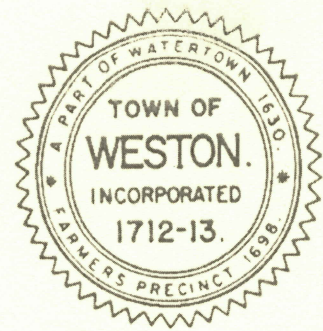


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To whom it may concern,

We are writing to express our strong support for the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) and the continued efforts to complete this essential multi-use path. The MCRT builds on the historic legacy of the Massachusetts Central Railroad, now a 104-mile trail that serves as a vital artery connecting 26 communities from Boston to Northampton. Wayland is already seeing tremendous recreation and health benefits from their short 2 miles to date.

The completed trail will offer remarkable economic, health, and environmental benefits to Massachusetts. Studies estimate that a fully realized MCRT will boost the local economy by \$212 million annually, attract 5 million new visitors, and create nearly 1,000 jobs. As it stands today, over 60 miles of the trail are already complete, with 12 additional miles under construction. However, support is essential to complete key gaps in the route, which would allow it to connect seamlessly with other major trails like the Assabet River Rail Trail and the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.

Massachusetts leaders need to continue their effort to complete the MCRT. Please take time to walk or ride along the trail, listen to the voices of your constituents, and recognize the transformative potential this project holds. Public commitment to the MCRT's completion is critical to fulfilling this vision and making Massachusetts a leader in sustainable infrastructure.

The MCRT is more than just a trail; it is an enduring connection between people and places, a lifeline for health and economic growth, and a crucial investment in a cleaner, healthier, and more connected future. Together, we can and should Finish the Rail Trail.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Palmer, Weston Select Board Chair

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