

## **Fitchburg Trail Guide**

### **Detailed Trail Descriptions, June 2018**

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

### **Sheldon Street Gateway Park (2 trails)**

NAME OF TRAILS: **Gateway Park Loop Trail, and Knoll Trail**

OWNER: City of Fitchburg, Independent Cleaners, and Riverside Commons

LOCATION OF TRAILHEAD: 19 Sheldon Street

PARKING: A designated parking lot (six spaces) for Gateway Park is adjacent to the trailhead.

DISTANCE: Loop Trail is approximately 0.6 mile; Knoll Trail is approximately 0.3 mile one way

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Loop Trail: Easy; Knoll Trail: Moderate

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY: Loop Trail is accessible; Knoll Trail is not

SURFACE: The Loop Trail contains areas of porous asphalt, bituminous asphalt and concrete, all in good condition. The Knoll is a natural surface trail.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS: The **Gateway Park Loop Trail** runs along the North Nashua River. There is a short loop path within the park as well as a path that runs past Independent Cleaners, out to and along River Street (for a short distance to cross the river), behind the Riverside Commons complex, on to Sheldon Street to once again cross the river, and back into the Park. The trail offers scenic views of the river, with benches and picnic tables.

The **Knoll Trail** begins at the upper side of the Gateway Park parking area, crosses West Street (please use caution!) and climbs rather steeply through mature woods to the knoll. Note: A short spur trail to a future parking area on Westminster Hill Rd. has not yet been developed. No signage has been installed on the Knoll Trail as of June 2018.