

LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

Lots of highs, one low and an exciting time ahead

The highs and lows of 2016 remind us of the importance of working closely with Shoreline communities to build trail and help improve bike and pedestrian mobility in ways appropriate for them. We know a one-size-fits-all solution won't fly in a collection of towns each with its own unique and wonderful blend of character, culture, priorities and resources. That's why we have different strategies, goals and proposed solutions for all of the towns in which we work–under a larger vision of a bike- and pedestrian-connected Shoreline.

What you see on the ground reflects that variety of approaches, and the mix of steady progress with the occasional setback keeps us learning, flexible, adaptive to changing times and events, and focused on the benefits our work can bring to the region—not only in the top-of-mind areas of health, safety and the environment, but also in the less obvious realms of economic vitality and liveability.

We achieved great success in 2016 in East Haven, Branford and Madison. In East Haven, the



A home for sale in Madison, advertising its proximity to the Shoreline Greenway Trail. Homes near trails typically have higher values and sell faster than similar homes without trail access.



The Shoreline Greenway Trail is part of a growing network of Connecticut trails that are making communities throughout the state more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.

completion of the Farm River State Park section produced just under a mile of contiguous greenway trail. This year, Branford will see the fruits of progress made in 2016: completion of the Tabor section, which will provide a 1½-mile connection between downtown and Stony Creek. The Hammonasset section was finished, creating a trail of just under a mile in length in Madison, and our effort in New Haven received a jolt of new energy with the planned extension of the trail into the heart of downtown; the New Haven extension will link the Shoreline Greenway Trail with the 84-mile Farmington Canal Heritage Greenway and the 3,000-mile East Coast Greenway.

The lone setback was in Guilford, where selectmen turned down a design for a section of trail along Route 1; we're hopeful that the town will present a new design acceptable to the majority of residents, and we're pleased that shared-lane markings (sharrows) will soon be painted on Whitfield Street, denoting a popular bike route between the center of town and the harbor.

Meanwhile, we remain dedicated to filling out new trail sections wherever possible and to helping communities improve bike and pedestrian facilities and connections. Moreover, we have our eyes on connections with other trails and initiatives to our east that could carry the Shoreline Greenway Trail all the way to the Connecticut River. These are exciting times, and we hope you'll continue to support the work we do to make our region an ever better place to live, work and visit.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Fifteen years later, an expansive vision

By Judith Miller, SGT Chair

As Shoreline Greenway Trail celebrates its 15th year, we express our gratitude to our founders, those early visionaries who had a bold dream of creating safe biking and walking connections between and within our Shoreline towns for recreation and commuting. I am more than ever in awe of the challenge they took on.

Now in 2017, Shoreline Greenway Trail is still growing and changing. Having focused in our early years on working to connect our towns with a multi-use trail, we are focusing as well on a no-less-essential part of our mission: helping the Shoreline towns develop safe walking and biking networks within their borders.

All across Connecticut, bicycling is growing, not only for recreation but also as alternative transportation. Meriden is reconfiguring its streets to accommodate safe biking; Canton and Collinsville have revivified their town centers, generating economic benefits as they became more bike-and pedestrian-friendly; New Britain and New Haven have achieved Bronze status as bike-friendly communities. Bicycles mean business!

We are proud to be a part of that exciting growth. We are working with the City of New Haven to expand the Shoreline Greenway Trail past Lighthouse Point Park and into downtown New Haven. And we are excited that, to our east, residents of Clinton, Westbrook and Old Saybrook are jumping on the bicycle bandwagon, working to design trails within and between their towns.

Big trees from little acorns grow. Many of you have supported us from the beginning, even as we discovered together that developing a good trail takes longer than anticipated. We have appreciated your commitment and support as we have learned to modify our trail design-even our mission and goals-to accommodate the evolving needs of our communities.

Finally, we thank the small army of volunteers who work faithfully, often behind the scenes, to consult with town leaders and community members on trail development and safe walking and biking initiatives, to maintain the trails, to encourage people to get outside and get active, and to stay connected with our supporters and the public.

So here's to the next 15 years! May they bring safe biking and walking to all of our Shoreline communities. Together, we can make it happen. Thank you for your support.



