

2016 Recreational Trails Program Grant Awards

Grant ID	Community	Agency	Title	Description	Use	Award	Match
RTP1603	Pittsfield	Department of Conservation and Recreation	West Region OHV Trail Crew	This project will provide funding for a seasonal DCR West Region Trail Crew to work throughout the trail season to improve and rehabilitate the OHV trail system on DCR properties in the West Region that allow recreation motorized use.	Motorized	\$49,880.00	\$62,764.00
RTP1604	Boxford	Boxford Trails Association/Boxford Open Land Trust	Chapman Way, Lowe Pond Boardwalk	This project will replace an unsafe and often impassable boardwalk across Lowe Pond in Boxford. The boardwalk will be upgraded to allow use by horseback riders, hikers and runners, enhancing the safety and enjoyment of the recreational trail users along this stretch, which is a part of the Bay Circuit Trail.	Non-Motorized	\$23,720.00	\$12,090.00
RTP1605	Gardner	City of Gardner	Gardner Trails Access, Signage and Wayfinding Improvement Project	This project will construct new trails, create and install trail signage, create and print trail maps and brochures and construct several trail bridges. The overall goals of this project are enhancing the existing trail network for improved access and connections within and among Gardner's protected open space lands and increased wellness, recreational, educational and conservation opportunities for the benefit of the public.	Diverse	\$22,109.00	\$25,000.00
RTP1607	Sandisfield	Sandisfield Snowmobile Club	Sandisfield Snowmobile Club Groomer Purchase	This project includes the purchase of an ATV, along with plows, blades and tracks as attachments which will enable the club to maintain approximately 30 miles of trails, including grooming in the winter months. This work will encourage more use of the trail system in Sandisfield and, in turn, attract more visitors to the town for recreational trail opportunities including snowmobiling, snowshoeing and skiing.	Motorized	\$16,196.00	\$4,049.00
RTP1608	Adams	Adams Sno-Drifters	Sucker Brook Trail Relocation	This project will relocate a portion of an existing trail that has been impacted by beaver activity and is currently flooded. A bridge will be installed in an alternate location and rocks and stumps will be removed to create a new, alternate trail further upstream.	Motorized	\$5,212.00	\$6,012.00
RTP1611	Dedham	Town of Dedham	Dedham Heritage Rail Trail	The Dedham Heritage Rail Trail is a community effort to transform a 1.5 mile stretch of abandoned railway into a new linear park and cultural greenway. This project will convert the abandoned railway into a pedestrian and bike path, which will incorporate public art and community gardens, as well as connect adjacent neighborhoods to the three Dedham Public Schools, Dedham Square and a commuter rail station.	Diverse	\$50,000.00	\$259,060.00
RTP1612	Royalston	Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust	Eagle Reserve Multi-Use Recreational Project	This project will construct two new trail systems on a recently protected parcel of conservation land, to provide access for the purpose of nature appreciation, hiking, walking, birding, angling and paddling. One accessible trail loop and one natural surface trail and bridge will be constructed as a part of this project. Benches, kiosks, boardwalks, one bird blind and a kayak and canoe launch will be included as components and amenities of the new trail system.	Non-Motorized	\$48,816.00	\$13,631.00

