

Ipswich River Bank Give Plants a Chance



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Healthy, vegetated river banks provide a first line of defense against erosion from storms and flooding. Plants greatly improve the stability of a river bank by holding together loose materials such as sand, stones, and soil.

Farnsworth Landing in Middleton is a designated boat access area alongside a healthy, vegetated bank of the Ipswich River.



Along the path beneath your feet lie sewer pipes. Homes, roads, and businesses are also located along the river. While some bank erosion is natural, increased erosion of the river bank reduces its ability to protect these important structures from floods and storms. Healthy plants stabilize the river bank from erosion but are easily damaged when stepped on, leaving the river bank vulnerable to eroding.

When walking near or accessing the river, please remember:

- Stay on the trail
- Step on rocks rather than plants or tree roots
- Do not drag or store boats along the river bank
- Use designated boat access areas

Give plants a chance and help protect our coastal river bank from erosion.

