

# Route 100 Transportation Path

WAITSFIELD BIKE STP(24)S

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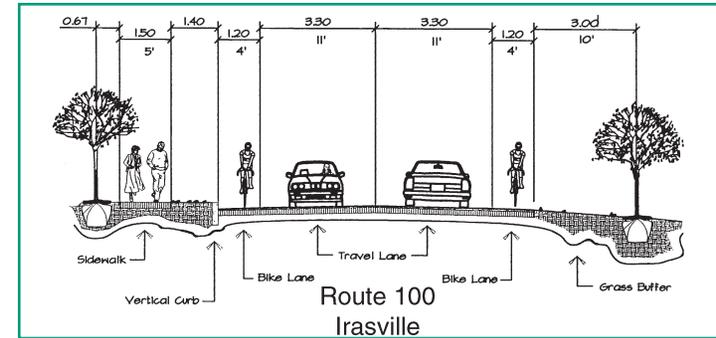
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*Linking the Villages of Irasville and Waitsfield.*



Inspired by the greenway movement during the 1980s, a grassroots organization was formed in the Mad River Valley to explore the possibility of a valley-wide recreation trail. In 1990, this organization was incorporated as a nonprofit organization known as the Mad River Path Association (MRPA) and began seriously advocating and planning for the Mad River Greenway.

Early planning efforts for the pathway through the villages of Waitsfield and Irasville explored an off road alignment. Due to various natural obstacles, locating the Path along Route 100 was determined to be more practical. In 1995, the Town of Waitsfield entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the State to build the Route 100 Transportation Path (Path).

The Town of Waitsfield formed a local advisory committee to work with the Town Administrator, Municipal Project Manager and consulting engineers to define the project. Thorough planning and long term effort has

resolved many local issues and established a plan that meets the purpose and need of the project and State and Federal standards. The Town has completed the project design and environmental permitting.

The Path will link the villages of Waitsfield and Irasville from Waitsfield School to Bragg Hill Road. The scope of the project is a five-foot (5') concrete sidewalk on one side of the highway, two four-foot (4') marked bike lanes and strategically-placed crosswalks. The plan also includes trees, landscaping, granite curbing, and signs.

Currently, the Town is working with property owners on the temporary and permanent easements needed to build the project. The Town is coordinating the Path project with the proposed water project and upcoming State paving project. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2010.

The cost of the project is anticipated to be \$1.5 million of which 10% will be borne by the Town of Waitsfield.