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COVER

Cyclists tried out the new section of the Shoreline Greenway Trail at East Haven's Farm River State Park prior to its final surfacing.

PROGRESS ON THREE FRONTS

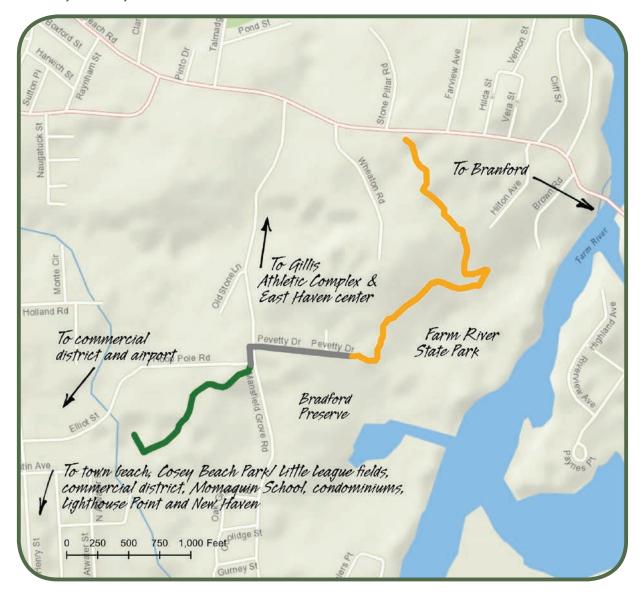
Shoreline Greenway Trail and our partners achieved significant progress in extending the trail in three towns in 2017: East Haven, Branford and Madison. The maps show existing and soon-to-be-completed sections of trail, along with locations of popular destinations that can be reached by the trail and local roads.

Green: Established Shoreline Greenway Trail, pre-2016
Orange: New Shoreline Greenway Trail, 2016-2017

■ ■ Dotted Green: connecting trail (non-Shoreline Greenway Trail)
Grey: Local roadway

East Haven/Farm River State Park Section

We finished building the 1/3-mile-long Farm River State Park section in November 2016 and opened it to the public with a groundbreaking ceremony on May 11 this year. It connects a previously completed section of trail on town property at the former D.C. Moore School with Short Beach Road not far from the Branford line, and it extends the East Haven leg of the Shoreline Greenway Trail to approximately one mile in length. Work is underway to identify routes eastward toward Branford and westward to the New Haven line



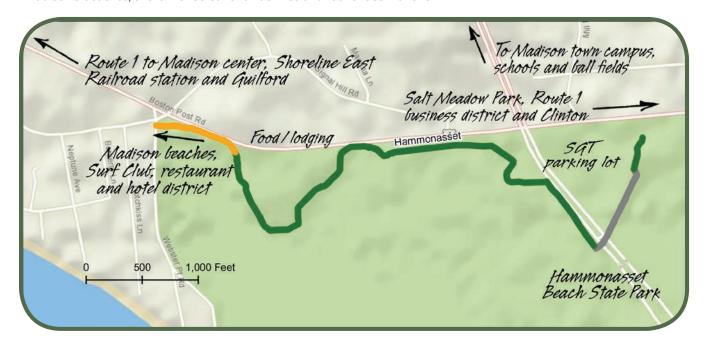
Branford/Tabor Trail Section

Construction should begin this summer, and we expect the 7/10-mile-long trail through Branford's Tabor property to open before the end of 2017. It will allow pedestrians, cyclists and others to travel mostly off-road 1½ miles between downtown Branford and Stony Creek Village, using three sections of Shoreline Greenway Trail and two previously existing trails to traverse Young's Pond Park and the marsh from Pine Orchard to Stony Creek.



Madison/Hammonasset to Webster Point Road Section

The Hammonasset section of the Shoreline Greenway Trail in Madison was finished in early 2016 with a 750-foot extension from the park to Webster Point Road. Walkers, hikers and cyclists can now use the trail and local roads rather than a dangerous stretch of Route 1 to travel between Hammonasset Beach State Park, downtown Madison, Madison's beaches, shoreline recreational facilities and tourist destinations.



YOUR WORKING BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2016-17

We celebrate our dedicated board members, some of whom have served for the entire 15 years since our incorporation in 2002. Their tireless commitment is a testament to the trail's importance to the Shoreline.

