

Preparing for the Inevitable: Incorporating Resiliency Into our Greenways and Trails

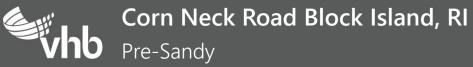
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## Resiliency for the East Coast Greenway

Superstorm Sandy inflicted substantial damage to coastal areas along the eastern shore of the US where prevailing winds and sustained wave runup undermined roadways and other infrastructure. The damage witnessed and inconvenience experienced by coastal residents underscored what many have known for years—our eastern shoreline is particularly exposed and susceptible to repeated storm damage due to the low elevations and orientation relative to principle wave direction. The temporary elimination of vehicle traffic along coastal roadways and transportation corridors revealed the vulnerability of many communities as normal evacuation routes were cut off, and access to provisions and emergency services was restricted.











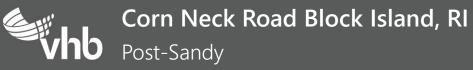




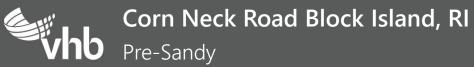


Corn Neck Road Block Island, RI Pre-Sandy

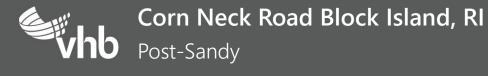




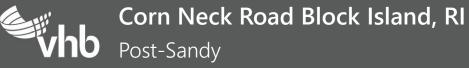






