

The City of Northampton is building multi-use trails all over the city.

Goal is to have 80% of the population within easy access.

The City of Northampton just completed the one-mile Rocky Hill shared use path (bike path) through the Burts Bog Greenway, from Sandy Hill Road to Overlook Drive to Burts Pit Road. The trail provides a passive recreation experience and knits three different neighborhoods together, while avoiding any adverse impacts on the greenway's bog, the only one in the city, and the greenway's rare turtle habitat.

The City's Office of Planning & Sustainability is working to connect this new one mile shared use path to the existing city and state rail trail network. (*New Haven to Northampton Greenway's Manhan segment and the Mass Central Rail Trail*)

The city's first shared use paths were on former rail-road rights of way, providing easy trail access for 65% of the city's population.

This new trail, however, is not on a former railroad right of way and represents the city's commitment to eventually provide 80% of the city with easy access to shared use paths, even when that requires cross country paths, with their greater rights of way and grade challenges.

More info at:

[https://
www.northamptonma.gov/1427/
Conservation-Maps](https://www.northamptonma.gov/1427/Conservation-Maps)

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