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OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There is a 30 Day comment period for FFY 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2006-2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) currently in effect. This period began on July 3, 2006 and will close at the end of business on Tuesday August 1, 2006.

The MRPC staff annually develops the TIP project listing. Sources used include the Mass Highway's Project Information System, MassHighway Districts 2 and 3, local officials, the Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee, and the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

The MRPC staff annually develops the TIP project listing. This TIP is a prioritized listing of transportation projects proposed for implementation during the next five federal fiscal years.

Copies of these documents can be obtained at the offices of the MRPC between the hours of 8:00AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday. (cont. on back) Copies can be mailed on request by contacting Brad Harris or George Kahale (cont. on back)

GIS DEPARTMENT OPEN SPACE MAPPING

The MRPC recently completed Open Space Update mapping projects for the town of Westminster and the city of Leominster. The GIS Department worked directly with Westminster Town Planner Alicia Altieri and Leominster Recreation Director Judy Sumner, respectively, to identify, assemble and update relevant data as they pertained to the maps in the Open Space Plan Update.

As major components of the project Open Space Inventories were completed based on the level of protection and ownership of the parcels, Chapter Land and Recreation Land Inventories were also completed.

Map products produced for the Westminster Open Space Update include- (1) Locus, (2) Zoning, (3) Soils & Geologic Features, (4) Unique Features, (5) Water Resources, (6) Fisheries & Wildlife, (7) Vegetation, (8) Environmental Challenges, (9) Conservation, Open Space & Recreation and (10) Action Plan.

Map products produced for the Leominster Open Space Update include- (1) Conservation, Open Space & Recreation and (2) Action Plan.

For more information please contact Jason Stanton in the GIS Department at 978-345-7376 x 2266 or jstanton@mrpc.org.



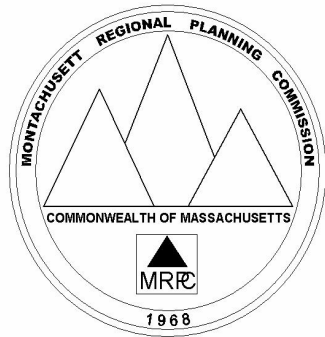
JARVENPAA MEMORIAL STONE

Plans have been developed by the Westminster Open Space Committee, the North County Land Trust and the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission to create a memorial in honor of David Jarvenpaa who died tragically in a fire on the family farm on November 22, 2005. The memorial will be placed on family land on Bragg Hill Road, Westminster, where the Midstate Trail enters their property. The engraved inscription honors the Jarvenpaa family for their stewardship in protecting the Midstate Trail and dedicates the memorial to their son, David Jarvenpaa.

Contributions may be sent to :
North County Land Trust, Inc.
P.O. Box 2052
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Contributions in excess of those required for the memorial will be donated to the Westminster Midstate Trail Fund, for the protection of land in the Midstate Trail Corridor.

For more information, contact Janet Morrison, NCLT Executive Director, 978-342-0174.



at (978) 345-7376 ext. 2268 or 2232, respectively. Copies are also available online at the MRPC website, www.mrpc.org.

**REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION PLAN
WEBSITE**

Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. and the MRPC have put together an informational website that explains the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) process.

This website is available to the public and is being utilized as part of the development of the 2006 RTP. As information is developed it will be posted to this site. Draft chapters and meeting handouts will be available for review and comment.

In addition, a survey on travel in the Montachusett Region is located on the website. This survey asks individuals their opinions on a number of transportation issues. Please see www.montachusettstransportationplan.org and participate in the development of the 2006 RTP.



**ROUNABOUT WORKSHOP
A SUCCESS!**

The March 21st and 22nd Roundabout Workshop held in Ayer was well attended and participant interest in modern roundabouts was heightened. Approximately 20 people attended the workshop from various public agencies and private organizations.

The key differences between existing rotaries and traditional intersection improvement alternatives such as signalization versus the installation of a modern roundabout were explained and illustrated. Before and after studies showing improvements in traffic flow and safety at intersections where roundabouts have been installed were also presented.

Subjectively speaking, the best part of the workshop was the ability of several of the participants to discuss their roundabout proposals for intersections within their communi-

ties and receive recommendations from the instructors to help improve their proposals.

The workshop even received some publicity. The April 16, 2006 edition of The Boston Globe had an article that discussed the workshop as well as other roundabouts.

If you have any questions about the workshop or roundabouts in general, please contact George Snow at 1-978-435-7376 ext 2267, or by e-mail at gsnow@mrpc.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MRPC Meetings

7:00 pm in the
MART Conference Room:

**July 25th
August 29th
September 26th
August 29th**

MJTC Meetings

7:00 pm in the
MART Conference Room:

3rd Wednesday of every month
Call MRPC to confirm meeting.