



Friends of the Mattapoissett Bicycle and Recreational Path

Request for a Donation to Complete the Marion Connector of the Mattapoissett Bike Path

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Bike Path are incredibly pleased to report that the Town of Mattapoissett was awarded a **\$110,000 grant from MassTrails.org**—a grant that the Town will match for the construction of the new shared use path from the eastern end of Industrial Drive to the Marion border.

With this grant, we are closer to funding construction. However, our work is not yet done, and we need your help. With your financial support, we will be able to raise the remaining \$65,000 needed to build the Marion Connector and put the project out to bid before the end of this year!*

Budget Summary	
Total Construction Cost	\$410,000
Existing Sources:	
Mass Trails	\$110,000
Town of Mattapoissett Match	\$110,000
The Friends Available Cash**	\$30,000
Town of Mattapoissett Match	\$30,000
Proposed Sources:	
Private Contributions	\$65,000
Town of Mattapoissett Match	\$65,000
Total Existing and Proposed Sources	\$410,000

This Shared Use Path will have Many Benefits

This multi-use path will provide safe, off-road access for runners, walkers, and cyclists to trails leading to the Tinkham Forest, to the Old Rochester Regional High School campus, and to a host of beautiful wooded trails on Sippican Lands Trust Property.

When combined with the soon-to-be completed path connecting the center of Mattapoissett with the existing path from Mattapoissett Neck Road to Fairhaven, pedestrians and bicyclists will be able to walk, run, or ride from the harbor in Fairhaven to the Mattapoissett/Marion line on a paved route away from heavily traveled roadways. When completed, the Marion Pathway will connect with our path and continue to Point Road.†



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The Friends is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Contributions to the Friends for the construction of the Marion Connector are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. The Friends will apply 100% of your contribution toward the construction of the Marion Connector.

Please consider donating funds payable during 2020 and/or 2021 on dates convenient to you. Contributions of any size are most welcome. In these uncertain times, our community's shared use path will be a healthy way to enjoy our outdoors. If we can secure a few pledges of \$5,000 to \$10,000 payable before the end of 2021, we can assure that construction of the Marion Connector will begin in 2021.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreational Path Board

