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NORTHERN STRAND  
COMMUNITY TRAIL

## Newsletter of Bike to the Sea

**Working for Bike Safety and Safe Places to Ride**

Promoting the development of *The Northern Strand Community Trail*

A bicycle and pedestrian trail through the communities of

Everett - Malden - Revere - Saugus - Lynn and connections to Medford - Somerville - Charlestown

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Fall / Winter 2015

**B2C President: Stephen Winslow**

**Board members: Gus Fish, Janet Green, Clay Larsen, Steve Leibman, Ginny Mullen, Kathleen O'Brien, Karyl Stoia, Pete Sutton, Sandra Tozza, Jim Tozza, Henri Soucy, Tony Chianca, Sam Amado, Joseph Wilson**

## LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday October 18, 2015**

Fall Colors Ride, Linden Square Malden

11 am - Revere & Saugus Trail Ride, Tozza Bench Dedication

12 noon - Malden & Everett Trail Ride

**Tuesday November 10, 2015**

Bike to the Sea Annual Meeting

6:30 PM. DeMaino's Restaurant

14 Malden Street, Revere MA

\$10 - Dinner & Fun



## Revere Segment of Northern Strand Opens

On August 18 Revere Mayor Dan Rizzo, Ward 6 Councillor Charlie Patch, State Representative RoseLee Vicent and other Revere dignataries joined Bike to Sea supporters to officially open the Revere segment of the Northern Strand Community Trail. The event also included the dedication of a bench in honor of Ginny and Bill Mullen of North Revere, long-term members of Bike to the Sea.

The completion of the North Revere section of the Northern Strand Community Trail creates a continuous trail leading from the Malden River waterfront in Everett along the Rumney Marsh in North Revere to the Saugus River Trestle Bridge near the Lynn line where many of us stood two years ago for the announcement that the Department of Conservation & Recreation would be dedicating over \$100,000 to the construction of the North Revere segment.



Bike to the Sea President Stephen Winslow made the following remarks at the ribbon-cutting, “ The trail would not be happening without the great partnership between the City of Revere, Bike to the Sea, the Department of Conservation and Recreation and trail supporters. Bike to the Sea led trail advocacy, community outreach, fundraising and trail building effort. City Departments including Community Development, Revere on the Move, DPW and the Conservation Commission co-ordinated closely with those efforts and took the lead in constructing the trail’s intersection at Salem Street. Volunteers from both Bike to the Sea and City Department’s helped prepare the trail and cover over years of graffiti under the Route 1 bridge. DPW put the finishing touches on with x-walks and signage.



The trail would not be happening without the financial support of many partners. The Department of Conservation and Recreation provided the bulk of construction funds from the Federal Recreational Trails program. The City also tapped Overlook Ridge mitigation funds towards construction.

Bike to the Sea greatly appreciates support provided by its members, the Fields Pond Foundation, E-Bay foundation, Heaven’s Helping Hand Foundation, Brookline Bank, Rails to Trails Conservancy & the Coca Cola Foundation, the Revere Cares Coalition and many others. We would also like to thank our long-time Revere Board members – Ginny Mullen, Tony Chianca, Mike Kelleher and Gail Palladino for their efforts. Also key to the project were our Treasurer Gus Fish – who help leverage the most out of money and volunteer hours, Project Manager Clay Larsen who made this all happen and Steve Leibman who led our grant writing efforts.”

**Breaking news:** The Baker-Polito Administration through the Department of Conservation and Recreation has awarded Bike to the Sea, Inc another **\$49,362** Recreational Trail grant to make further improvements to the Revere segment of the trail. The Northern Strand Community Trail was one of 30 projects statewide to receive such a grant. Recreational Trail Grants, which serve as a vital funding source for local hiking, biking and recreational vehicle trails in need of improvements and/or repairs, range from nearly \$5,000 to over \$50,000 depending on the scope of the project.

“The Commonwealth has an expansive system of recreational trails that provide great experiences and opportunities for both residents and visitors alike,” **said Governor Charlie Baker.** “Through our partnership with local communities and non-profit organizations, these grants will provide the public greater access to safe, clean and fun recreational opportunities throughout the state.”

“The Recreational Trail Grants are incredibly important to the funding of a wide variety of trails across the Commonwealth,” **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito.** “These projects will promote healthy, active lifestyles and provide opportunities for citizens in urban, suburban and rural areas to enjoy the natural beauty of the Commonwealth.”

## **Short Updates – Gardens and Connections**

The Everett Community Health Partnership added 15 community garden plots on Tremont Street near the Prescott Street gate. Representative Ultrino of Malden worked to secure funding for additional community gardens along the Strand. Revere added bicycle lanes and sharrows to Broadway. Bicycle lanes have also been added in Melrose and Saugus along sections of the Fells Way from the Breakheart Reservation to Wyoming Avenue. The Wynn Casino development will include new paths along the Mystic River and a better connection from the Strand to lower Broadway. Everett passed a “Complete Streets” resolution. Malden is considering it. The Community Preservation Act will be on the ballot in Malden on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, potentially providing additional funds to improve the Strand.

## Building Walls in Lynn

Bike to the Sea members joined Lynn residents and youth to help with various improvements in the Neptune Street neighborhood in Lynn. As part of this effort, Bike to the Sea worked with the local community group “One Community – One Voice” led by neighborhood Lisa Wallace to re-build a retaining wall at the end of Neptune Street extension. The wall serves to help hold up the embankment along the former Saugus Branch Railroad ROW that serves as the route of the Northern Strand Community Trail in Everett, Malden, Revere and Saugus. This effort is inspired by past efforts in other communities that have built positive relationships that have helped build support for creation of the trail.



## Coming in Spring 2016– New Maps

Something to look forward to in Spring 2016, new maps will be posted on the kiosks that Bike to the Sea has installed along the trail stretching from Everett to Saugus. Kiosks with maps already exist at West & Wellington Street in Everett and Canal Street in Malden. The existing maps will be replaced at these location and new maps added to the trail in Revere and Saugus in 2015.

Clay Larsen, Bike to the Sea’s Project Manager from Groundwork Somerville has been working with a GIS volunteer and Cambridge Reprographics to update the map. Bike to the Sea has also received a \$2500 grant from the Fuller Foundation and is working with the Malden Teen Enrichment Center to install another kiosk in Malden.

We are looking for community minded individuals, business and organization that will consider sponsoring one map on one kiosk or multiple maps on multiple kiosk or a more ambitious project of sponsoring and entire kiosk map set up. We would like to have organizations sponsor a map on a kiosk near their business address. Our current goal is to deploy and maintain nine kiosks from Everett to the boarder of Lynn. We currently have five installed and are working on three more.

**Individual Map Sponsorships are \$500.** This is for a two-year period, which is the expected life span of the map. The map can feature your organizations logo in a central location (as shown on attached draft). Your organization will also be noted on our web site as a contributor to the Kiosk map program. There are opportunities to sponsor multiple maps. Paper versions of the maps can be purchased individually for \$200. It you would like to have one at your home or office.

**Kiosk Map Combination \$2,500.** This includes all labor and materials to install a wooden kiosk at one of the locations noted below. The kiosk would include the map with your logo for a two-year period. Bike to the Sea Inc. will maintain the Kiosk and insure that both map and Kiosk look good.

If you or someone you know are interested in being a sponsor, please Clay Larsen at [claylars@gmail.com](mailto:claylars@gmail.com).

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