



**Town of Walpole**  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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To: John Rockwood, Chair ZBA  
From: Landis Hershey, Conservation Agent  
Cc: David Hale and Patrick Deschenes

I was sent a draft plan and asked to comment on a proposed trail extension for the 55 Summer Street project as Amended. The draft plan shows a proposed extension of the approved trail up to the proposed maintenance berm of the infiltration basin located within the north-westerly side of the property. This draft plan was not part of the submission to the Conservation Commission and I realize that it is a preliminary plan. I am in support of the extension of the trail and access to the added open space for the public would be a great asset to the development and the area

I offer the following comments to the Applicant and ZBA:

- 1) The extended path should direct walkers to the roadway and a small gravel parking area, and/or
- 2) The path should direct walkers to an open passive recreation park area with benches and wild flower or conservation seed mix for low maintenance.
- 3) I would not direct the walkers to the stormwater basin as this may cause an unintended consequence like people leaving poop bags at the basin.

A revised plan should be submitted to the Conservation Commission as part of the Request to Amend the Order of Conditions. .