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WAYS TO SUPPORT THE TRAIL

About one-quarter of the \$4.25 million we've raised for the trail has come from members and other trail supporters like you; 86 percent of the money we've spent has gone directly to construction of the trail and activities promoting its use.

There are many ways to support our efforts: make a one-time gift via our website or sign up for monthly giving, respond to one of our fund-raising solicitations, take advantage of an employer's matching-gifts program, make Shoreline Greenway Trail a beneficiary of a bequest or planned gift, or donate appreciated stock.



With your help, we completed construction of the Farm River State Park section of trail in East Haven in 2016.

Taking part in an event like New Haven's Rock to Rock bike ride is a great way to support us, as is contributing through the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven's Great Give. A portion of sales benefits Shoreline Greenway Trail when you use AmazonSmile to buy goods. For more information on how to financially support us, contact Judy Miller at chair@shorelinegreenwaytrail.org or (203) 589-8335. Here are links to the online resources mentioned above:

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CLINTON GREENWAY GATHERS STEAM

Guest Column

By Carrie Allen, Chair of the Clinton Greenway Subcommittee, Bike and Pedestrian Alliance of Clinton

Imagine a string of bike- and pedestrian-friendly towns, connected in places by a network of trails, on the Connecticut shoreline from New Haven to Old Saybrook. It's not a far-fetched idea, given the vision of Shoreline Greenway Trail and efforts underway in towns to the east of SGT's Madison terminus.

In Clinton, exciting developments are underway for the proposed Clinton Greenway, which we in the Bike and Pedestrian Alliance of Clinton (BPAC) envision as a multi-use trail through Clinton from Madison to Westbrook. Other groups are promoting complementary efforts in Westbrook and Old Saybrook.

The Clinton Greenway has been in the works for years and has been on the town's Plan of Conservation Development since 2015. BPAC got involved in the fall of 2016 after First Selectman Bruce Farmer approached us to talk about a greenway in Clinton. We felt it would be a missed opportunity if we didn't immediately take advantage of his support.

In November, we mapped a six-mile, conceptual route beginning at the Hammonasset River on the Madison line. The trail would take a traveler over three rivers, along an old trolley line, and down quiet streets



Phase 1 of a proposed multi-use trail in Clinton would go from the Madison line to the entrance to the Clinton Town Beach.



The Clinton trail would provide bike- and pedestrian access to town hall and take users on a scenic route along the Indian River behind it.

lined with historic homes and churches. It would skirt the town dock, cross marshes and follow the Long Island Sound shore to Westbrook on the east.

We invited SGT's Judy Miller and Ginny Raff to travel the route with us in December so they could share their opinions and wisdom. Their reactions to the beauty of our trail inspired us greatly, and we began making the rounds of local committees to gather permissions and garner support. We've met very few people who are not excited by the prospect of a Clinton Greenway. We've since received permission from the Clinton Land Conservation Trust to use two of their properties in the plan, and we are now free to pursue the public's trust and support, and to begin fundraising.

BPAC held a public forum on February 27 to introduce the project to the community and listen to any concerns. About 50 people attended, with everyone expressing support for the project. On March 22, the Board of Selectmen gave preliminary approval for Phase 1, comprising a three-mile marked route, on-road, from the Madison town line to the entrance to the Clinton Town Beach. With fundraising now underway, we hope our hopes will become those of our neighbors and that the community's support will be palpable.

SHORELINE GREENWAY TRAIL CELEBRATES FIFTEEN YEARS

On a summer day in 2000, Joe Marshall of Guilford was complaining to his fellow walker, Chet Blomquist. "I've just come back from visiting the East Bay Trail near Providence, Rhode Island," he said. "Why can't we have a trail like that around here?"

That question led a small group that included avid bicyclists Pam Simonds and Ted Braun to hold several meetings on Joe's front porch to discuss the possibilities along the Connecticut shoreline, where there were many walking trails but no safe bicycle trails. At one of these gatherings, Joe introduced his friend Chip Angle to the group. Joe knew that Chip was active in the national Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. As Chip tells the story, he

Groundbreaking Event
East Haven, Connecticut

Just two years after its founding, Shoreline Greenway Trail held its first groundbreaking, in East Haven–celebrated here by early SGT members and state and local officials.

walked into the meeting as a stranger and walked out as the founding chairperson of the nascent Shoreline Greenway Trail.

