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Stoneham CDC and the Greater Boston Association of Realtors® Announce Installation of Picnic Areas on the Tri-Community Greenway

More than 20 volunteers from the Greater Boston Association of Realtors® (GBAR) and the Stoneham Community Development Corporation (CDC) came out to clean up and install picnic areas on two sections of the Tri-Community Greenway in Stoneham on Saturday, October 24.

Last fall, GBAR secured a placemaking grant from the National Association of Realtors® and also donated its own funding to work on this project with the Stoneham CDC. Along with support from The Presti Group, Mahoney's Garden Centers, Joe O'Sullivan from Canner Law & Associates and Deb Frank from Metro Credit Union, we were able to upgrade two sections (Montvale Ave. & Pomeworth St.) of the Tri-Community Greenway which runs through the communities of Stoneham, Winchester and Woburn, by adding bike racks, picnic tables and planting maple trees.

The project idea came about when Marie Presti, owner of the Presti Group in Stoneham, approached the Stoneham CDC about getting local Realtors® involved in a project to better the local community. They worked together to secure the funding, local approvals and assemble a volunteer team to put the project in action. "We are pleased to have had the opportunity to deliver \$4,000 in funding to support the Stoneham CDC's efforts to beautify and improve the features available to users of the Greenway," said GBAR President Jason Gell, of RE/MAX Unlimited in Brookline. "As Realtors®, we work hard every day to effectively market the communities we serve, and placemaking projects like this are a wonderful way for us, as an organization, to invest in improvements to parks, plazas and pedestrian ways to make them a source of enjoyment and community pride." Jenny Lecoq, Stoneham CDC Vice-President said, "We were delighted to work on this project with Marie from the Presti Group and GBAR, bringing together Stoneham CDC volunteers and GBAR Realtors® to build something for people to enjoy for many years to come. Thank you to everyone who supported the project!"

The Stoneham CDC is an all-volunteer group made up of residents who are dedicated to increasing the community well-being of Stoneham, MA by undertaking community development projects, special events, and supporting long-term planning. It grew out of the Stoneham Town Center Action Plan developed for the Town of Stoneham with the guidance of the MAPC (Metropolitan Area Planning Council) in 2014. The CDC works to promote Stoneham and its amenities to a wider audience. They are now pursuing a number of projects including building a loop trail around Spot Pond, increasing the number of cultural events for residents

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and visitors and more transportation improvements. To learn more about the Stoneham CDC and donate to current projects, go to <http://www.stonehamcdc.org>.

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