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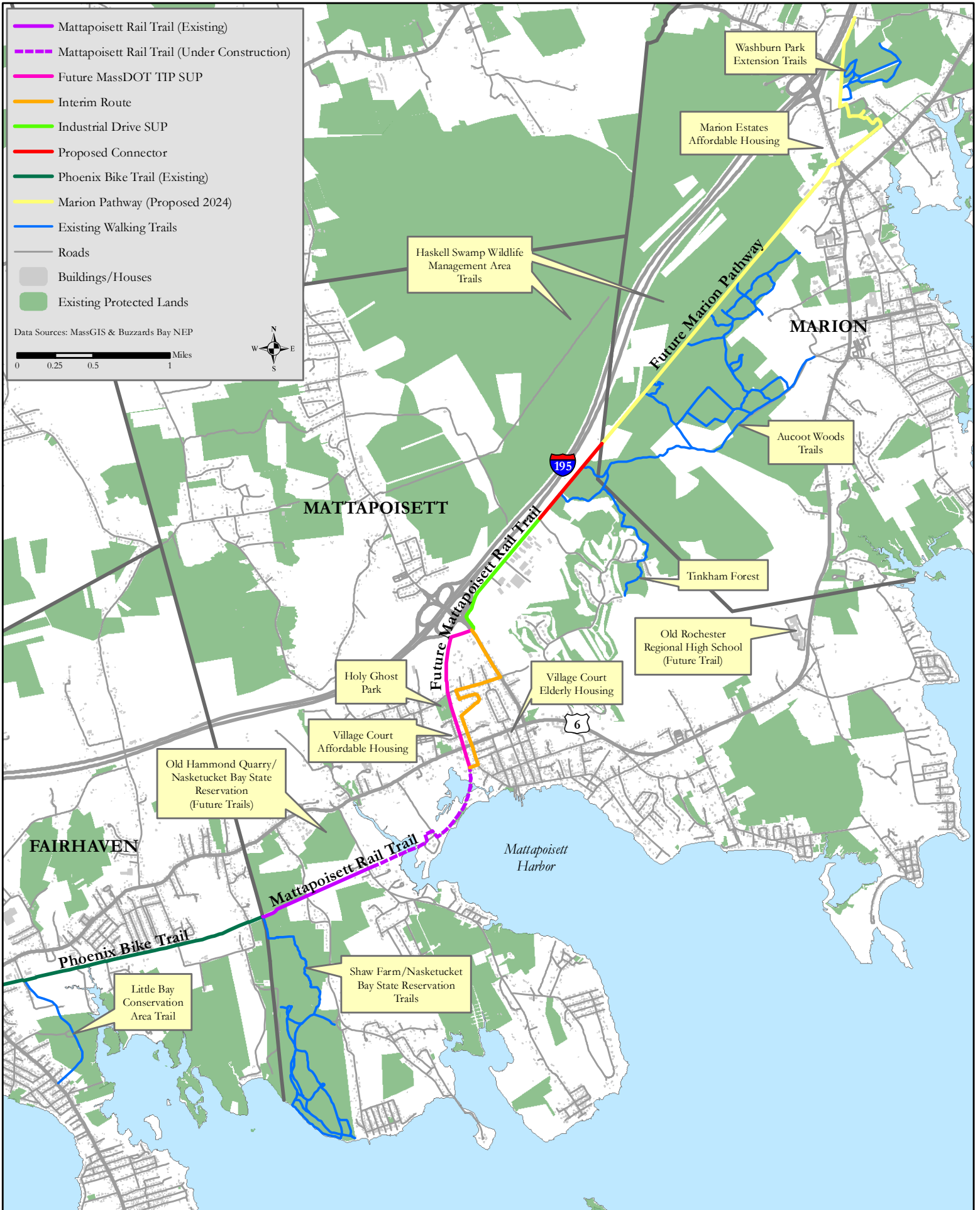
Endnotes:

*To accept construction bids, the Friends need funding commitments by mid-December 2020 which will coincide with the already-funded Industrial Drive improvements. Funds would not be spent until later in 2021 at the earliest.

**With the help of many small donations that resulted in a \$25,000 matching grant from a private foundation, the Friends contributed \$50,000 dollars to the design fund for this project in 2019. Volunteers work closely with the Town to follow design progress and write grant applications for public funding sources.

† Construction of the Marion Pathway is scheduled to begin in 2024. Their funding schedule is dependent on funding from the State and Federal Department of Transportation. While anticipated dates may change, the Marion project will have a higher funding priority if the Mattapoisett ½ mile connector is in place.

Phoenix Bike Trail, Mattapoissett Rail Trail and Marion Pathway Shared Use Paths





Comprehensive Industrial Drive Project Overview

Yellow Dash: Proposed Marion Connector Shared Use Path



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To assist with the funding of the Marion Connector shared use path (which will connect the end of Industrial Drive to the Marion border), the undersigned agrees to donate the amount of:

\$ _____ to the Friends of the Mattapoissett Bicycle and Recreational Path as follows:

\$ _____ is enclosed with this form.

\$ _____ will be donated on or before December 31, 2020.

\$ _____ will be donated on or before December 31, 2021.

Signature of Donor(s): _____ Date: _____

Printed Name(s) of Donor(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City or Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

May we list your name for recognition purposes? (Please check one.) YES _____ NO _____

The Friends will rely on this agreement to deliver a commitment letter to the Town of Mattapoissett in December 2020 to enable the Town to solicit bids for the construction of the Marion Connector.

Please email this form or ask any questions to one of the following persons:

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Or please mail the printed form along with a check made payable to:

Friends of the Mattapoissett Bicycle and Recreational Path, Inc. using the address below.

The Friends will provide you with a donation receipt for tax purposes.