The group spent the first year organizing and recruiting. Very early in the process, it became clear that there was enough support in East Haven, Branford, Guilford and Madison to connect those towns with a multiuse trail from Lighthouse Point Park (actually in New Haven) to Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison. The group sought and received proclamations of support from each town's mayors or first selectmen.

Finally, the organization was ready to introduce the concept to the public. On a rainy April evening in 2002, more than 100 people showed up at Guilford's community center. Residents from each of the towns broke up into loose town teams that would explore possible trail routes in their communities. A two-tiered organizational structure was adopted, with four town teams overseen by a board of directors comprising representatives from each of the towns, plus several at-

large members.

With the pro bono help of attorney Glenn Formica, Shoreline Greenway Trail was incorporated in 2002; it received 501(c)(3) status in 2003. Meanwhile, the National Park Service assigned John Monroe to help this new organization thrive. His advice: get some trail on the ground as soon as possible. We held our first groundbreaking, behind the D.C. Moore School in East Haven, in October 2003.

During the following years, SGT received several awards: an Award of Excellence in Regional Planning from the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG), an Excellence Award from the Connecticut Greenways Council and a Recognition Award from the National Park Service.

The early efforts were crowned in 2005 when U.S. Representatives Rosa DeLauro and Rob Simmons, with the help of U.S. Senators Chris Dodd and Joseph Lieberman, helped secure \$2.65 million in alternative transportation funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation. These funds, administered by the Federal Highway Administration through the Connecticut Department of Transportation for expenditure by the towns to build the Shoreline Greenway Trail, provided substantial seed money for our efforts.

The federal funds were supplemented by a \$665,000 state bond to provide matching funds. As the first step in applying these funds, SCRCOG hired Stantec, an international engineering firm, to perform a preliminary engineering study for a trail that would provide a bicycle/pedestrian link from Lighthouse Point to Hammonasset. Major

grants from Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, donations from local businesses and organizations, and membership support from thousands of local residents further bolstered the effort. With that help, we now have six miles of trail finished or in some phase of design.

We would like to pay tribute to those visionaries who in the early years took on a challenge that many thought was impossible—and who, in many cases, are still deeply involved and carrying on the work today.

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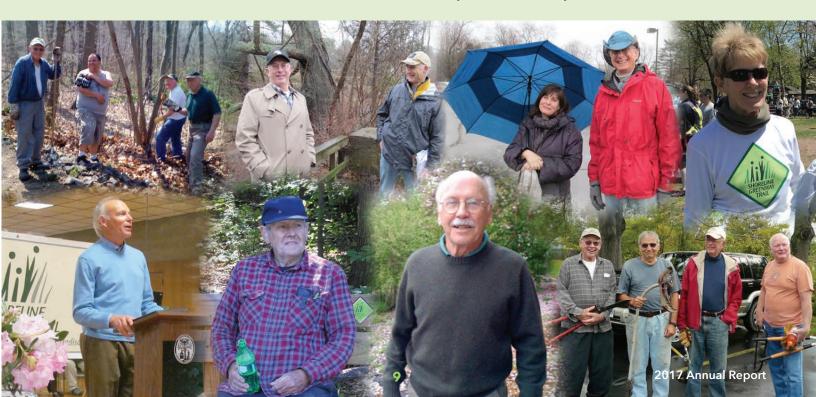
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NEW HAVEN

Into the heart of the city

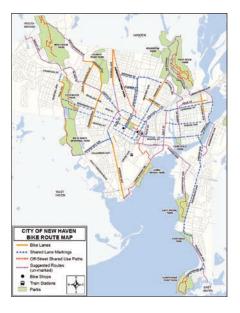
As our regional employment, cultural and entertainment center of gravity, New Haven is a significant piece of the Shoreline Greenway Trail puzzle. We're therefore happy to announce that we now plan to carry the trail into the heart of New Haven, where it will connect with miles of existing city bike routes and major trails such as the Farmington Canal Greenway and East Coast Greenway. This will put the trail on the doorstep of Yale, hundreds of employers, and innumerable restaurants, shops, museums, galleries and other cultural, academic and recreational destinations.

