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Tree work on the Rails to Trails between Tait Road and Whitney Avenue will begin tomorrow, May 22, 2019. That portion of the trail will be closed to the public due to the hazardous nature of the work. Trumbull residents should expect the trail to be closed Monday through Friday until the work is completed. The trail is expected to be open on weekends and Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019. Please heed all trail closure signs and do not attempt to enter the trail when it is marked closed. The Town's first and foremost priority is the safety of all who live here or use our public facilities.

This remediation work was initiated by the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), and will be performed by contractors hired by DEEP. The cost of pruning and taking down trees will be paid for with State funds. The trees in question have been identified by DEEP as either having failed for a variety of reasons or being in a serious state of decline, and accordingly have been marked for safety pruning or complete removal where necessary. Although this parkland is owned jointly by the Town and DEEP, DEEP has the care, custody and control of managing all of the trees in this parcel.

Town officials, including the Tree Warden, the Superintendent of Parks, and the Chair of the Conservation Commission agree that, in the interest of public safety, this work is warranted. Accordingly, DEEP will be conducting the pruning and removal work over the next several weeks.

The Town will notify the public when the work has been completed and the Rails to Trails reopened by posting on the Town website and social media and sending out information to the press. We will also post periodic updates to apprise the public of the progress of the work.