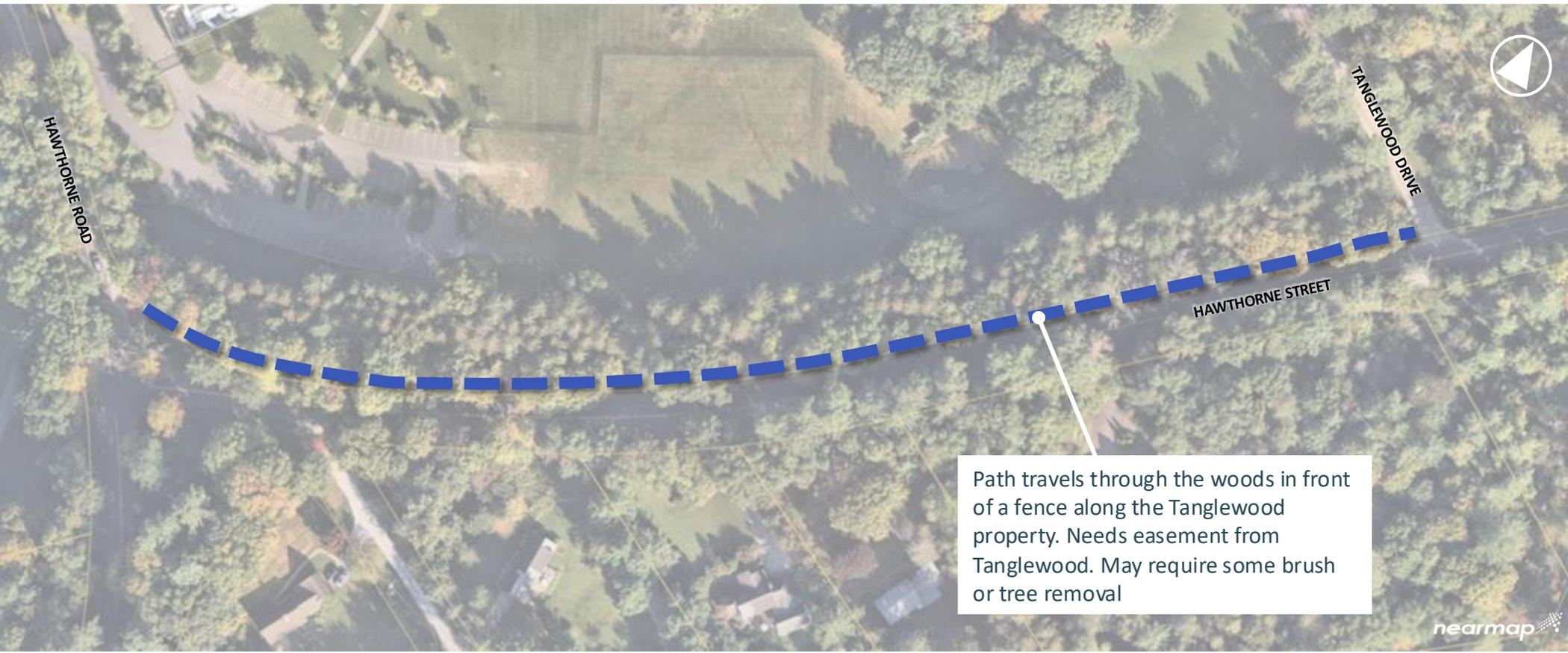
# 3a

## Stone dust path along Hawthorne Street

Construct stone dust path (6' wide) through wooded area on the north side of Hawthorne Street between Hawthorne Road and Tanglewood Drive for ~1,200 feet.



Path travels through the woods along Hawthorne Street



Path travels through the woods in front of a fence along the Tanglewood property. Needs easement from Tanglewood. May require some brush or tree removal

# 3b

## Stone dust path along Hawthorne Street

Construct 6' sidewalk/stone dust path through wooded area on the north side of the roadway between Tanglewood Drive and Frelinghuysen Driveway for ~1,100 feet. This includes a board walk in wet areas.



# 3c

# Walking Connections West of Frelinghuysen Morris House & Studio

Consider stone dust recovery area on north side of road to give walking accommodation for ~4,000 feet west of the Frelinghuysen House driveway to Old Stockbridge Road.

In addition to the stone dust recovery area, the towns can consider future options to provide an additional connection between Hawthorne Street and West Street through institutional and/or private properties.



