

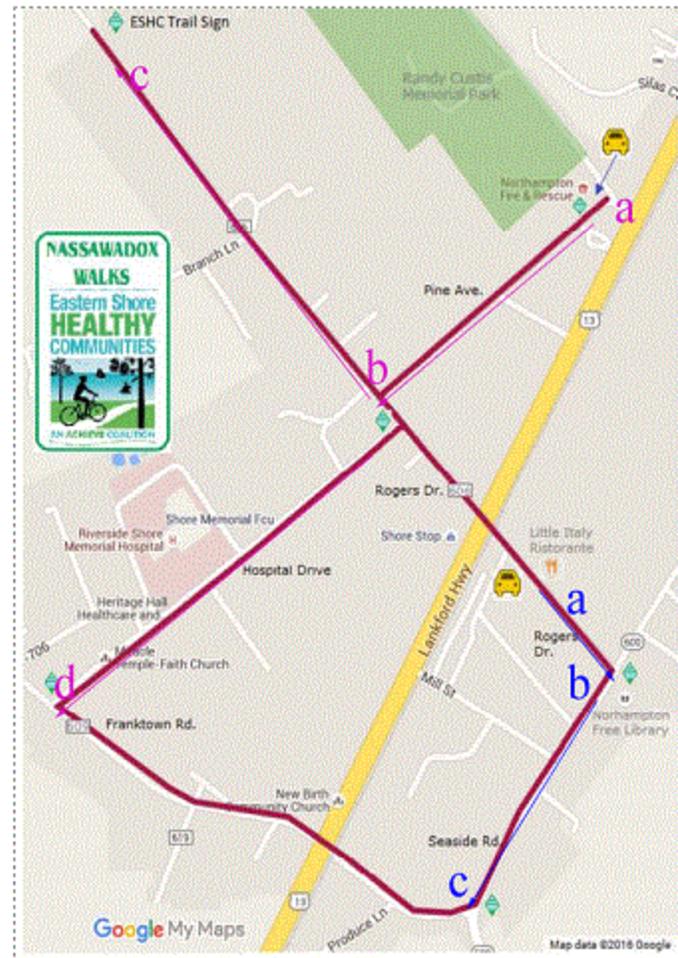
# NLES Accessibility Final Report:

## Nassawadox – ESHC Walking Trail

Final Score: Yellow – Use caution on this trail if you have a disability (please use report below for more specific recommendations on walking this trail). The NLES Assessment group found a portion of this trail to be completely un-accessible; please use the recommendations below and the edited map included with this report in order to determine what portions of this trail are not accessible.

\*\*\*Please download the “Seven Easy Walks of the Eastern Shore” document from [www.nolimitseasternshore.com/walking-trails](http://www.nolimitseasternshore.com/walking-trails) to find the ESHC recommendations for parking/walking the trail as well as a trail map. Please note that the NLES Assessment group has included an edited map of this trail along with this final report in order to point out the portions of the trail that were found un-accessible. The original map document may still be used for parking/starting point purposes.\*\*\*

The Nassawadox walking trail would be a challenging walk for those with disabilities. This trail is a 1.6 mile loop around the town of Nassawadox with two extensions into the residential neighborhoods surrounding the hospital. From the recommended starting point, using the 7 Easy Walks of the Shore guide document, users are instructed to begin their walk on Rogers Drive toward Hospital Drive. This route leads you directly over the highway, Route 13, where there is no cross walk. Our accessibility team determined that to take this particular route would be too dangerous for our assessment and we amended our route for safety concerns (we assessed this trail in 2 parts – one on either side of the highway). The amended route that the NLES Assessment Team took can be pictured at right:





Picture depicting overgrowth found on the sidewalk on Hospital Drive.

For part one of this assessment (starting at point A on the PINK route), our assessment team parked at Northampton Fire and Rescue on Pine Ave. and headed towards Hospital Drive. The first portion of Pine Ave. has no sidewalk leaving users to walk directly into the street from the parking area at Northampton Fire and Rescue. The sidewalk does begin shortly beyond the fire house but stops again at the crossing of Rogers

Drive to Hospital Drive, where there is no cross walk. At this point (point B on the PINK route) users may either turn right down Branch Lane (to point C on the PINK route) or continue straight onto Hospital Drive. On both of these roads there is an accessible sidewalk. Our assessment team stopped the first portion of our assessment where Hospital Drive meets Franktown Road (point D on the PINK route). The route NLES would recommend to users who are not interested in crossing the highway would be as follows for the PINK route: Point A – Point B – Point C – Point B – Point D – Point B – Point A. We would like users to be aware that although there are sidewalks for the majority of this portion of the trail but there are a few sections where the sidewalks are narrow and there is plant overgrowth.



Another picture that depicts overgrowth along Hospital Drive; this photo also shows the narrowness of the sidewalk.

For the second part of this assessment our Assessment Team chose to start at Point A on the BLUE route (across from Little Italy Restaurant) walking towards Seaside Road (Point B on the BLUE route). From Point B on the BLUE route the trail takes you along a narrow sidewalk on Seaside Road through a residential neighborhood towards Franktown Road. The beginning of Franktown Road from Seaside Road is a VERY sharp bend which our assessment team found very dangerous and difficult to navigate, especially for those with disabilities. Users are left to walk around the turn “blindly” onto a portion of the road that leads drivers directly off of Highway 13 and there is no sidewalk. We did not walk this

portion of the trail due to safety concerns. The NLES Assessment Team would recommend instead that from Point B on the BLUE route trail users walk to Point C on the BLUE route and then TURN around. Therefore, the recommended route from the NLES Assessment Team would be as follows: Point A – Point B – Point C – Point B – Point A.

If you would like to add an observation or comment regarding this trail please e-mail [e.fillebrown@gmail.com](mailto:e.fillebrown@gmail.com) and include ESHC Nassawadox Trail in the subject line.



Enjoy your walk on the Nassawadox ESHC Walking Trail!



The NLES Walking Trail Assessment Group on the Nassawadox trail!