

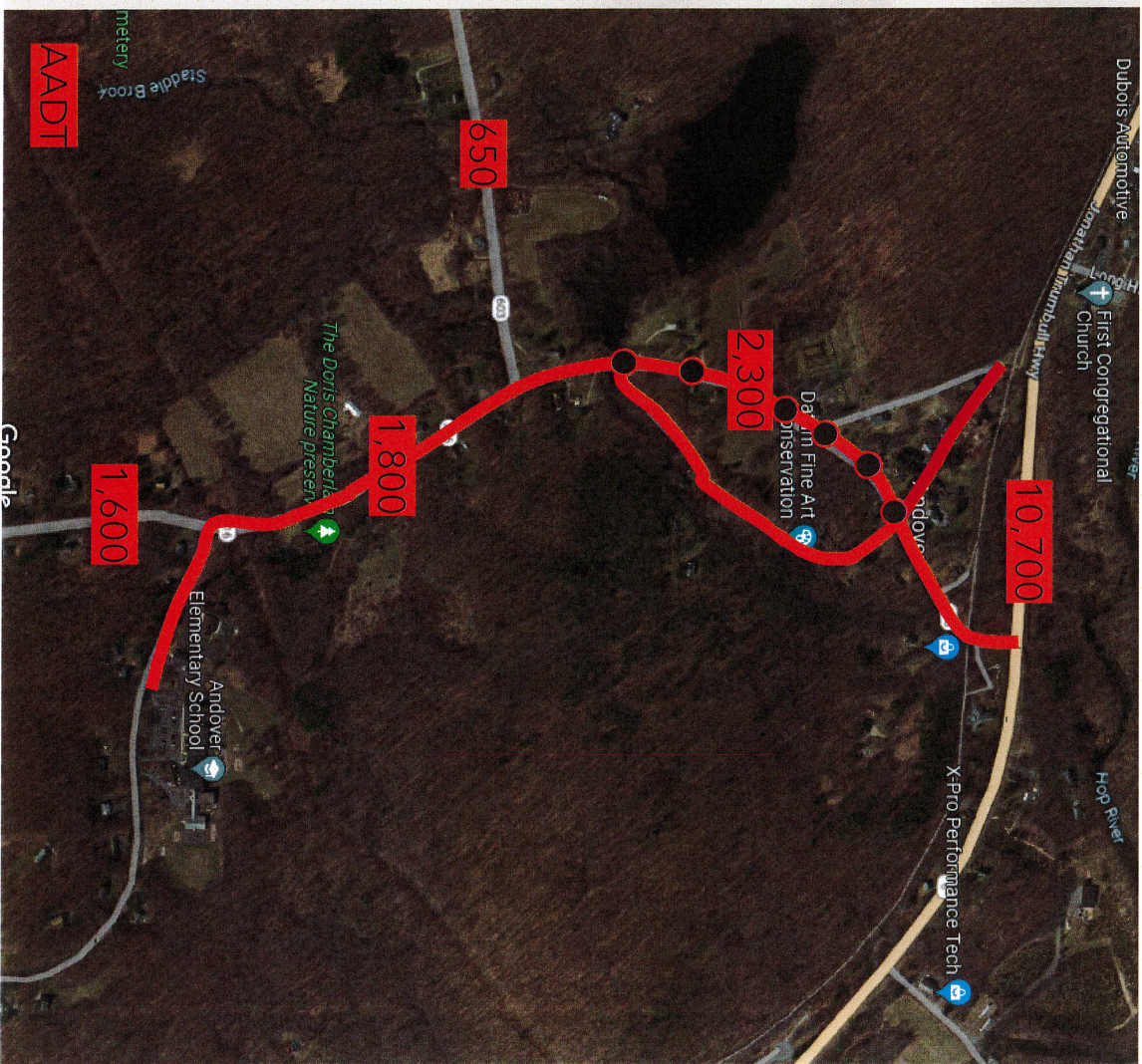
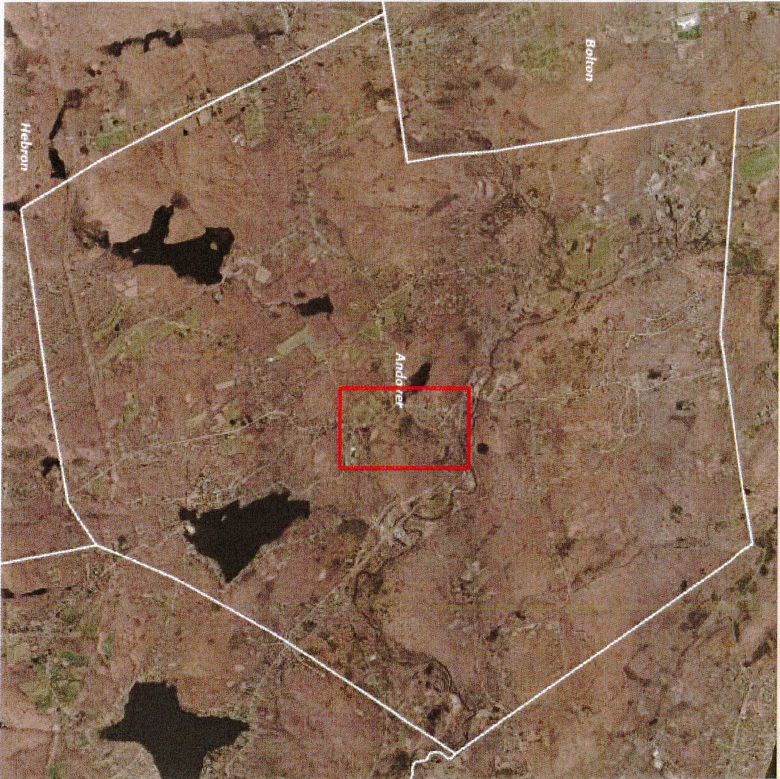


