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Keeping you informed of Dartmouth planning in the Lyme Road South Precinct
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This is the first of several mailings designed to keep neighbors informed of Dartmouth’s planning process to develop undergraduate housing and a varsity golf practice facility along Lyme Road in Hanover.

What are Dartmouth’s Plans?

Dartmouth has initiated a planning process to develop undergraduate housing on the east side of Lyme Road and relocate the golf practice course to the west side of Lyme Road. This area was identified as part of the Lyme Road South Precinct in Dartmouth’s 2020 strategic framework, “Planning for Possibilities,” which can be found online at https://www.dartmouth.edu/masterplan/docs/20210316_final_planning_for_possibilities_webview.pdf

Building on the principles and strategies of “Planning for Possibilities,” this study will result in a detailed Precinct Plan that envisions a network of recreational facilities, improved vehicular and pedestrian circulation, and short- and long-term future housing and academic uses.

The design and planning teams are currently conducting data collection and site analysis, including geotechnical boring, and will hold meetings and workshops with students and the broader community in mid-January.

Regular winter activities, such as sledding, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, will be available at the start of the season in January.

What is Geotechnical Boring?

Geotechnical testing is performed to provide information about the physical properties of rocks and soil near locations that are being considered for construction.

Flags to mark specific sites for the geotechnical borings have been placed at 26 locations between Reservoir Road and Girl Brook on the east side of Lyme Road.

Access paths for the drill rig and the boring flags are detailed in a map in the planning project website. One access path is from the parking lot on Reservoir Road; the other path is directly from Lyme Road.

Soil borings will be taken by a drill rig such as the one pictured here. Neighbors may notice slight pounding noise as the rig drills into the ground.

What is Happening in December?

- Surveyors are on-site through Dec. 17 to complete a parcel survey, map wetlands, and inventory other natural resources.
- From Dec. 6 through approximately Dec. 31, a drill rig will conduct geotechnical borings at locations on the east side of Lyme Road. Work is expected to be performed during normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Community and student engagement sessions are being planned for the week of Jan. 10. More detail will be forthcoming.

How We’ll Keep You Informed?

Information about this project is available in the Planning & Design Phase section of the Campus Services Projects website at campus-services.dartmouth.edu/projects.

Email Campus.Planning@dartmouth.edu to let us know if you are interested in receiving periodic email notices and to share your thoughts or concerns.