



Introducing: Haverhill Trail Stewards

HAVERHILL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT & HAVERHILL TRAILS VOLUNTEERS

MARCH 30 & APRIL 2 @ HAVERHILL PUBLIC LIBRARY



**Haverhill Trails
Committee (1993)**



**Haverhill Trails
Volunteers (2024)**

**Mission: to create, maintain and
enhance the City's hiking trail
networks for all to enjoy**

Open Space & Recreation Plan, 2024-2031

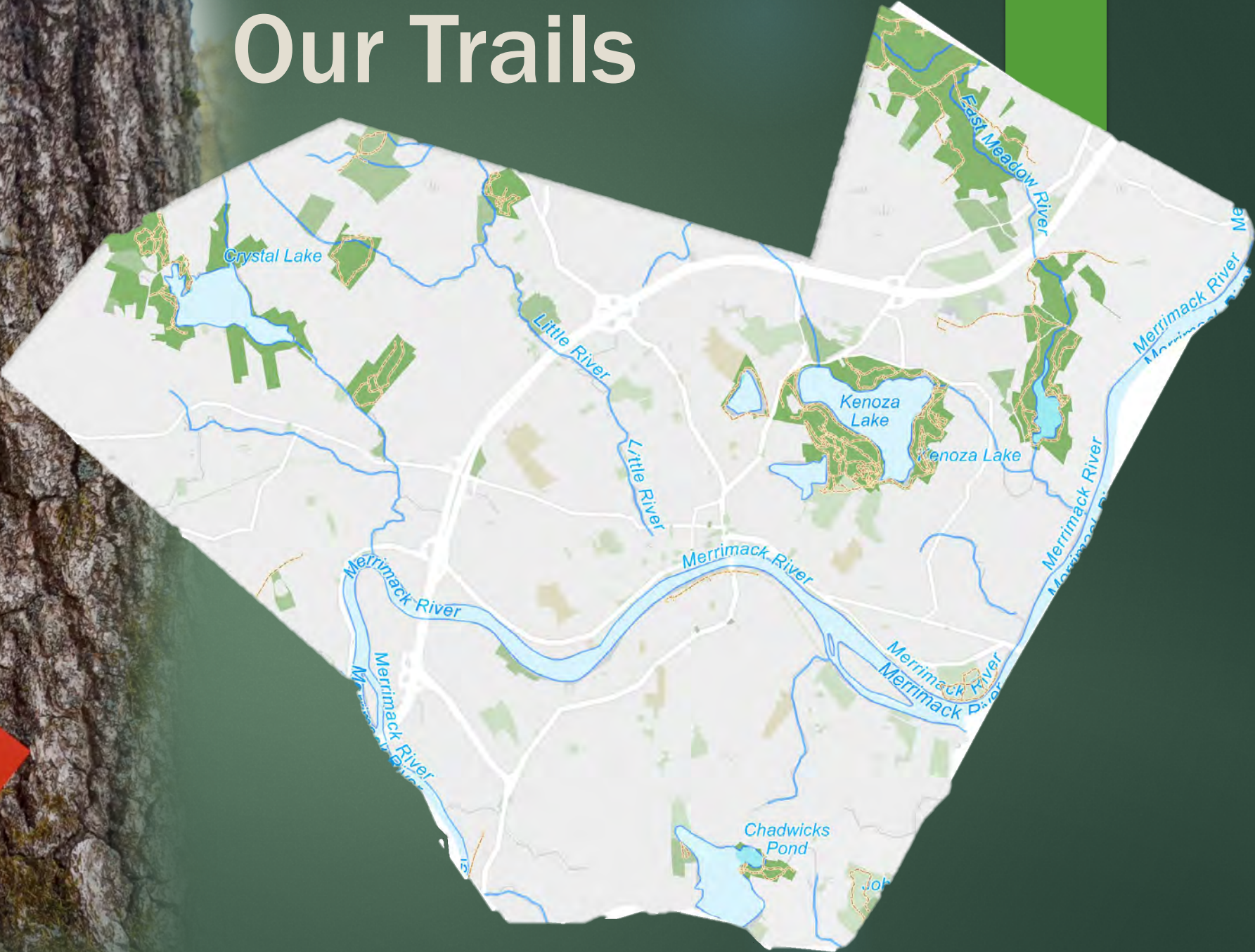
- ▶ **Community Visions Survey (March 2024)**
- ▶ **Goals 3 & 5: provide accessible, well-maintained, long-distance trails for transportation and recreational use.**



Goal 3: Improve city-owned open space maintenance and facility management

Goal 5: Improve public outreach and education

Our Trails





Trail Stewards

- ▶ Combines passive outdoor recreation with practical public service
- ▶ Often regular visitors
- ▶ Our “eyes and ears” on the trail



Trail Stewards

- ▶ ***Active*** visitors to their chosen sites
- ▶ Provide observations on trail conditions
- ▶ Clean up the trails as needed
- ▶ Identify needs for workdays
- ▶ Part of the Haverhill Trails Volunteers





The Roles of Our Stewards

- Monitor trails on a regular basis
- Pick up trash and litter
- Remove fallen branches
- Pruning overgrown trails
- Replace missing trail markers
- Submit observation reports
- Report issues and suggest ideas for trail improvements and maintenance
- Participate in volunteer meetings, workdays and events!



