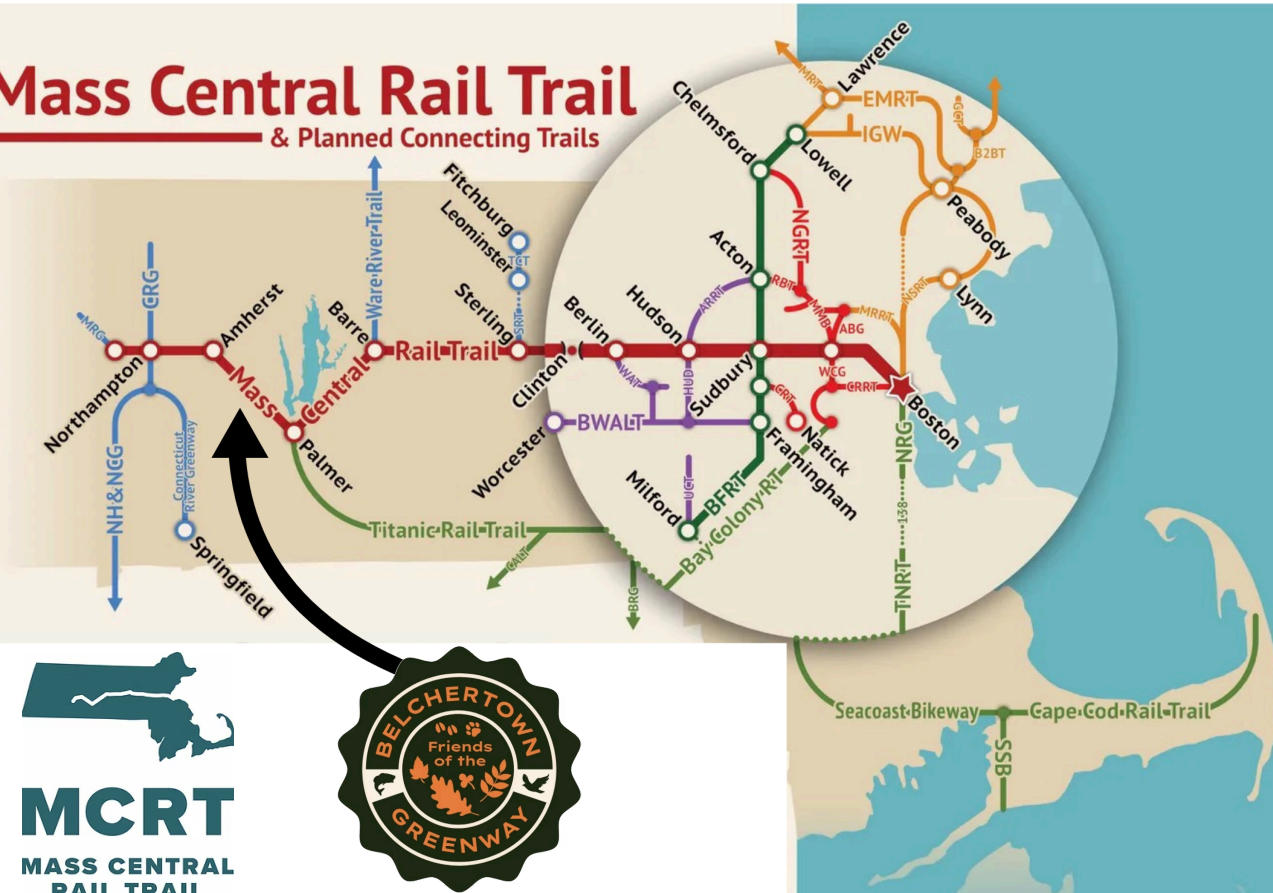


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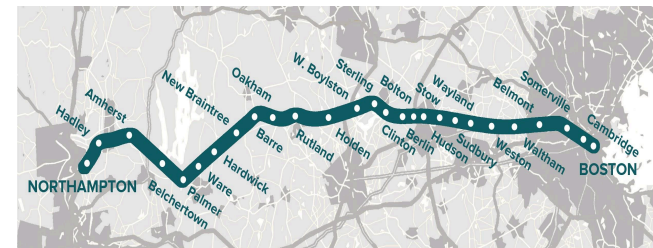


The Belchertown Greenway

is a shared-use, unpaved trail spanning over 11 miles between Palmer and Amherst, and is part of a larger regional trail network called the **Mass Central Rail Trail** (MCRT).

As a former railroad corridor, the MCRT spans 104 miles across Massachusetts, connecting 27 towns and cities between Northampton and Boston. Belchertown has the longest section of rail corridor of any town in Massachusetts.

Improving the Belchertown Greenway is vital to connecting the MCRT. Shared-use trails can bring significant economic benefits to the communities they intersect by providing access to businesses within walking and biking distance.





Benefits of the Belchertown Greenway

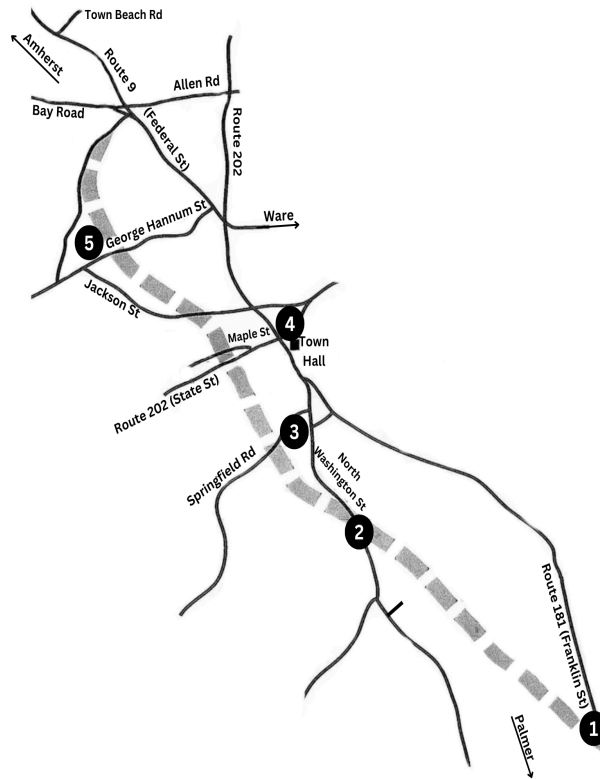
The Belchertown Greenway provides residents and out-of-town visitors many year-round outdoor opportunities.

- Bicycling
- Walking / Jogging
- Snowmobiling*
- Horseback Riding
- Nature Walks / Dog Walking
- Fishing / Birding / Wildlife Viewing
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Fat-tire Bike Snow Cycling
- Commuting

*Many thanks to the Mill Valley Snowmobile Club of Belchertown for keeping the trail clear for the benefit of all.

Parking for the Belchertown Greenway

1. Trailhead on Franklin Street/Route 181
2. Along either side of the railroad bridge on North Washington Street
3. At pickleball courts on Springfield Road. Trail crossing is 0.2 mile downhill before railroad crossing
4. At the Belchertown Common or Town Hall. Trail access at the end of Maple Street, downhill past Oak Furniture store
5. At Austin Gaughan Memorial Field, George Hannum Street



Friends of the Belchertown Greenway

The Friends' goal is to promote and improve the town-owned portion of the former railroad corridor.

These volunteers seek to foster cooperation between state and local governments and local landowners to develop a safer and more accessible, shared-use Greenway for Belchertown.

The Friends' latest project is to rehabilitate the historic Jabish Brook railroad trestle.

This important Greenway project will install new decking and railings to improve user safety and accessibility.

