



# TOWN OF CONCORD

## Town Manager's Report

Week of July 15th, 2019

### Concord Awarded MVP Action Grant

Concord has been awarded \$250,095 in grant funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program. The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' MVP grant and designation program provides communities with technical support, climate change data and planning tools to identify hazards and develop strategies to improve resilience.

Concord received \$100,095 to develop a Climate Action and Resilience Plan and \$150,000 for a Reforestation and Tree Resilience project which will include planting 100 trees and evaluating the feasibility of a tree nursery at Concord's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Concord became an MVP designated community earlier this year after receiving a \$33,000 MVP Planning Grant to complete a community resilience building workshop, community outreach and education, including videos on climate resilience in Concord and smart water management.

To view the press release in its entirety please view the [press release on the Town's webpage](#).

## BACKPACKS/SCHOOL SUPPLIES

### Back to school donations appreciated!

Concord-Carlisle Community Services has over 50 children from modest and low income families signed up to receive a brand new backpack and school supplies for the 2019-2020 school year.

Donations of pencils, glue sticks, rulers, pencil cases, pens, pencil sharpeners, loose-leaf paper, folders, and notebooks are also welcome. Donated backpacks and supplies must be new and unused.

To donate a backpack and/or school supplies, please contact Bonny Wilbur, Community Services Coordinator at [bwilbur@concordma.gov](mailto:bwilbur@concordma.gov), 978-318-3034 or use the drop boxes located at 55 Church Street, the Harvey Wheeler Community Center at 1276 Main Street, the Beede Center at 498 Walden Street, or Town Hall at 22 Monument Square.



This summer marks the 5th year that Concord's Community Services will be distributing backpacks filled with school supplies to children from lower-income families in town. Last year close to 50 backpacks were distributed. Donations of backpacks and school supplies would be greatly appreciated again this year! If you would like to donate a backpack and/or school supplies, please contact Bonny Wilbur, Community Services Coordinator, for more information (978-318-3034 or [bwilbur@concordma.gov](mailto:bwilbur@concordma.gov)) or you may place your donations in the boxes located in West Concord at the Human Services Building at 55 Church Street, or the Harvey Wheeler Community Center at 1276 Main Street, or in Concord at the Beede Center at 498 Walden Street, or the Town House at 22 Monument Square.

## White Pond Restoration

The restoration project at White Pond is progressing well. In accordance with recommendations from the White Pond Watershed Management to improve and maintain water quality at White Pond, the Town has engaged a contractor to complete a comprehensive slope restoration project at Sachem's Cove. The intent of the project is to provide better directed access points to Sachem's Cove, and reduce foot traffic on erodible slopes, to reduce sediment and pollutant loading into the pond. Sumco EcoContracting has replaced two sets of dilapidated concrete steps with timber steps, and installed a third set of timber steps in a popular access point that had been severely eroding. New post and rail fencing has been installed to direct visitors to appropriate access points, and loam and seed has been brought in to stabilize eroded slopes. Some native plantings at the tops and bottom of slope have been installed; the remainder will be planted this fall.

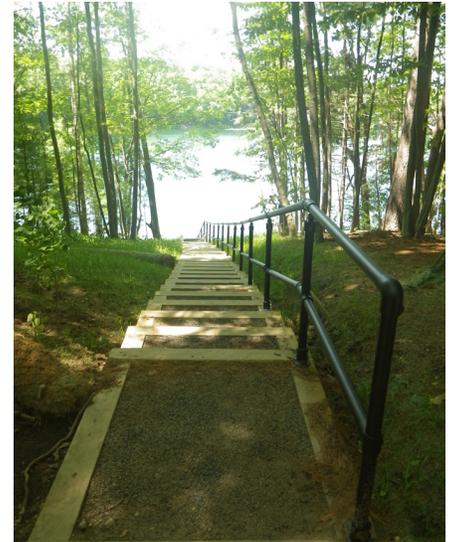
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## Complete Street Public Workshop

The Town of Concord Select Board adopted a Complete Streets Policy in 2018 following review and support by various Boards and Committees including the Public Works Commission, the Planning Board and the Comprehensive Long Range Planning Committee. A Complete Street is a street that safely serves all needs including those of walkers, bikers, vehicles and other multimodal uses, regardless of age or ability. A Complete Street promotes safety, livability and community. Concord Public Works was successful in obtaining a state grant to develop a Complete Streets Prioritization Plan which will identify and prioritize projects to be undertaken in the Town of Concord. Development of this plan fulfills a key eligibility requirement for the MassDOT Complete Streets Funding Program to qualify for annual grant funding of up to \$400,000 per year.

A public workshop to solicit public input that will help generate a list of complete streets projects that will be eligible for funding will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the 2nd Floor Hearing Room of the Town House at 22 Monument Square, Concord. Visit [concordma.gov/completestreets](http://concordma.gov/completestreets) to access an online tool to log issues that you are aware of.

This tool will be available from July 18th, 2019 to August 1, 2019



complete streets are for everyone