

Article 13

Creation of New Walking Trail Along Runnins River



- Create new walking trail along Runnins River
- Create pedestrian access between Town Hall and Turner Reservoir Loop Trails
- Advance Seekonk's Master Plan
- Leverage additional public and private funding

In 2010, Seekonk Town Meeting approved the purchase of 4.3 acres using Community Preservation Committee* funds. The purchase of the land was made in order to connect the trails behind the Newman YMCA and Town Hall to the Turner Reservoir Loop trails. Since then, the Seekonk Land Conservation Trust has raised \$60,000 to help complete the trail project.

If Town Meeting approves the use of Community Preservation Committee dollars tonight, the trail will be constructed this fall. The trail will pick-up from the end of the YMCA's trail and go along the Runnins River. A pedestrian bridge will cross the Runnins River so that the trail can connect to the parcel purchased in 2010 for the purposes of this trail. The trail will then go through the marshland and upland forest on this parcel before reaching Arcade Avenue where sidewalk can be used to reach the Turner Reservoir Loop trails. The Conservation Commission has approved the trail.

**Per the Community Preservation Act, Community Preservation Committee funds are designated for the preservation of open space and historic resources and the creation of outdoor recreation areas and affordable housing. These are not general town funds.*