

## Quick Facts

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Boston is growing and changing rapidly, with population and job-growth both on the rise. **34% of Boston residents do not own a car. 42% of Boston residents want mobility and open space improvements in their neighborhood** (Go Boston 2030, Imagine Boston).

The Emerald Network, an initiative of LivableStreets, envisions **a continuous system of safe, non-motorized greenways that mimic the common routes that many people already travel.**



## Emerald Network By the Numbers

114

The Emerald Network builds on a portfolio of **114 miles of existing greenways** to create a seamless 200+ mile network to connect across Metro Boston.

**37 miles** of the Emerald Network are currently in-progress; meaning the projects have funding for design, funding for construction, or are currently under construction.

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The Emerald Network's Greenway Partners Program provides **5 community partners** with capacity-building support to advance proposed greenway projects.

**Six major planning initiatives:** Imagine Boston 2030, Go Boston 2030, Envision Cambridge, Somervision, DCR's Urban Path and Parkways Study, and the MassDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, include key links in the Emerald Network.

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## Emerald Network Benefits

Greenways create connected, more livable communities where people can thrive.

Greenways help to boost health and mobility by connecting people to open spaces and providing safe, green routes for active transportation.

Greenways reduce congestion on our roads, aligning with Boston's goal of reducing emissions.



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## Emerald Network In Action

The Emerald Network works through collaboration with community partners to form a vision, advocate for projects, and provide guidance through construction. The Roslindale Gateway Path reflects a process by which we can work with a community to collectively imagine a project, advocate for its construction, and realize success:



In partnership with the folks at WalkUP Roslindale, we began the visioning process in 2015. Utilizing a partnership

with Tufts University's Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning graduate program, a group of students helped us conduct community visioning and create a feasibility study of the path.



The City of Boston has now assigned a project lead for this design and construction process and the State of Massachusetts is setting aside funds through the Environmental Bond Bill, signaling political commitment to a community dream.

## What You Can Do



**Sign up:** Receive news, updates, and more by subscribing to our quarterly Emerald Network newsletter at [www.emeraldnetwork.info/subscribe](http://www.emeraldnetwork.info/subscribe).



**Volunteer:** Join us in spreading the word about the importance of a connected network of greenway paths. Contact [tony@livablestreets.info](mailto:tony@livablestreets.info).



**Explore a Greenway:** Explore an existing greenway path or proposed link. Check out the maps at [www.emeraldnetwork.info/progress](http://www.emeraldnetwork.info/progress).



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