Route 316 Walk Audit

Andover - September 27th 2023

Study Area

- Route 316 - 4,300 ft (Major Collector)
- Cider Mill - 1,600+ ft (Local Road)



Town Goals

- Build a 10' Multi Use Path on the eastern side of Route 316
 - Proposed 10' Multi Use Path creating a north/south connection for biking/walking. Hop River trail connects East/West but Rt 6 is a big N/S obstacle and 316 is also dangerous to walk/bike on. Somewhat recently installed a new crossing on Rt 6 which is an opportunity to overcome that barrier and create better connections to the school and public facilities on School Rd to the recreational opportunities on Long Hill Rd.
- Apply for LOTCIP Funding
 - Would like to fund through LOTCIP. Have an RFP out now for design work with town funds. Initially considering 2025 solicitation but should encourage a 2024 solicitation with potentially and additional 2025 proposal if budget exceeds LOTCIP limits and needs to be split into 2 phases
- Keep Options Open
 - Multiple options for the northern part of the proposed path. Cider Mill Rd is very scenic and seems like it would be a very desirable path for users, would likely make it a one way road to be able to add in the path. Could connect to the Hop River Trail via either Center St or 316/Monument Lane. Major stopper for the Center St connection is the high speeds and low sight lines that make a crossing from Cider Mill to Center St dangerous.
- Revitalize Historic District
 - The area around Center St is basically Andover's historic town center and revitalizing that would be a win for the area.

General Observations

1. No pedestrian facilities – no crossing lanes, walk lights – no shoulder in some places
2. No bicycle facilities – ditto
3. Intersections have no facilities for anything other than motor vehicles
4. Street characteristics – 35mph, no one adhering to the speed limit – some vehicles attempted to respect pedestrians; no traffic calming – did not feel safe to walk
5. Only housing nearby – but proximity to Hop River Trail and Monument Park – cars take precedence
6. Safety - main danger is motor vehicles – not safe for pedestrians or cyclists
7. Aesthetics – quite lovely, scenic – would be a pleasant experience for pedestrians and cyclists if cars weren't the priority
8. No bike amenities that I could identify until we got to the Hop River trail rest area on Center Street, which had bike rack, pump station, a bench and a shelter

Lots of cars coming and going to and from 316 and School Street

Narrow roads, difficult sightlines; might need funding for culvert replacement and a small pedestrian bridge. Sufficient shoulder available for a path – could have an elevation difference btw road and path; Cider Mill path has enough space for a bike path.

