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### Upper Charles Rail Trail Public Forum Attracts Record Audience

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The second annual Upper Charles Rail Trail Public Forum held on a Saturday, March 8th at the Ashland Community Center saw record attendance.

Participants from the five towns -Ashland, Hopkinton, Holliston, Milford, Sherborn - comprising this 27 mile rail trail loop were treated to presentations from a variety of speakers including Patria Lanfranchi co-owner of Ride Studio Cafe, a successful business located near the Minuteman Trail, William Buckley, Milford Selectman Chair, David Loutzenheiser, of MAPC, Tom Sannicandro, MA State Rep & Karen Spilka, MA State Senator. Local trail development statuses were provided by the leaders for each town.

Members of the audience asked questions and enjoyed the opportunity to hear about the current status, future plans and benefits of a regional approach to rail trail development. Milford's trail sponsors & adopters were acknowledged for their contributions to the ongoing support, growth and popularity of Milford's section.

Milford's Cable TV filmed the entire event & plans to make the event available to all of the towns via YouTube.

**The Video is now online.** View it [here](#).

Speaker presentations are available [here](#) (5mb pdf)

Status update presentations are available [here](#) (15mb pdf)

Additional questions for or comments about any of the speakers may be submitted [here](#).

Thank you to all who attended & especially the Friends and volunteers who assisted with many of the details