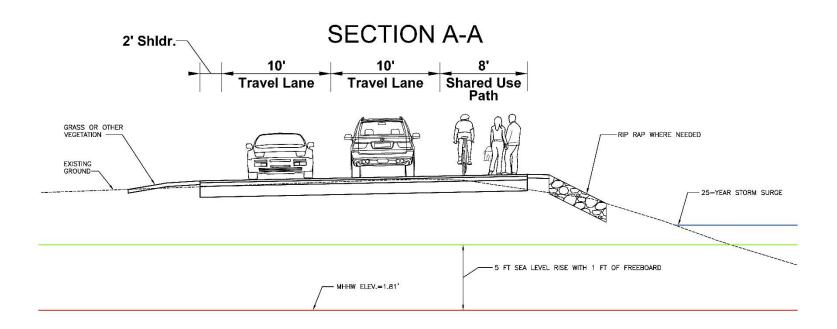




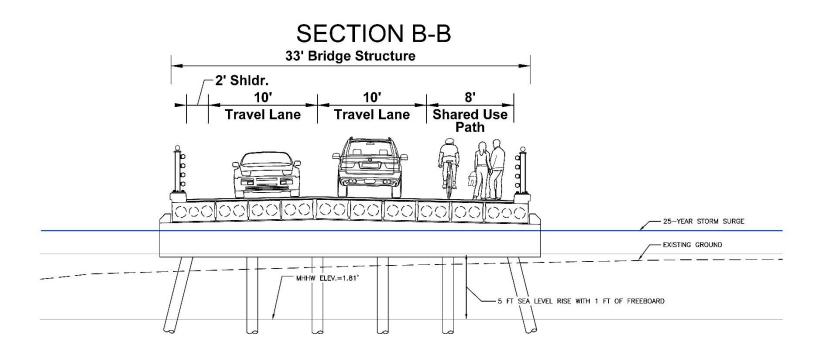




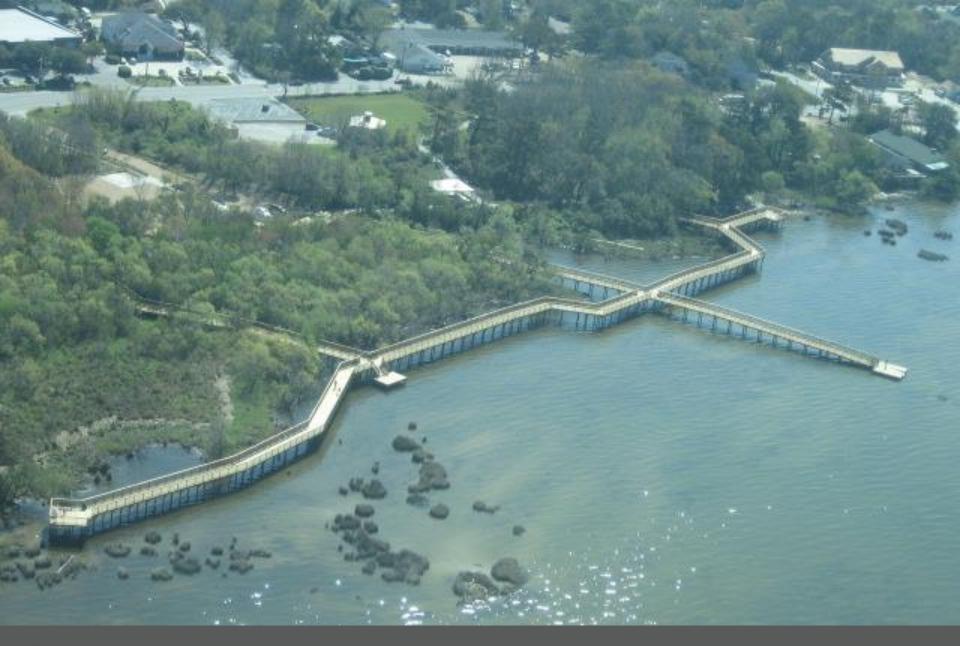
















































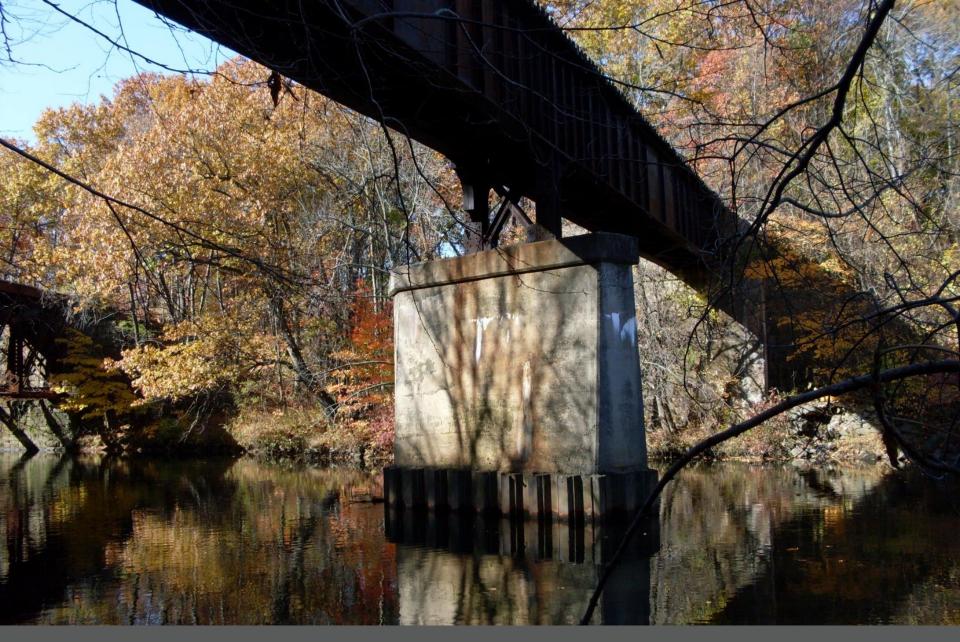












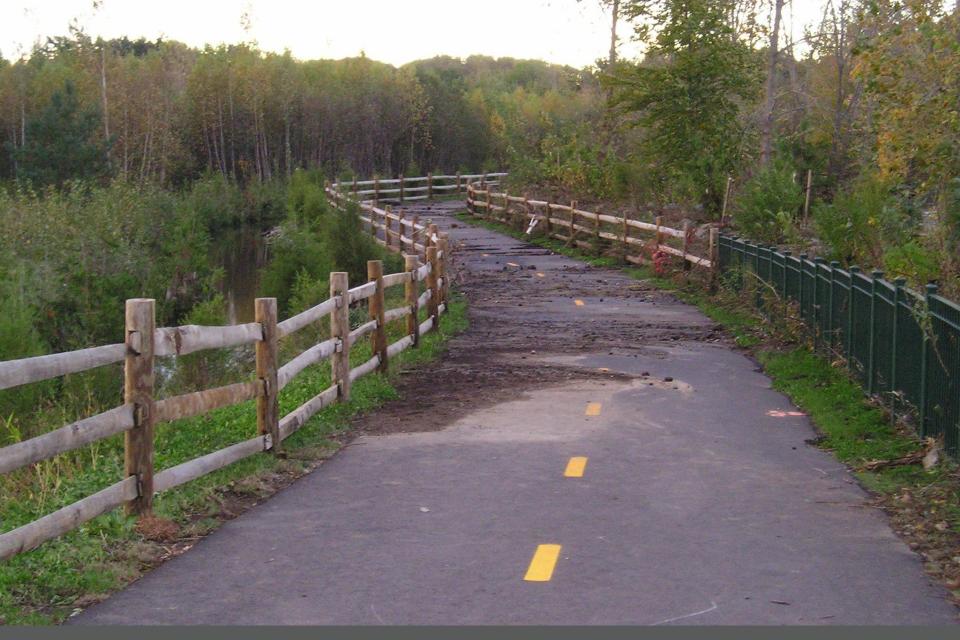


























Blackstone River Bikeway

Mass/RI









## Conduct a Resiliency Planning Study to

- evaluate existing roadway/trail data and hydrographic data including storm surge and sea level rise data
- incorporate public input
- identify a range of alternatives, and
- distill those potential alternatives into practical feasible alternatives for further analysis.

The Study should identify a range of protection and mitigation alternatives to maintain access for residents, visitors and emergency responders along the Greenway. The alternatives should aim at protecting the Greenway from higher stillwater elevations and storm-related flooding.

Feasible alternatives include elevating the trail/Greenway, raising bridge structures along portions of the Greenway, incorporating features that enable the Greenway to withstand storm surge/flooding or relocating the Greenway.



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