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## Squannacook Greenways completes all environmental permitting

### Townsend Conservation Commission issues Order of Conditions - November 2019 construction on track!

Squannacook Greenways is pleased to announce that the Townsend Conservation Commission issued its Order of Conditions for the construction of the Squannacook River Rail Trail on July 22, 2019. With this milestone, all environmental permitting for our rail trail is now complete. This event keeps our plan for a November 2019 rail trail construction start on track (pun intended!).



With environmental permitting complete, we are on target to start building a stone dust trail like this one in Nov. 2019.

Squannacook Greenways would like to thank the Townsend Conservation Commission for dealing with this challenging, 2.8 mile long permitting task in an environmentally important area with great professionalism. We appreciate the many hours of work the board and staff put in to handle the kind of issues that come up with a project of this size. We also thank the Groton Conservation Commission and the numerous state officials we have worked with to get us to this point. And finally, without the diligent work of Stan Dillis of Ducharme & Dillis, this permit would not have been possible.



The grandson of one of our board members is in training for the opening of the Squannacook River Rail Trail!

### More volunteer days coming in 2019!

As we approach trail construction, we will need lots of volunteers! First, we'll need help clearing brush and trees from the rail corridor-a big job! Next, we'll install erosion control barriers to protect the resource areas. We'll use straw-filled tubes known as "wattles" that we'll stake down in designated areas. So keep an eye out for more events coming before construction begins in November 2019.



Thanks to the twenty volunteers who helped clean up the rail trail on Earth Day.

