
Objective #8: Upper Harbor Heritage Trail

Tell the story of the Upper Harbor Neighborhood with a heritage walking trail.

Short Term Actions

- Identify key buildings and sites of historic and cultural interest to be linked by the trail, such as the mills, churches, the Feast, the Museum of Madeiran History, and the first settlement site of New Bedford on the river near Wood Street. Seek grant funding from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) to fund the inventorying process and/or volunteer labor from New Bedford based historic groups.
Lead Role..... Planning Department (Historic Preservation Planner)
Estimated Cost..... \$5,000

- Create a map of the trail with descriptions of significant sites and identify the sites with interpretive signs. Work with the National Park Service in New Bedford to explore options for the creation of the map.
Lead Role..... Planning Department (Historic Preservation Planner)
Estimated Cost..... \$10,000 (primarily for interpretive signage)

Medium Term Actions

- Create a neighborhood-based Upper Harbor Walking Club to promote the Heritage Trail and increase public health, seeking funds from public health foundations and similar sources to help support creation of the trail and the walking club.
Lead Role..... TBD
Estimated Cost..... TBD