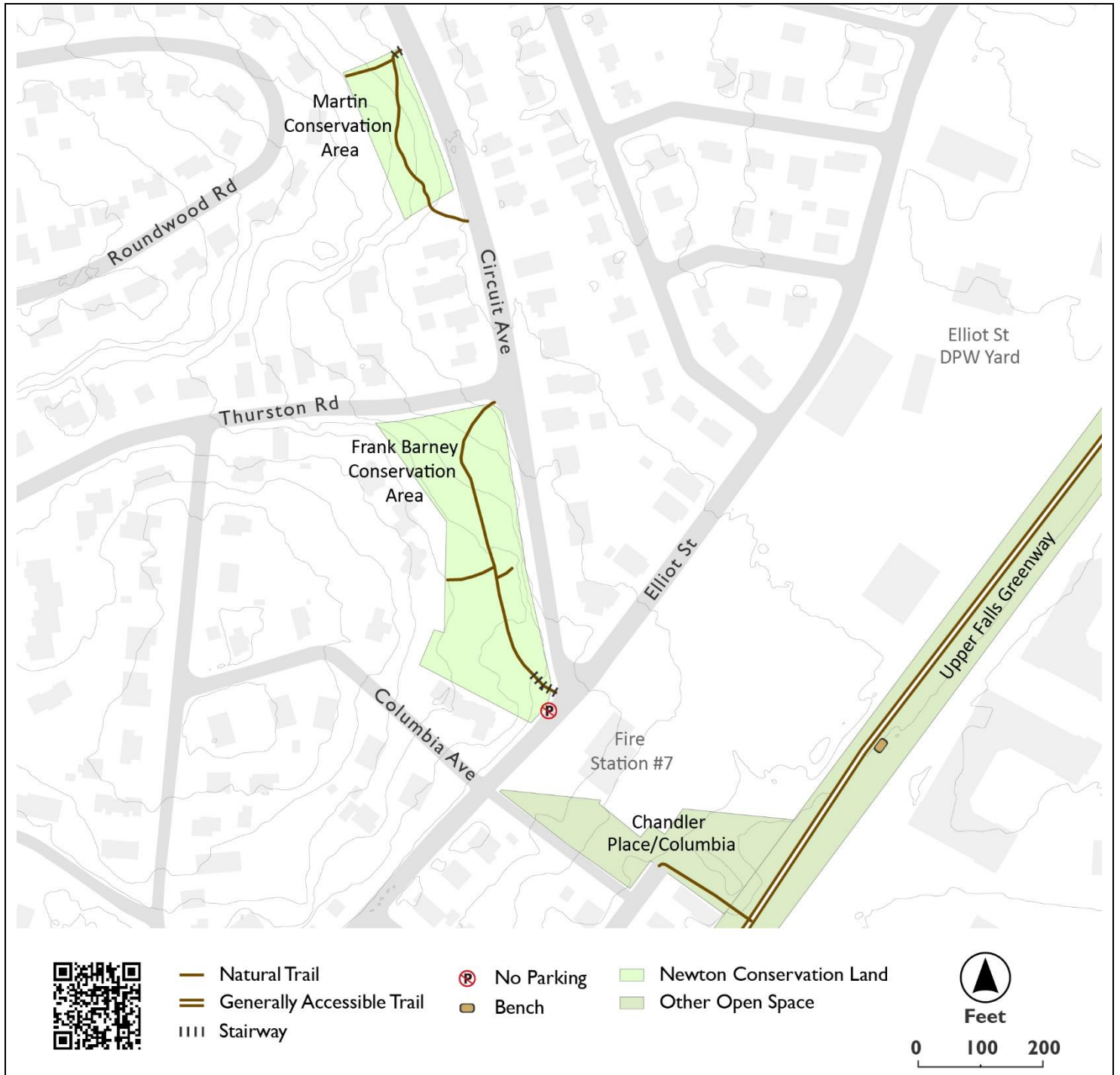


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To accommodate other users and to protect wildlife, vegetation, and trails:



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Martin Conservation Area Access

Located in Newton Upper Falls, Martin Conservation Area, is readily accessed from Circuit Avenue. MBTA access is possible via the Elliot stop on the Green D line. The southern end of the trail traverses private property, so the public is asked to be especially respectful of the surrounding land.

The Frank Barney Conservation Area, with its dramatic cliff, is immediately to the south. The Upper Falls Greenway rail trail, also to the south, can be easily reached by walking.

Martin History and Features

This parcel, like all of Newton, was once occupied and cared for by the Massachusetts tribe, descendants of whom still live and make new history in the area.

This is a small (0.6 acre) Conservation parcel was acquired by the City in 1976.

The short trail (350 feet) allows for a brief but delightful passage through a typical eastern temperate forest.

Additional interest and joy can be found in Martin Conservation Area since this parcel has been “adopted” by nearby residents who, every year, create a “Poetry Path” showcasing local poets’ work and engaging the public with the site and one another.

In addition to the joy this parcel brings to residents, conservation areas, even small ones like this, play a vital role in sustaining and providing for native wildlife.

Martin Trail Characteristics

Because of the parcel’s steep slopes, some may find Martin Conservation Area’s **Natural Trail*** a bit challenging to navigate.



Trail Surface: Mostly firm soil. In places quite steep. Stairs at the northern trailhead.



Trail width: Generally 3 feet



Trail length: 350 feet



Cross slope: Generally level. In places: >5%



Obstructions: Stairs at the northern trailhead, a steep slope at the southern end of the trail.

***Newton’s Generally Accessible Trails** are relatively flat, they have a firm, level footbed, and are mostly free of tripping hazards. They are wide enough to accommodate many mobility devices.

Newton’s Natural Trails are unimproved and may have steep, uneven, or rocky/rooty footbeds; elevated plank “bog bridges”, or other obstacles that make the trails challenging to negotiate.