

## **Mystic Valley Parkway Path**

### **Steering Committee Application**

#### **Background:**

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) will be completing a conceptual design and land survey for Mystic Valley Parkway along the eastern shoreline of the Mystic Lakes in Winchester and Medford<sup>1</sup>. This project is expected to take place between Fall 2023 and Summer 2024, and will incorporate robust community engagement. The project is being made possible by a MassTrails<sup>2</sup> grant and a generous contribution from the Lawrence and Lillian Solomon Foundation<sup>3</sup>.

The Mystic Valley Parkway Path Steering Committee will ensure a community voice on providing universally accessible recreation opportunities along, and improving the ecological health of, the Mystic Lakes and their shoreline.

#### **What is a steering committee?**

A steering committee will help to guide priorities and decisions related to the project's design, and will ensure the project is reflective of community priorities. As such, the steering committee will reflect the residents of, and visitors to, where the project will take place. A steering committee can also serve as a mechanism for community members to voice concerns and priorities that otherwise might not be within the project's immediate focus. The steering committee may also advise on public processes to help ensure that methods and procedures are acceptable to community members and aligned with local norms and values.

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<sup>1</sup> To learn more about the project's location and existing conditions, please visit

<https://tinyurl.com/594vcdhp>

<sup>2</sup> [www.mass.gov/welcome-to-masstrails](http://www.mass.gov/welcome-to-masstrails)

<sup>3</sup> [www.solomonfoundation.org/](http://www.solomonfoundation.org/)

### **Who should apply?**

MyRWA is seeking six (6) to eight (8) steering members. Ideal candidates should be interested in, or regularly use, the existing recreational facilities at Mystic Lakes State Park, including Shannon Beach. They will also be supportive of providing universally accessible recreation opportunities along, and improving the ecological health of, the Mystic Lakes and their shoreline. Members of groups advocating for persons with disabilities, active mobility (walking and biking), racial equity, and/or climate justice are encouraged to apply.

### **What do steering committee members do? What is the time commitment?**

Steering committee members will commit to attending three (3) to five (5) steering committee meetings lasting approximately 2 hours each between Late Fall 2023 and Early Summer 2024. They will also be expected to engage fellow residents during at least one (1) engagement meetings/events/tabling opportunities hosted for the project. Lastly, they will be expected to promote the project and its values to their respective communities in their daily lives.

### **Is this a paid position?**

Steering Committee members will receive a \$500 stipend upon completion of their appointment. Light food and beverages will be provided for in-person meetings. Transportation and childcare will be provided upon request during project meetings and events.

### **Note about the application process**

Applications will be open until September 30, 2023. Once applications are closed, the study team will review the applications and will invite shortlisted candidates to have a brief phone or video interview with members of the team in early October. This will be an opportunity for candidates to ask questions and for MyRWA to learn more about you and your interests. We hope to have all steering committee members officially selected by October 15, 2023.

## Contact Information

For questions, please contact Karl Alexander, Greenways Program Manager for MyRWA, at karl.alexander@mysticriver.org.

## Printed Applications

Printed applications can be mailed to:

Mystic River Watershed Association

ATTN: Karl Alexander

20 Academy Street, Suite 306

Arlington, MA 02476

## Personal Details

Name (First and Last Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about the Steering Committee? \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## Open Response

What is your relationship to the recreational facilities at Mystic lakes State Park, including Shannon Beach?

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What personal background would you bring to the steering committee? This could include specific identities, languages spoken, community involvement, and/or educational and employment experiences.

Why would you like to serve on the steering committee?