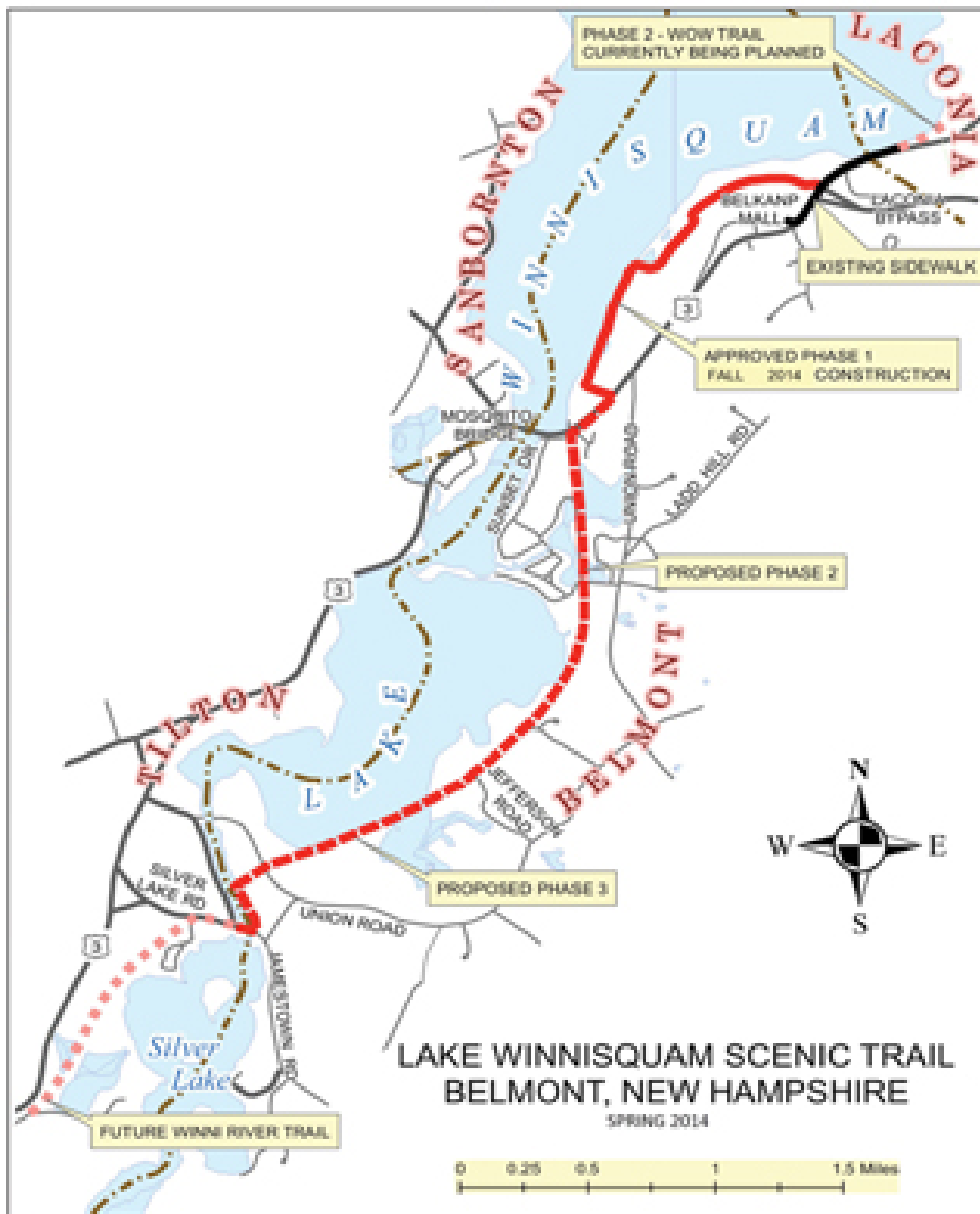


Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail opening to be celebrated Saturday

BELMONT — The Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail is ready for residents and visitors to enjoy. A trail opening ceremony is planned for Saturday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m. After over 15 years of planning and effort under the leadership of Ron Mitchell and support from town residents and staff, Belmont has a beautiful 1.8-mile paved trail for walking, running, bicycling, snow shoeing and cross country skiing. The Winni Trail extends from Leslie Roberts Road (Town Beach Road) to Osborne's Agway, where it ends at the Daniel Webster Highway. It weaves through the woods over rolling terrain with some scenic vistas across the lake. When completed this fall, the second phase of Laconia's WOW Trail will connect with Belmont's trail offering 4.5 miles of continuous paved trail between Belmont and Laconia.

The Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration will be held at the trail entrance adjacent to Leslie Roberts Road in Belmont. Following the opening ceremony, there will be an opportunity to walk or cycle the trail with Belmont Trail Committee members. Bring walking shoes or your bicycle if you want to join in the tour of the new trail. Parking is available in lots along Leslie Roberts Road. More information will be provided on the trail opening celebration on the town website and the Winni Trail Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/winni.trail.7>.

The Belmont Recreation Trail Committee welcomes suggestions and is looking for volunteers. For a map of the Winni Trail and more information, you can track what's happening on Facebook. The next goal will be to continue extending the trail to the west along the south shore of Lake Winnisquam. For more information, contact Rick Ball LUTech@belmontnh.org (mailto:LUTech@belmontnh.org) or Donna Hepp dhepp3@gmail.com (mailto:dhepp3@gmail.com).



Join the celebration of the Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail this Saturday. At 10 a.m., people are invited to meet at the trail head on Leslie Roberts Road in Belmont near the Route 3/Laconia Bypass intersection. Bring your walking shoes or bicycle. Parking is available off Leslie Roberts Road. (Courtesy photos)



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