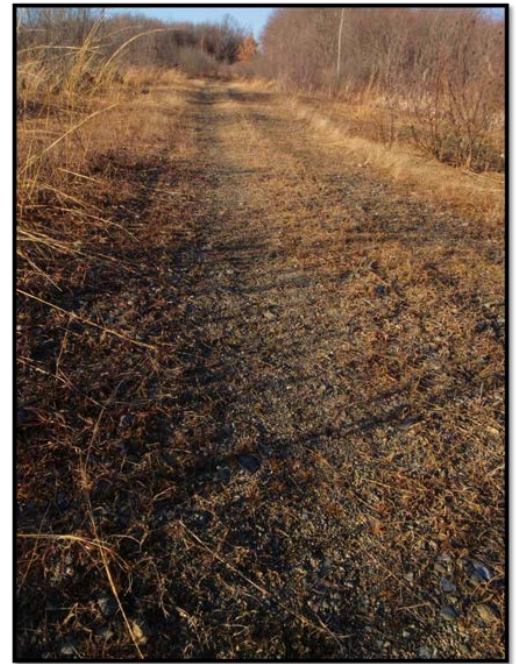


## CSX Corridor Acquisition Project

The CSX Corridor is a former railroad corridor of 11.26 acres and 1.4 miles in length that runs north-south in south Sudbury. It is a linear corridor of approximately 60 feet wide that crosses Route 20, Boston Post Road and then extends through conservation and Sudbury Water District lands to the Framingham City line. The property is adjacent to abundant natural resources, is connected to other Town-owned properties, and offers a potential southward extension to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT). It is a priority for protection identified in the Town's 2009-2015 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

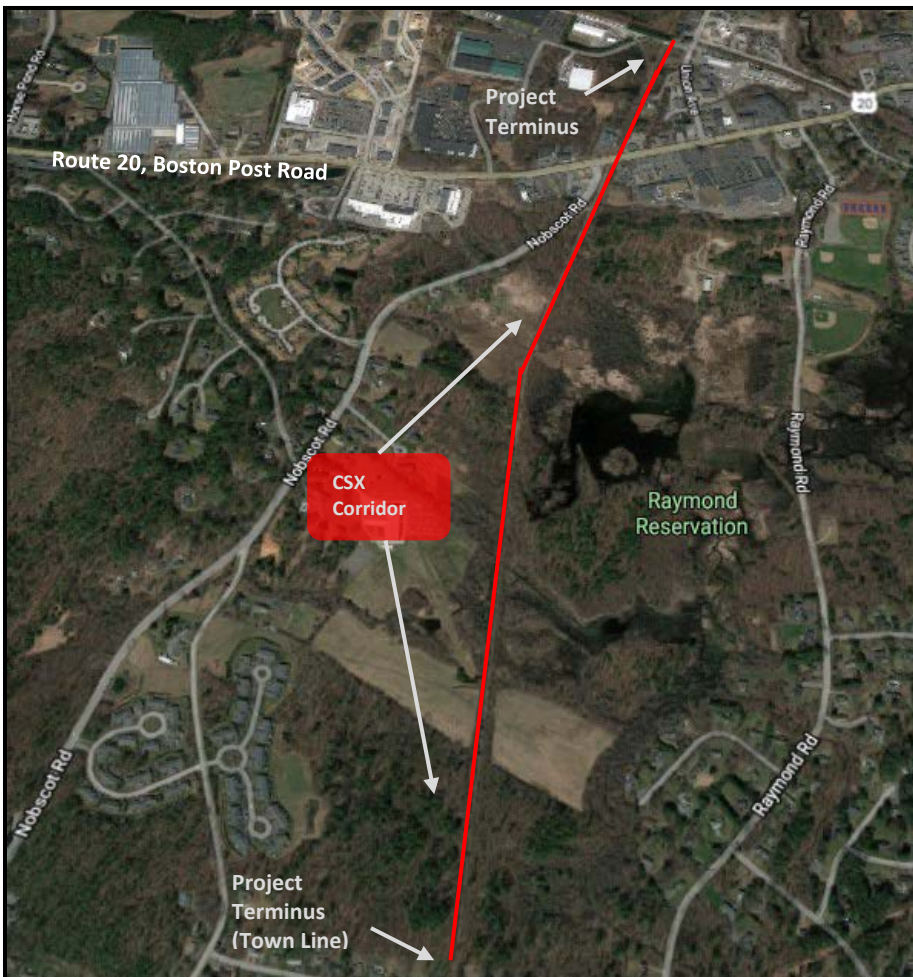
The Town has been in negotiations to acquire this property intermittently since 2001 when CSX set course to abandon the previously active rail corridor. Through the 1983 National Trails System Act (16 USC 1247 (d)), the Town and CSX agreed to negotiate the potential of railbanking instead of abandonment. Recent changes to Federal policy limit the Town's opportunity to continue negotiations with CSX to purchase the corridor.

A Purchase & Sale agreement has been negotiated for the purchase of the property. The total cost of the acquisition is \$1,220,500. Town Meeting will be asked to cover the purchase price and estimated due diligence costs of \$1,145,500 and \$75,000, respectively. A Recreational Trails Grant and a MassTrails Grant have been secured to allocate \$400,000 to the purchase. The grant funds are reimbursements, so the funding request at the Town Meeting and Election will be a debt exclusion of \$820,500 and available cash of \$400,000, the later to be reimbursed by grants.



### Key Features

- Linear corridor
  - ±1.4 miles
  - ± 11.26 acres
- Conservation land access & buffer
- Critical drinking water & natural resource protection
- Potential BFRT extension
- Links neighborhoods, business districts & open spaces
- Use of the property to be decided by the Town



### Important Dates:

**September 12<sup>th</sup>**

Town Meeting vote required to authorize the purchase

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Ballot vote required to authorize spending

Learn More: [SUDBURY.MA.US/CSX](https://SUDBURY.MA.US/CSX)