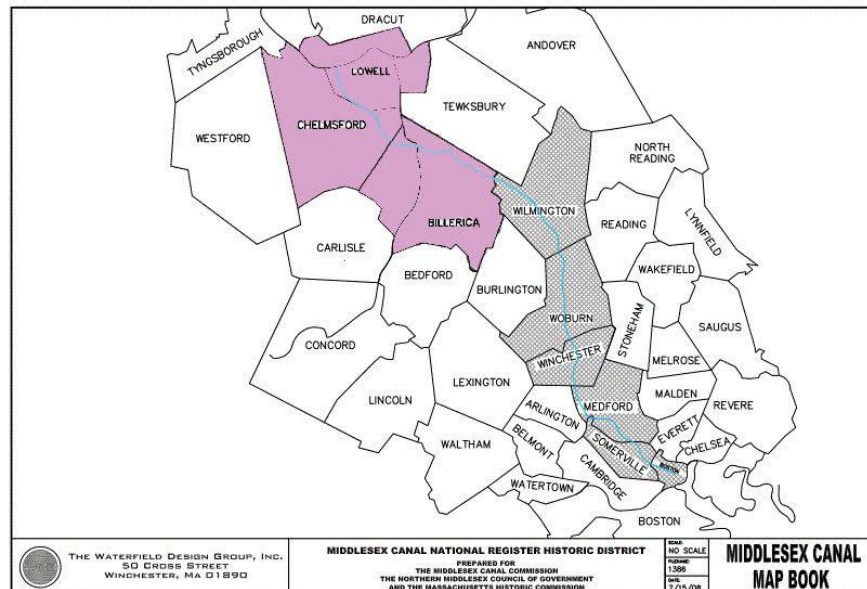


## Who we are:

Friends of Regional Trails & Towpaths (FORTT) is an informal group of advocates who meet regularly to promote the development of trails and paths in the communities in northern Middlesex County once served by the Middlesex Canal. Our current focus is on the three municipalities highlighted on the map below, Billerica, Chelmsford and Lowell



base map source: <http://middlesexcanal.org/commission/MCmapbook.pdf>

## FORTT's mission:

Friends of Regional Trails & Towpaths (FORTT) promotes the development of paths, trails, and other bicycle and pedestrian improvements transportation routes. FORTT will work with MPOs, municipalities, land trusts, right-of-way owners (e.g., railroads, utilities, MassDOT), non-profits, and existing friends of trails groups to unlock the significant additional benefits that will be achieved when individual trails are networked across municipal and regional boundaries. FORTT will propose trail projects, assist in design and promotion of projects, and educate all sectors on the benefits of networks of trails and paths. It will maintain and enhance the historical context of rights-of-way on which the trails and paths that are developed.

## What FORTT is not:

It is not an organized charity. It does not raise funds or solicit contributions. It does not intend to supplant any existing organizations but compliment them by helping them identify opportunities in the communities once served by the Middlesex Canal and assisting them in the development of projects.