New Haven has long recognized the appeal of the Shoreline Greenway Trail as a conduit for active commuters and other travelers from East Haven and points east into downtown. Terminating at Lighthouse Point Park, as we originally envisioned, did only a portion of that job, however. In January, New Haven City Engineer Giovanni Zinn approached us to discuss extending the SGT; we've since begun working with him on preliminary ideas to bring the trail in some form downtown via Lighthouse Point Park or a nearby route traversing the city's East Shore neighborhood.



Giovanni Zinn, New Haven's city engineer and a strong bike/ped advocate, spoke at our 2017 annual meeting in May.

"We're excited to collaborate on connecting from downtown to the Shoreline Greenway Trail and creating a transformational trail that serves many people and many purposes," Zinn said.



New Haven is a Bronzelevel Bicycle-Friendly Community with a large and growing network of bike lanes, shared lanes and off-street paths.

This is revitalizing our efforts in New Haven and bringing us new partners in a city that has

made great strides in non-motorized transportation and is certified by the League of American Bicyclists as a Bronze Bicycle-Friendly Community. About 12,000 people commute by car or truck between New Haven and its four eastern suburbs every day, and the potential benefits of reducing that number are substantial: less congested and safer roads, better public and environmental health, improved quality of life, higher property values, stimulated commerce and renewed investment in places all along the trail.

Meanwhile, connecting the Shoreline Greenway
Trail with the Farmington Canal Greenway will ultimately
form a bike and pedestrian route more than 100 miles
long, stretching 80 miles north from New Haven to
Northampton, Mass., and at least 25 miles east to Madison
and beyond. This would create a major tourist destination
with New Haven as a key urban node and the Shoreline
as a popular destination. A connection with the East
Coast Greenway would make the Shoreline Greenway
Trail a significant eastward spur on a planned 2,500-mile,
motorized-traffic-free path from Maine to Florida.

Connecting to the heart of New Haven energizes SGT and our work. To be sure, there's plenty to be done, but we're excited about the opportunity this provides to make the Shoreline Greenway Trail part of the East Coast's largest trail system.

EAST HAVEN

Trail reaches nearly one mile in length

SGT completed its Farm River State Park section this past fall, and there's now approximately one mile of contiguous, finished trail in East Haven for walking, hiking, biking, wheelchair travel, stroller-pushing, cross-country skiing and other forms of transportation and recreation. Comprising a crushed-granite-covered, packed-stone path with two 9-foot-wide bridges with railings, the Farm River State Park section covers the route of a previously walkable trail that was cleared for Shoreline Greenway Trail by members of Boy Scout Troop 401 of East Haven. A trail-opening celebration was held on May 11.

The new section, 1/3 mile in length, features spectacular scenery and connects a previously completed section of the Shoreline Greenway Trail on town property at the former D.C. Moore School with Short Beach Road not far from the Branford line. In the meantime, the town is considering a number of possibilities for expanding the trail westward from D.C. Moore, while possible connections with SGT trail in Branford are being explored on the east.



Connecticut DEEP, East Haven town and Shoreline Greenway Trail representatives opened the new Farm River State Park trail section on May 11 (Jennifer Higham photo).

Construction of the new section was funded by a \$94,346 Recreational Trails Grant from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. It was built by Timber & Stone LLC of East Montpelier, Vermont. With the



The new section of trail in Farm River State Park has two bridges that take users through some of the most beautiful terrain in East Haven.

approval of Mayor Joseph Maturo Jr., an East Haven Public Works crew under the auspices of Town Engineer Kevin White and Public Works Supervisor Charles Coyle performed nearly \$17,000 worth of in-kind preconstruction work to satisfy a grant match.

We invite everyone to enjoy a walk or bike ride in the spectacular Farm River State Park.

In other news, our trailblazing partnership with East Haven Public Schools entered its second year. Many schoolchildren in town have learned about nature, helped clean up the environment and/or engaged in active recreation through a school-based connection with the Shoreline Greenway Trail. Finally, SGT's East Haven section will be the site of one of the International Festival of Arts and Ideas' bike tours; East Haven SGT member Sue Stacey will lead the tour, which will take place starting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14.

