

## RDT notes

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On October 28, the public comment period for Parker River NWR's Habitat Management Plan closed. Over 80 individuals (as of 10/27) submitted comments, the majority of whom commented in opposition to restoring 3 freshwater impoundments back to salt marsh. On November 1, refuge staff will release another EA; this one proposing demolition of the badly deteriorated Pink House in Newbury, MA.

On Oct 27, Parker River NWR hosted over 120 riders for a nighttime full moon bicycle ride on the refuge in partnership with Newburyport Youth Services, Safe Routes to School, the Livable Streets Committee, a local bicycle shop, and a coffee shop providing refreshments. This is a brand new initiative to promote cycling safety and dark night skies for bird migration (postponed from last week due to weather).



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