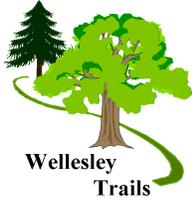


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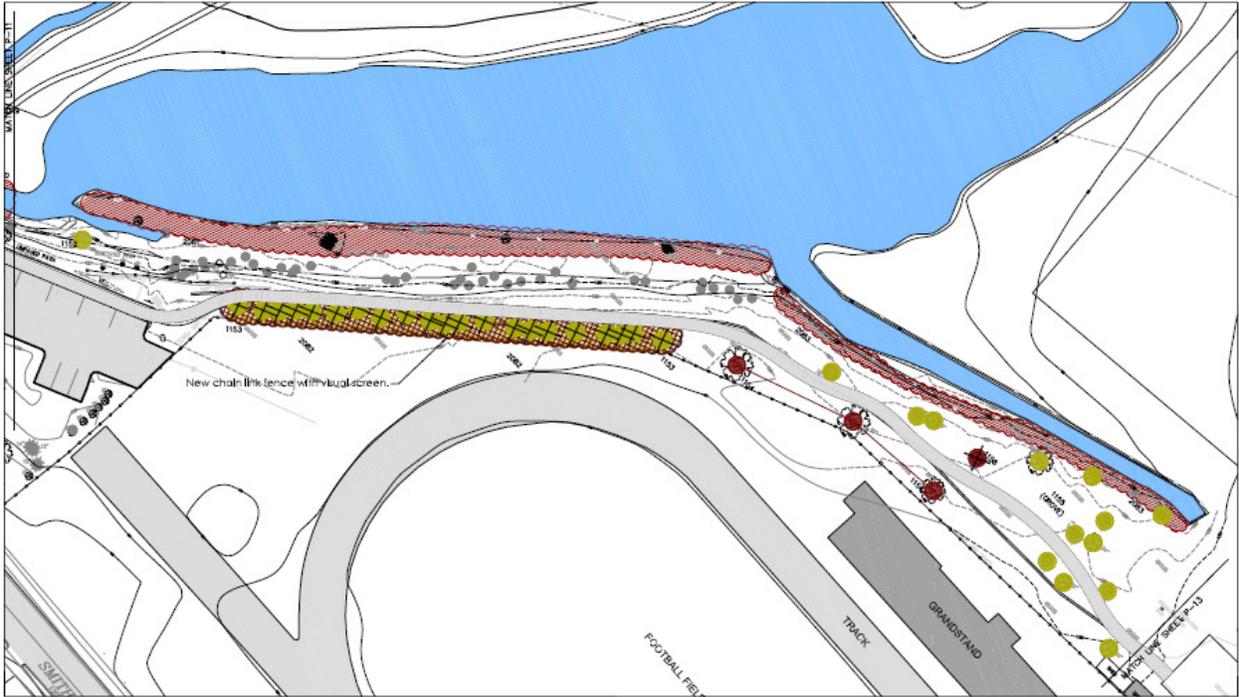
Fuller Brook Park was severed between State and Paine Streets when the High School was built in 1938. At the Public Hearing held in June, 2004, for the Fuller Brook Restoration Master Plan, there was strong support to restore a more park-like pathway through that area. Moving the path off of the streets and routing it through the green space would reestablish the original intent of the path and provide an easy to follow pathway that is consistent with the rest of the park.

In support of restoring the pathway, the Trails Committee stated in the Wellesley Comprehensive Plan (2007-2017) that our **highest priority project** was: *Brook Path Improvements at High School - Provide a continuous, well-defined path between the State Street parking lot and the trail off Paine Street.* During the Phase 2 Preliminary Design, the Trails Committee worked with the Fuller Brook Coordinating Committee to incorporate a continuous path into the Segment 3 plans.

The planned pathway agreed upon between State and Paine Streets was documented in the Preliminary Design Plans, dated January 14, 2011, and is shown in the attached (Plans P-11 through P-14). It shows a standard width pathway beginning at State Street passing to the north of the newly paved parking lot (parking lot was to be truncated to provide space for the path). It then continuing behind the stadium, across the playing fields, through green space north of the Caroline Brook, and ending at the Rice and Paine Streets intersection. Attached is a map showing the proposed routing for the new trail and the current routing of the trail along Rice Street.

At the Fuller Brook Park Coordinating Committee on September 12, 2013, recommended cost cuts resulted in the elimination of a continuous path between State and Paine Streets. The only portion of new pathway being retained was the section behind the stadium. The retrained section would start at the east side of the State Street parking lot and end at the service road gravel area. The pathway would be bisected by the parking lot and users would have to travel across the parking lot to connect between the west and east sections. Also, the pathway would continue out to Rice St, and run along the sidewalk. Thus, nothing will really change from the current routing.

The Trails Committee is very disappointed in this cost cutting decision, and submit the following reasons for retaining the pathway as defined for Segment 3 in Preliminary Design Plan:



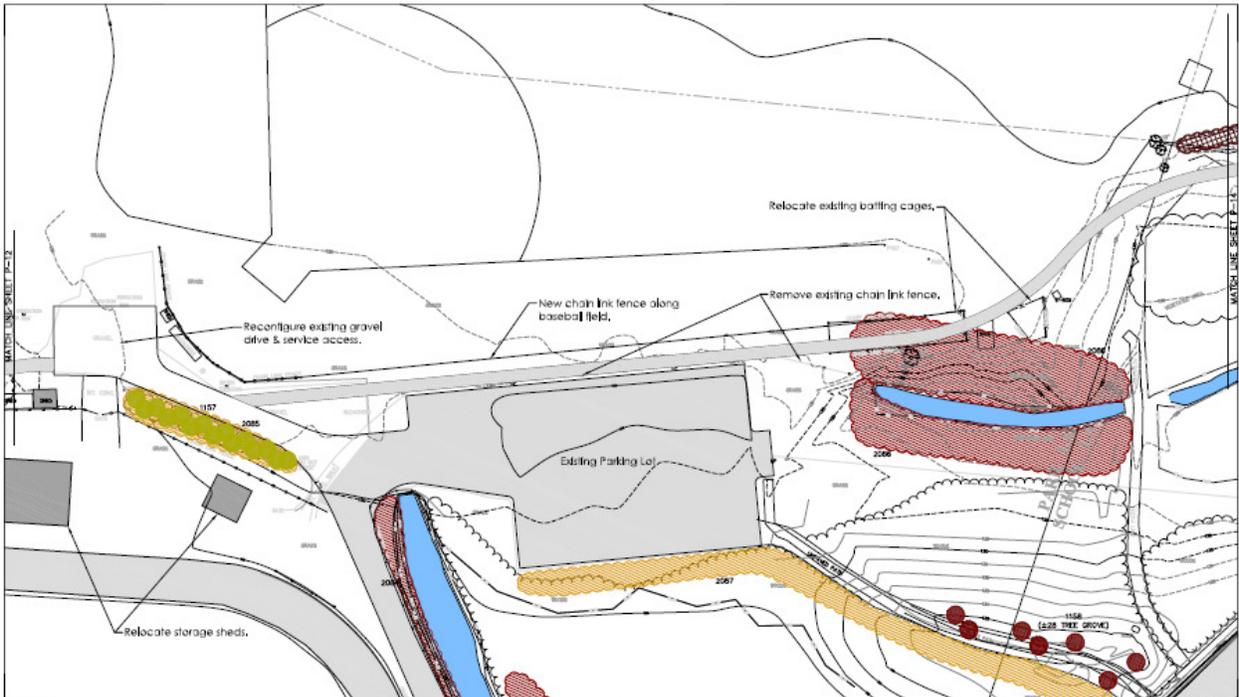
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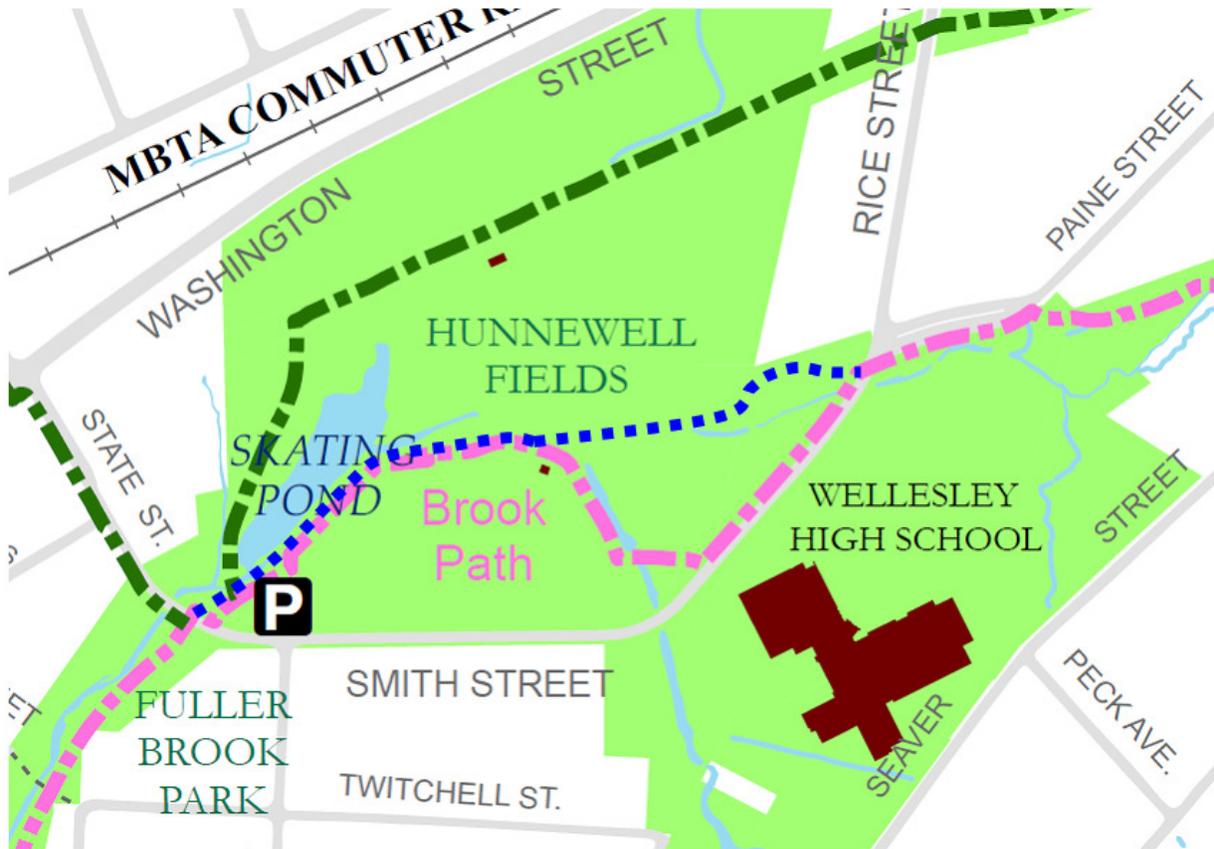
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Attachment: Brook Path Current and Proposed Routing



- ■ ■ Crosstown Trail
- ■ ■ Current Brook Path
- ■ ■ Proposed Continuous Pathway