BRANFORD

A good year for SGT in Branford

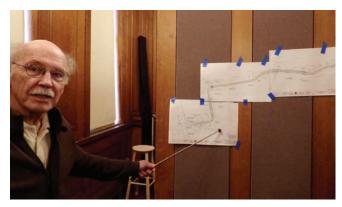
The most exciting news about the Shoreline Greenway Trail in Branford is the steady progress on the Tabor trail section, which runs about 7/10 of a mile between Pine Orchard Road and Tabor Drive. First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove and Town Engineer Janice Plaziak have worked with the Connecticut Department of Transportation and Stantec Engineering on a design that fits within federal guidelines and complies with terms of funding the town received several years ago through the Federal Highway Administration for the Shoreline Greenway Trail.

If this process sounds complicated, it is! That is why it takes so long from inception to finish to build these trails. But we are almost there. Construction bids should go out in late spring, with trail building starting in early summer. The beauty of this trail and its handicapped accessibility make all the work worthwhile, as it brings us closer to our dream of connecting the town center of Branford with Stony Creek via mostly off road biking and walking. When the Tabor section is complete in the fall, it will be possible to walk and bicycle from the center of Branford to Stony Creek, almost entirely off-road.



Using the Tabor section of SGT and the town's existing Trolley Trail and bridge, people will soon be able to safely walk or bike mostly off-road from the center of Branford to Stony Creek Village.

During the past year, we've made presentations to the Branford Rotary and Garden clubs, had our usual presence at the Branford Festival, been featured in a Blackstone Library display case (thanks to Bimmie Herget), held several First Saturday walks led by Leo Cristofar and done all that we could to spread the news about the Shoreline Greenway Trail.



SGT member Jack Wood explained plans for the Tabor section of trail at a public meeting held by Shoreline Greenway Trail in April.

Jack Wood worked with leaders of Boy Scout Troop 428 and Branford Scout Aedan Spaar to build an SGT kiosk at the Stony Creek Brewery, located on a future SGT trail section; for his work with SGT, Aedan was promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout.

SGT is supporting a new effort by resident Frank Gazzaro to develop a safe-biking network in Branford that will provide safe routes to schools and link key destinations via bicycle lanes and trails. Of course, our stalwart Chet Blomquist continues his work, providing regular light maintenance of the trail and acting as trail ambassador whenever he can.

We were sorry to lose the youth-outreach leadership of Paddy Spiegelhalter, who was making wonderful connections with the Walsh Intermediate School and Branford High School. We wish her well and are seeking someone to take over this important part of our effort. The Branford team would also welcome new members in the areas of trail development, trail maintenance and team leadership. Helpers are welcome as we grow!

GUILFORD

Route 1 design rejected but bike-ped advocacy continues



Bicyclists stopped at Grass Island midway through an SGT First Saturday Ride between Guilford and Madison in July 2016.

We were obviously disappointed that the Guilford Board of Selectmen voted against the town's design for a three-quarter-mile section of the Shoreline Greenway Trail along Route 1 from the Madison line to Boston Street. We believe SGT and our partners and supporters, including the town engineer and Connecticut DOT, made a good case for the trail and its benefits to all of Guilford. Unfortunately, the political climate wasn't right, and we look forward to working with the community and helping the town improve pedestrian and bike infrastructure in Guilford.



SGT volunteer Veronica Schmid displays the \$1,550 in tips donated by employees of the Marketplace at Guilford Food Center in a 2016 charity-of-the-month drive.

We are hopeful that the town will come up with a new design that enhances bicycle and pedestrian safety and accessibility on Route 1 while putting to use the \$875,000 in federal, state and private funds that Shoreline Greenway Trail facilitated for the project. In the meantime, we'll continue to advocate for safer and better facilities for bicyclists, pedestrians and others who use non-motorized transportation in Guilford—including off-road trail, bike lanes coupled with sidewalks, marked shared lanes and traffic calming as appropriate. Guilford residents will soon see one result of our efforts: shared-lane markings on Whitfield Street south of the Green. Thanks to a grant from the Guilford Foundation, these are scheduled to be painted on both sides of the road sometime this year.



