

MARBLEHEAD BRANCH; (Blue arrow and oval) Built 1839. Abandoned in sections starting in 1962 and sold by the B&M RR to the Marblehead Light Company for \$1. MLC is a municipal electric company set up for the betterment of the citizens of Marblehead. And yes, they allow the trail and welcome the citizens keeping a watchful eye on their infrastructure.



SWAMPSCOTT BRANCH; (Gold arrow and oval) Built 1873. Abandoned: 1961. Sold by the B&M RR to a predecessor company of Mass Electric. Now owned by National Grid, a British, multi-national, investor-owned company. Interestingly, NGrid now owns more former RR corridor in the state than private sector RRs do. They prefer that communities wanting to use corridor for a trail be given a Quit Claim deed because they don't know the quality of their deed. It is common practice for a prudent community to then do a confirmatory-taking to clear up any cloudy title.