Proposed gravel recovery area on Hawthorne Street west of Frelinghuysen Morris House & Studio driveway



# 4a

## Old Stockbridge Road Sidewalk Reconstruction

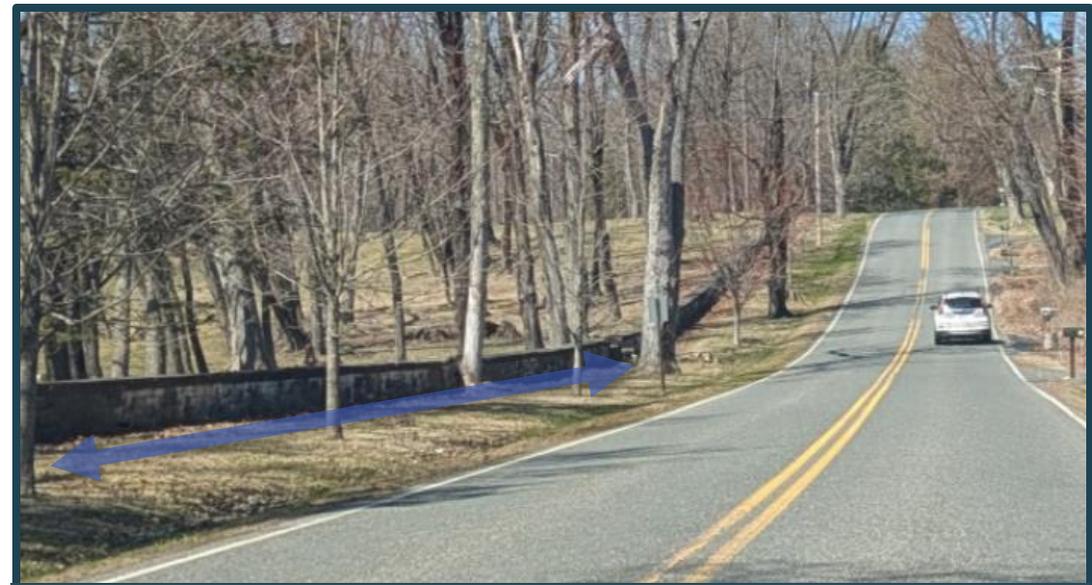
Reconstruct existing asphalt sidewalk on Old Stockbridge Road from West Street to Hawthorne Street on west side of roadway, maintaining existing trees and grass buffer. The project includes pedestrian ramp upgrades and reconstruction of driveway entrances. Segment is ~1,400 feet long.



# 4b

## Old Stockbridge Road Sidewalk Extension

Construct asphalt sidewalk (6' wide) with grass buffer or asphalt berm for ~1.15 miles on the west side of Old Stockbridge Road from Hawthorne Street south to Elm Court. Provide new crosswalk at the Hawthorne Street intersection connecting the new sidewalk to the existing sidewalk north of Hawthorne Street.



By Elm Court, place the sidewalk along the stone wall.



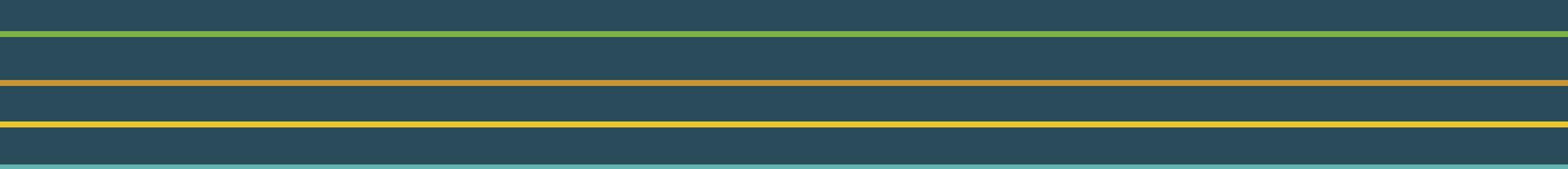
# Consider Branding Options



## Next Steps

- Finalize the plan based on public feedback collected by end of September

Questions?



# Pedestrian and Bicycle Toolbox

# Crossing Treatments



**Raised Crosswalk, *Lenox, MA***



**Curb Extension, *Weston, MA***



**Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon  
*Stow, MA***

# Sidewalks and Paths



**Sidewalk, Weston, MA**



**Asphalt Path, Westford, MA**



**Stone Dust Path, Wellesley, MA**

# Wayfinding / Trail Branding



**Bruce Freeman Trail Signage, Acton, MA**



**WOW! Trail branding, Laconia, NH**