Types of Observations to Include in Reporting

Any unusual changes in natural or manmade features.

Dumping

Digging of holes.

Overgrown trails.

Eroded trails

Vandalism

Flooded trails

Any type of construction.

Dead or injured animals.

Illegal activities

Conditions of amenities

Fallen or dangerous trees

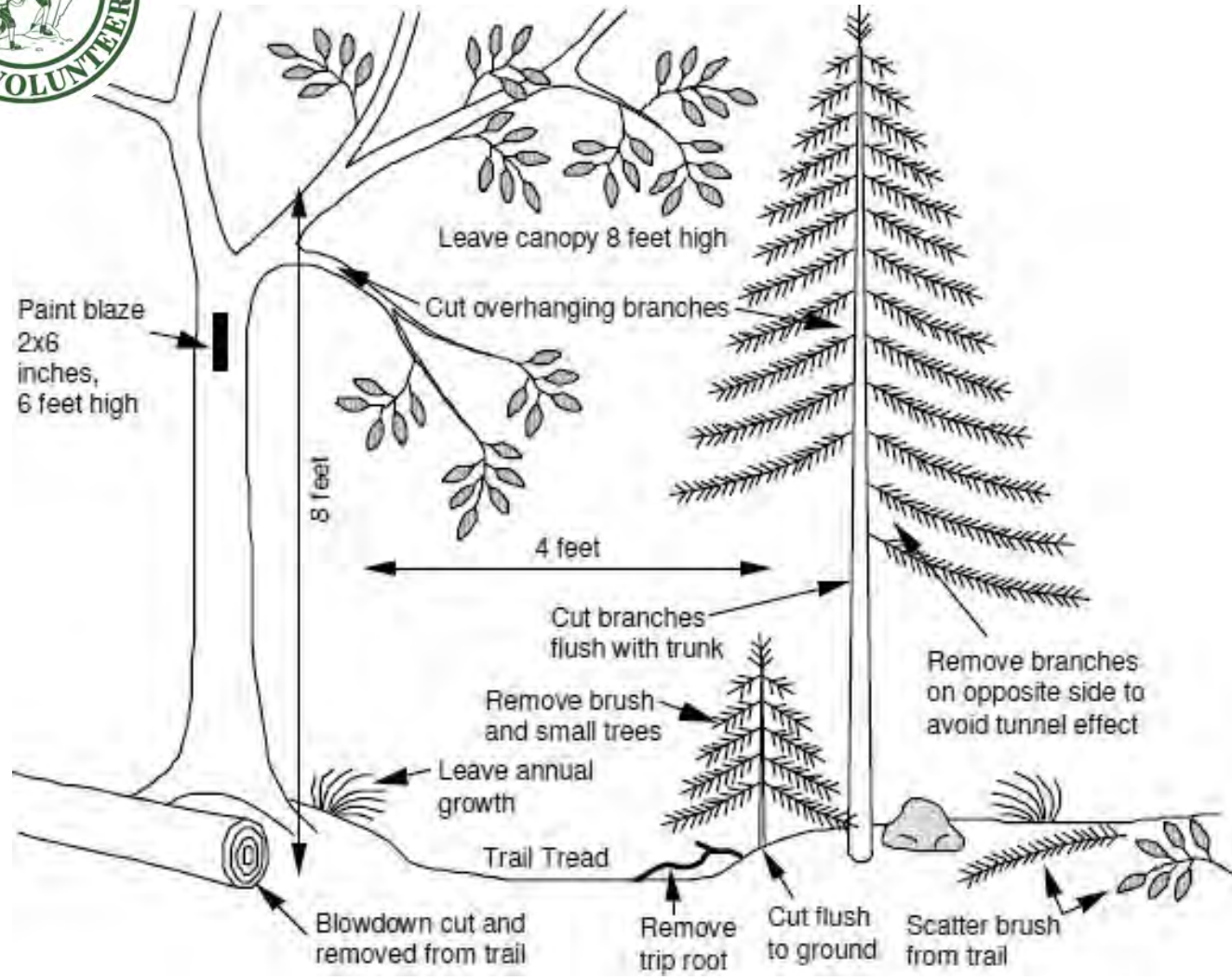


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Trail Appearance



The Bad and the Good

We want to see it all!
As you make note of trail issues, send us photos of the wildlife, vegetation, landscape, and more!





Reporting

Use Trail Steward Report forms located in the Google Drive

- <https://forms.gle/BdiXPLA3YSNYx1Y76>
 - (for photo attachments; you will need to be signed in with your Google account)
- <https://forms.gle/MSKWC32aXsLwrs13A>
 - (for no attachments; you can use this without a Google account).

Or email us your report

- conservation@haverhillma.gov

Make notes about possible improvements that could be the focus of future trail workdays!



Recommended Tools

Trail Maps/GPS

Small bow saw or folding trail saw

Clippers and loppers

Hammer

Work gloves

Trash bags

Cell phone

First aid supplies

Insect repellent

Sunscreen

Sturdy footwear

Support & training

- ▶ Orientation for new Stewards
 - ▶ Schedule a walkthrough of your trail with us
 - ▶ Kickoff meeting
- ▶ Email Communications
- ▶ Trail Volunteer Meetings
- ▶ Google Drive
- ▶ Workshops & Resources

