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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Planning & Zoning Commission

FROM: Conservation Commission

DATE: September 10, 2020

RE: **SDP, Friends of the Norwalk River Valley Trail** – several lots

In response to your referral for the above cited application, the Conservation Commission would like to offer the following comments:

- 1. The Conservation Commission recommends the Friends of the Norwalk River Valley Trail be required to raise adequate funds for purchase and replanting of all disturbed areas surrounding the trail with appropriate native ground cover and shrub understory.
- 2. The Conservation Commission noted that each time a section of the trail is planted is an opportunity to develop healthy native habitat for insects, amphibians, reptiles and small mammals as well as an opportunity to educate the public about occurring loss of native plant habitat