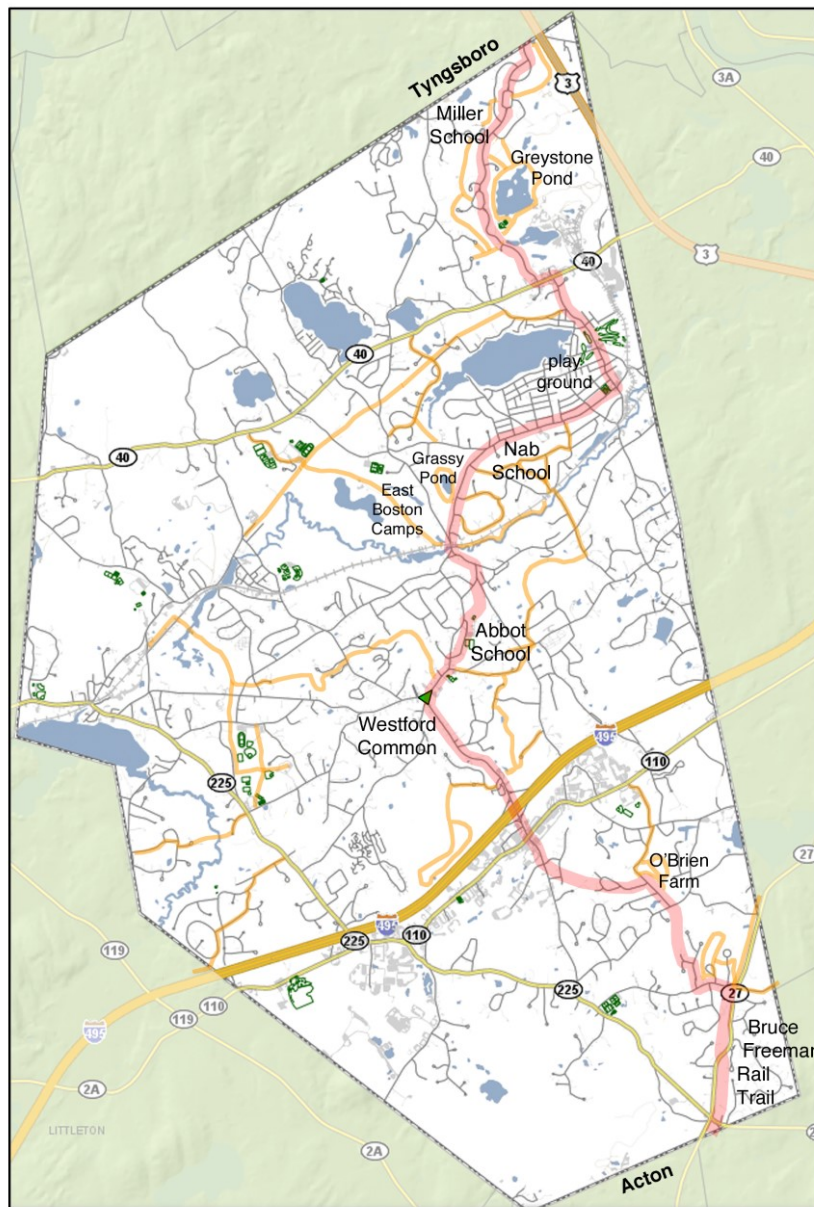


Core Westford Walkway

The Core Westford Walkway is a long-term project that will further Westford as a walkable community in which residents can safely walk between neighborhoods and to desirable destinations for transportation, recreation, health benefits, and the sheer enjoyment of being outdoors. The walkway project is being planned and promoted by the Healthy Westford and Pedestrians Safety Committees.

When complete, the Core Westford Walkway (indicated in pink on the map below) will extend from Westford's northern border with Tyngsboro to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and our southern border with Acton using a combination of sidewalks, trails, and a few street segments with relatively light traffic.



A network of connected walkways

One of the primary features of the Core Westford Walkway is that it will serve as a backbone or core of a network of connecting walkways. Existing connected walkways are shown in orange on the map above.

The Core Westford Walkway and existing walkway network will connect neighborhoods to dozens of conservation/open space areas (such as East Boston Camps), the town center, several schools, the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, and the Rt 110 stores, restaurants, and other businesses.

