

The New Hampshire Seacoast Greenway (NHSG) transforms a railroad corridor into a multi-use trail that connects Portsmouth, North Hampton, Greenland, and Rye, NH. This railroad corridor had been abandoned for several years, and it took a great deal of planning, investigating, and designing to open it for active transportation use. The first section of the NHSG opened officially on September 4, 2024, and stretches from the North Hampton/Hampton town line to Barberry Lane in Portsmouth, NH.

# Seacoast Greenway Rail Trail

North Hampton - Portsmouth, New Hampshire



The southern portion of the trail required much more investigation and design due to frequent flooding. The project was split into two parts, allowing the majority of the trail to be completed much faster. GPI implemented innovative survey methods, such as the use of a bike helmet camera to accelerate the design schedule and save money while maintaining high-quality data. The resulting detailed base map addressed a later challenge where an abutter had encroached on the property to create access to an adjacent property. This required creative trail design to maintain the driveway without impacting the trail.



Beavers presented one of the more interesting challenges to the project, as their impact was widespread and required long-term solutions. GPI enlisted Beaver Solutions, LLC. to assess and design site-specific solutions to prevent beavers from damming many culverts in sensitive areas.



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