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## Marlborough Kiosk Installed

In August, ARRT volunteers finished the construction and installation of the first of three information kiosks being built with the $4000 donation received from Intel Corporation. The design mimics an old railway station and you can see the construction pictures on the ARRT web site. ARRT hopes to build the other two kiosks this winter, but needs a building location. If you can provide short-term construction space (Hudson will store them when they are complete), please call Duncan at (508) 485-8394.

## Acton ROW Lease

The Municipal Relief bill passed this summer contains Sen. Resor's amendment limiting towns' liability on leased property. It is expected to clear the way for Acton to sign a 99-year lease with the MBTA this fall for the northern ½ mile of trail.

## Maynard Acquisition

The town of Maynard completed purchase of the Sand & Gravel property in June. Included in the 6+ acres of conservation land is 3000 feet of the trail right of way known as 'Track Road'. The parcel starts near route 117, and runs near the river down toward the Maynard-Stow border. This section of the trail is currently a packed dirt surface suitable for walking and hybrid bikes as well as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

## ARRT at Moving Together 2003

The statewide bicycle and pedestrian conference will be held in Worcester on October 22. Workshops will cover many aspects of bicycling and walking, including designing communities, trails and roadways, promoting health and safety initiatives, and working with the media and municipal agencies. ARRT is co-sponsoring the workshop "Building a Successful Regional Trail Project". To be placed on the conference mailing list, please contact the Baystate Roads Program at (413) 545-2604, or by e-mail at:
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## Trail Construction Update



On September 29, Steven & Roger Contracting Corp. of Lowell began work on the 1¼ mile section that runs from Lincoln Street to Fairbanks Blvd in Marlborough.

Expected completion date is spring 2005. Visit the ARRT web site for photos and the latest developments.

## Fall Trail Cleanups

Volunteers are needed this fall to help with trail cleanups in Marlborough and Maynard. The Marlborough cleanup, targeted for late October, will involve cleaning out overgrown vegetation on the completed portion of the trail. In Maynard, plans are to clear a new section of trail from Rte. 117 to Summer St. sometime in November. Check the web site for dates.

## Events Calendar

10/18  PumpkinFest
   Morgan Bowl, Hudson, 4-9 p.m

10/29  Monthly Meeting
   Maynard Town Hall, 7 p.m.

11/19  Monthly Meeting
   Acton Library, 7 p.m.

## Dues are Due

Reminder: annual dues are due in June.  Mail them to 246 Essex Street, Marlborough, MA 01752

## About Us

The Assabet River Rail Trail (ARRT) is a planned 12.5-mile paved, multi-use, non-motorized trail that will connect Acton, Maynard, Stow, Hudson and Marlborough. The trail is being constructed using a combination of private, local, state and federal funds.
ARRT volunteers organize trail clean-ups and fundraising as well as other activities.  New members are always welcome.  Monthly meetings are open to the public and are generally finished before 9 p.m.

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