

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE and OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT ON PROPOSED *DE MINIMIS* IMPACT DETERMINATION ON SECTION 4(F) RESOURCES – SUDBURY TOWN-OWNED LAND

PROJECT: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

CITY/TOWN: Sudbury

PROPONENT: Town of Sudbury

This notice will initiate review of the above-referenced project pursuant to Section 4(f) of the DOT Act of 1966 (23 CFR 774). Information specific to the proposed project and its impacts, avoidance, minimization, mitigation or enhancement measures may be obtained from:

Mark Kotowski

MassDOT

10 Park Plaza, Room 4260

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The project, as designed, will require permanent and/or temporary construction easements on the following properties within the Town of Sudbury for the construction of a shared-use path.

1. Parkinson Land, off Hudson Road
2. Broadacres Farm, off Morse Road
3. Davis Farm, off North Road
4. Davis Field, off North Road

The properties and their usage are held for protection as significant public recreational resources under Section 4(f) of the DOT Act.

This notice is being published in an effort to solicit public comments on the impacts this project will have on the referenced parcels. Given that the impacts are associated with recreational area enhancements through the addition of a bicycle and pedestrian trail adjacent to and connected via paved pathways to the recreational resource areas, and no recreational functions associated with the area will be impaired, as a result of the project, MassDOT intends to pursue a determination that the proposed use of parcels, the avoidance and minimization of impacts, and construction mitigation with temporary pedestrian detours meets the definition of *de minimis* (or minor) impacts, as specified under 23 CFR 774.17(5). A *de minimis* finding is being made based on the preliminary assessment that the proposed use of this resource will have no adverse effect on the recreational activities, features or attributes qualifying it for Section 4(f) protection.

All persons wishing to comment on the project should write to Mark Kotowski, MassDOT 10 Park Plaza, Room 4260, Boston, Massachusetts 02116, referencing the above referenced project within 15 days of this notice. Comments will become part of the official record and will be considered when making future project-related decisions.

By Mark Kotowski

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