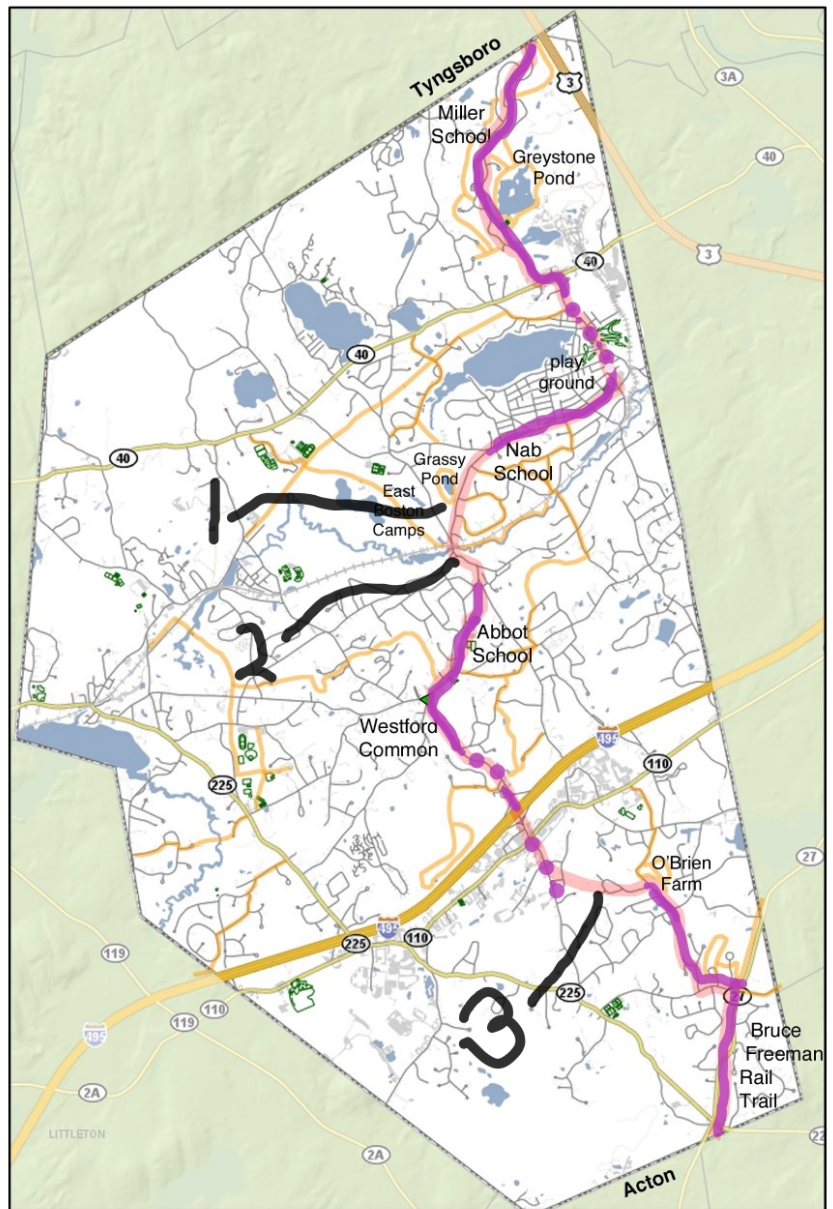
Our committees will be working to increase the number of connecting walkways and expand the walkway network. We hope to eventually achieve a comprehensive walkway network that will allow members of the Westford community to walk throughout the entire town.

Core Westford Walkway status

A significant portion of the Core Westford Walkway already exists (shown in solid purple on the map at right), including sidewalks through the Greystone area; a sidewalk along Plain Rd from Oak Hill Rd to Nutting Rd; a trail from Cummings Rd to Abbot School; sidewalks along Depot Rd, Main St, and Boston Rd from Abbot School to Crown Rd, and a combination of sidewalks, a trail, and relatively lightly-travelled streets from Vose Rd to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.

Much of the remainder of the walkway (indicated by purple dots on the map) is scheduled to be built in the next few years, including sidewalks along Oak Hill Rd and Carlisle Rd, approved at the 2020 Special Town Meeting, and a Boston Rd sidewalk to be built with state funding.

That leaves three remaining gaps to complete the walkway (indicated by the numbers on the map). Gap 1 extends from the southern end of the existing Plain Rd sidewalk to the



intersection of Plain Rd and Depot St, just north of Stony Brook. The Healthy Westford and Pedestrian Safety Committees are currently working to fill this gap.

Gap 2 extends from the Plain Rd/Depot St intersection to Abbot School. Plans for filling this gap are still in development but will likely include a pedestrian bridge across Stony Brook, and new sidewalks along Burbeck Way, Lowell Rd, Providence Rd, and Cummings Rd to an existing trail that leads to Abbot School.

Gap 3 extends from the planned Carlisle Rd sidewalk to Vose Rd. Filling this gap will likely require a new trail along a to-be-determined route.

How you can help

If you agree that this is a worthwhile project, there are three ways that you can help.

First, contact town officials and let them know that you support the project.

Second, support pedestrian improvement projects at town meeting.

Third, if you have any ideas of how to fill the remaining gaps in the Core Westford Walkway or know of a location where a new trail or sidewalk would contribute to the walkway network, please contact either the Healthy Westford Committee or the Pedestrian Safety Committee.

<https://westfordma.gov/708/Healthy-Westford-Committee>

<https://westfordma.gov/554/Pedestrian-Safety-Committee>