

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Medfield Rail Trail

Medfield, Mass. - September 7, 2022 - The 1.3-mile multi-use trail, built along the former Bay Colony Railroad line, from Ice House Road to the Dover town line, is officially open. Join the Friends of the Medfield Rail Trail (FMRT) and local officials for an outdoor community event to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the new trail on Saturday, October 1st from 2 to 4 pm.

The Medfield Rail Trail provides a flat, easy path for walking, running, horseback riding and biking for people of all ages. The Rail Trail, along with its connection to the [Bay Circuit Trail](#), opens up safe links to hundreds of acres of town-owned recreation areas, and the former Medfield State Hospital campus.

Initiated by the non-profit Bay Colony Rail Trail Association (BCRTA) along with Friends of the Medfield Rail Trail (a Medfield Foundation initiative), the project is a private-public partnership with the Town of Medfield. The Rail Trail was approved by Town Meeting in May 2018. The project has been funded entirely by grants from the state's MassTrails Program and private donations. Medfield's Board of Selectmen, the Planning Department, the Town Administrator, and Conservation Commission have assisted and provided oversight for the development of the trail. The Medfield Department of Public Works has been instrumental in constructing the trail.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held along the Rail Trail on the corner of West Mill Street and Harding Street. Parking will be available at The Center at 1 Ice House Road, Medfield, MA. The event will include refreshments and appetizers, as well as a guided walk along the trail.

For more information, visit the Bay Colony Rail Trail [Facebook page](#).

About the Friends of the Medfield Rail Trail

The [Friends of the Medfield Rail Trail](#) (FMRT) is a volunteer group of residents working toward the implementation of the Medfield Rail Trail. FMRT welcomes volunteers to help with this effort. If interested please contact FMRT at medfieldrailtrail@gmail.com.

The FMRT, a Medfield Foundation initiative, is seeking additional private donations for improvements to the trail and general maintenance projects. Tax-deductible donations can be made either online at [Medfieldfoundation.org](https://www.medfieldfoundation.org), or checks can be mailed to MFi, Medfield Town Hall, 459 Main St, Medfield, MA 02052. Please contact Abby Marble at (508) 359-5370 with any questions regarding the Medfield Foundation, or Michael Taylor at (508) 878-6599 to learn more about the Friends of the Medfield Rail Trail.

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