

Fitchburg Trail Guide

Detailed Trail Descriptions, June 2018

Prepared by the Fitchburg Trails Vision Committee, a volunteer group working with the City of Fitchburg

Steamline Trail Park

NAME OF TRAIL: **Steamline Park Trail**

OWNER: City of Fitchburg

LOCATION OF TRAILHEAD: 465 Westminster Street (Rte. 2A)

PARKING: 465 Westminster Street - 8-10 space dedicated lot directly off street

DISTANCE: Approximately 0.6 mile (1.2 miles out and back)

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Easy to Moderate

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY: Does not meet standards, as grade exceeds 5%.

SURFACE/CONDITION: Gravel/bituminous road millings, compacted.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL: This trail starts by crossing the bridge over the Nashua River at 465 Westminster Street and offers views of the Nashua River and Fitchburg's industrial past. Portions of the former steam pipe remain in place, along with some descriptive historical signage along the trail. There is a lookout near the halfway point which offers a nice view of the river and one of its dams. The trail currently dead-ends opposite Fitchburg's West Wastewater Treatment plant at a stone culvert railroad bridge. Plans to extend the trail have not succeeded to date, due to the lack of an easement allowing users to pass beyond this point.