Shared-lane markings to be painted on Whitfield Street this year will make it safer for cyclists to get between downtown Guilford, the train station and harbor.

In addition to promoting the Route 1 trail section, SGT's Guilford team was busy raising awareness for bicycle and pedestrian safety throughout 2016. Highlights included participating in New Haven's Rock to Rock Earth Day bike ride in April, organizing a Bike Safety Rodeo for kids in partnership with Guilford Parks & Recreation and the police department in June, leading First Saturday bike rides from the Guilford marina to Madison's Circle Beach in July and November, marching in the Guilford Fair Parade in September, and handing out candy and bike safety bookmarks to hundreds of kids at the town's Trunk-or-Treat event in October.

MADISON

The third most-used trail in Connecticut

The completed Hammonasset section of the Shoreline Greenway Trail grows more popular every day, with hundreds of people using it during the winter months and thousands in spring, summer and fall. We will soon have a better idea exactly how popular it is, as the trail has been chosen to participate with 14 other trails around the state in the Connecticut Trail Census sponsored by the Connecticut Greenways Council, Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, UConn College of Agriculture Center for Land Use Education and Research, and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Data will be collected via sensors throughout 2017, and SGT volunteers will be out on the trail in May and September, surveying users to better understand their experiences, impressions and motivations, and to start to gauge the trail's economic and other impact on the community. The first returns are in, and they show that the Hammonasset section was the third most-visited trail in Connecticut in January, with a preliminary estimate of 4,100 users.

The trail received the Garden Club of Madison 2016 Civic Award in recognition of its "successful long-term commitment to developing



The new section of Madison trail provides a scenic view across Hammonasset marshland to Long Island Sound (Cathy Marsh photo).

public access to and enjoyment of the beautiful natural resources of our town." The club has been a generous supporter of the trail for many years; this year its grant enabled club and Shoreline Greenway Trail volunteers to plant shrubbery around the walkway across the marsh near the park entrance.





Madison Boy Scouts under the direction of SGT's Perry Rianhard built and erected a kiosk on the new section of trail.

As his Eagle Scout project, Caleb Isaacson of Madison Troop 491 built and landscaped the beautiful kiosk structure at the Webster Point Road entrance to the trail. He was mentored by trailmeister Perry Rianhard, who reported that Caleb's carpentry skills were astounding in one so young. Volunteer Steve Mack designed the information plaque. This is the third Troop 491 Eagle Scout project to benefit this section of trail. Eric Weidman of Guilford, who planted the rain garden in the middle of the parking lot in 2015, held his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on the lawn adjacent to the parking lot.

Although this section of trail is finished, the work of tireless volunteers is never done. There are always invasive vines growing and maintenance beckoning. The dedicated team made up of Perry Rianhard, Steve Mack, John Paulson, Dan Goddard, Ted Raff, Ginny Raff, Maria Derblom, Susan Rianhard, Meg Mack, Dick Fagan and Patty McKeon answered the call. Perry also headed a team to build a maintenance shed to house tools and a vehicle to use for repairs along the trail with help from most of the team members named above. The team stained the shed a lovely forest green.

2016-17 Shoreline Greenway Trail Donors

(includes donations from fourth quarter 2015)

Thank you for your generosity in helping us complete your trail



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JUNE 3: First Saturday Trolley Ride and Walk to celebrate National Trails Day, Shoreline Trolley Museum, East Haven, 10 a.m.

JUNE 14: International Festival of Arts & Ideas Bike Tour. Starts at New Haven Green and travels on SGT East Haven section, with a stop for ice cream at Cosey Beach, 5:30 p.m.

JUNE 17: Branford Festival, Branford.

JULY 1: First Saturday Walk, Shoreline Greenway Trail, East Haven, 10 a.m.

AUGUST 5: First Saturday Walk, Guilford. Guilford Green to Town Marina, 10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 2: First Saturday Event, Branford TBD.

OCTOBER 7: First Saturday Event, East Haven TBD.

OCTOBER 29: Trunk or Treat, Guilford. Details TBD.

NOVEMBER 4: First Saturday Bike Ride, Guilford. Details TBD.

DECEMBER 2: First Saturday Event, Madison TBD.

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