

# TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

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| <b>Doc. #</b>          | 6011 | <b>Trail Name</b>  | Cosmos Path West | <b>Trail Type:</b> | <b>Wide and Narrow-M</b> | <b>Condition</b> | Good |
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| <b>Route:</b>          |      | 138 Parking Area – 6830 - K Path - 6700 – 6850 – 6800  |                  |                    |                          |                  |      |
| <b>Recent Weather:</b> |      | Moderate rain in last 24 hours – Sunny and 32 degrees  |                  |                    |                          |                  |      |
| <b>TRAIL LANDMARKS</b> |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trailhead is located on the west side of the route 138 parking area located 5/8 of a mile north of route 93/128 at exit 2.</li> <li>• Trail leaves from an opening in the parking area fence at the DCR map board at footpath width and shares the same treadway as the Green Dot Loop Trail.</li> <li>• Moderate to severe erosion leaving the trailhead for 25 feet. Most likely caused by runoff from the parking area. (1)</li> <li>• No blazes are noted for the first 220 feet of treadway. Makes route finding difficult due to the number of spur paths in the area. (2)</li> <li>• Unnamed path leaves on left at 100 feet.</li> <li>• Unnamed path leaves on right at 130 feet.</li> <li>• Standing water in the treadway from 170 feet through .11 miles. Runoff makes using treadway impractical causing users to bushwhack around. Possible trail relocation or bog bridge location. (3)</li> <li>• Unnamed path leaves on left at 250 feet.</li> <li>• White temporary square blazes noting trail at 270 feet.</li> <li>• Treadway opens up to road width at .11 miles.</li> <li>• Unnamed path leaves on the right at road width at .19 miles. Bootleg intersection marker noted on tree labeled 6877. Cosmos Path/Green Dot Loop Trail continues to the left.</li> <li>• Lbd crosses the treadway at .25 miles. Can be stepped over.</li> <li>• Treadway begins ascending at .29 miles going around Little Blue Hill.</li> <li>• Treadway intersects Moulton Path at intersection marker 6830 at .31 miles. Cosmos Path leaves on the right (NW) at this intersection descending slightly at road width.</li> <li>• Treadway levels out at .39 miles.</li> <li>• Lbd extends into the treadway at .46 miles. Can be pulled off.</li> <li>• Cosmos Path enters K Path briefly at .47 miles however immediately leaves on the left (west) at .48 miles at path width.</li> <li>• Treadway enters a meadow for equestrian events at .49 miles</li> <li>• Sbd crosses the treadway at .51 miles. Can be stepped over.</li> <li>• Unnamed path leaves on the right at .56 miles to Green Street at road width.</li> <li>• Bd crosses the treadway at .62 miles. Can be carried off.</li> <li>• Unnamed path leaves on the right at .63 miles to Green Street as Cosmos Path parallels Green Street at footpath width.</li> <li>• Two lbd extend into the treadway at .65 miles. Can be walked around.</li> <li>• Unnamed path leaves on the right at road width at .85 miles into Laurel Ridge.</li> <li>• Cosmos Path leaves the wide road on the left (south) at .86 miles at footpath width. Wide road continues into Laurel Ridge residences.</li> <li>• Unnamed path leaves on the right at .94 miles.</li> </ul> |                  |                    |                          |                  |      |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cosmos Path crosses the Skyline Trail at intersection marker 6700 at .97 miles</li> <li>• Unnamed path leaves on the right at .99 miles.</li> <li>• Unnamed path leaves on the right to Royal Street at 1.1 miles. The Royal Street entrance is marked with 3 boulders.</li> <li>• Cosmos Path enters K Path at intersection marker 6850 at 1.22 miles. At this point Cosmos Path turns left (north) and shares the same treadway as the K Path at road width.</li> <li>• Cosmos Path enters an intersection with the Skyline Trail and ends at intersection marker 6800 at 1.32 miles. At this intersection, K Path continues straight, the Skyline trail crosses while the Green Dot Loop trail turns right (North) towards Little Blue Hill.</li> </ul> |                         |            |
| <b>MINOR PROBLEM AREAS</b>              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Moderate to severe erosion leaving the trailhead for 25 feet. Most likely caused by runoff from the parking area. (1)</li> <li>2. No blazes are noted for the first 220 feet of treadway. Makes route finding difficult due to the number of spur paths in the area. (2)</li> <li>3. Standing water in the treadway from 170 feet through .11 miles. Runoff makes using treadway impractical causing users to bushwhack around Possible trail relocation or bog bridge location. (3)</li> </ol>   |                         |            |
| <b>MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None Noted</li> </ul>  |                         |            |
| <b>DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trailhead to Moulton Path at intersection marker 6830 - .31 miles</li> <li>• Trailhead to K Path - .47 miles</li> <li>• Trailhead to Skyline Trail at intersection marker 6700 - .97 miles</li> <li>• Trailhead to K Path at intersection marker 6850 - 1.22 miles</li> <li>• Trailhead to Cosmos Path ends at intersection marker 6800 - 1.32 miles.</li> </ul>   |                         |            |
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### Abbreviations:

Usage type: foot traffic only (H), multi-use (M)

|                      |                                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| waterbars (wb)       | small blowdowns (sbd)             |
| culverts(cv)         | large blowdowns (lbd)             |
| rolling dips (rd)    | rock work (rkw)                   |
| bridges (br)         | bridge building (bbd),            |
| bog bridges (bb)     | culvert replacement (cr)          |
| rock stairs (rs)     | trail relocation (tr),            |
| cribbing (cb)        | building new trail drainage (ntd) |
| retaining walls (rw) | brushing needed (bn)              |
| ditches (dt)         | excessive erosion (ee)            |
|                      | leaning tree (lt)                 |