RTP1620	West Boylston	Wachusett Greenways	Mass Central Rail Trail - West Boylston	This project will construct a 900-foot extension of the Mass Central Rail Trail from the Thomas Street trailhead through the Route 140 intersection in West Boylston. This project focusses on the initial construction phase of the planned MCRT extension along the Route 140/Beaman Street causeway which is a critical piece in facilitating a connection between West Boylston and Sterling in the years to come.	Diverse	\$50,000.00	\$82,554.00
RTP1624	Townsend	Squanacook Greenways	Squanacook River Rail Trail	This project will fund necessary steps including permitting fees and the purchase of signage to educate the public on habitat adjacent to the planned Squanacook River Rail Trail. Once completed, Rail Trail will traverse 3.7 miles in Townsend and Groton.	Diverse	\$6,100.00	\$1,868.00
RTP1628	Ashby	The Student Conservation Association	Wapack Trail Restoration and Enhancement Project	This project will provide an SCA Youth Corps crew at Mt. Watatic to perform trail maintenance and upgrades on the Wapack Trail between the summit of Mt. Watatic and Nutting Hill. Project work will include rock waterbar construction and maintenance, rock step construction, trail corridor maintenance and brush clearing.	Non-Motorized	\$19,340.00	\$35,610.00
RTP1633	Conway	Conway Snowmobile Club	Conway Trail Maintenance and Grooming Project	This project will provide needed equipment for snowmobile trail grooming, matched with repairs and maintenance throughout the 120-mile trail system that the snowmobile club maintains and grooms in the winter. Trails in the system connect to four bordering towns and encompass the Conway State Forest, South River State Forest, town and private lands.	Motorized	\$67,688.00	\$31,921.00
RTP1634	Salem	City of Salem	Forest River Conservation Area Trails Project	The Forest River Conservation Area is Salem's most pristine riverine ecosystem and is enjoyed by a variety of users. This project will upgrade the rugged and informal trail infrastructure, including construction of a primary trunk trail that will be usable throughout the year and accessible to people with limited mobility.	Non-Motorized	\$50,000.00	\$12,500.00
RTP1635	Spencer	Town of Spencer	Depot Road Rail Trail Project	This project will resurface the entire 1.9-mile rail trail to accessibility standards. In addition, trailhead kiosks, maps and information panels, benches and gates will be installed along the trail system as amenities and to govern motorized use of the trail.	Diverse	\$50,000.00	\$33,888.00
RTP1638	Rockland	Town of Rockland	Rockland Rail Trail	This project will significantly improve a section of the Rockland Rail Trail in an area with the potential for many new users, once the work has been completed. The project includes paving and providing accessible trail surface to connect the town's Senior Center, three schools and the Town Center.	Diverse	\$50,000.00	\$55,900.00
RTP1639	Methuen	Methuen Rail Trail Alliance	Methuen Rail Trail Maintenance Equipment	The mission of the Methuen Rail Trail Alliance is to enhance, beautify and promote the Methuen Rail Trail through advocacy and assistance with regular maintenance and trail upgrades when needed. For years this volunteer group has provided these services with their own, personal tools, but are now in need of equipment that is exclusively dedicated for the purpose of trail maintenance, which this grant funding can provide.	Diverse	\$533.00	\$178.00

RTP1644	Monterey	Knox Trail Riders Association	Beartown State Forest Trail Maintenance	This project will provide expedited and much-needed trail maintenance tasks throughout the OHV trail system at Beartown State Forest through the purchase and use of three ATV trailers for hauling equipment and materials into remote areas for trail improvement work. The club has and will continue to volunteer its time in completing these tasks as committed stewards of the state forest, ensuring safe and enjoyable recreational riding opportunities into the future.	Motorized	\$3,980.00	\$1,080.00
RTP1647	Middleborough	Town of Middleborough	Pratt Farm Accessible Trail	The Pratt Farm Accessible Trail will provide access for people of all abilities to the serene Pratt Farm which features trails, forests, a tree identification loop, a Healing Garden, small ponds and streams. The project includes modifying existing trail into hard-packed surface, creating two viewing areas and an accessible overlook area and constructing a tactile trail featuring sculptures of plants and signs with the plant names in English and Braille, so that individuals with visual impairments can fully benefit from the trail as well.	Non-Motorized	\$26,515.00	\$12,093.00
RTP1652	Princeton	Mass Audubon - Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary	Wildlife Pond Trail Accessible Trail	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary is creating several all-persons trails to open in three popular areas of the sanctuary for visitors of all abilities. This project will create the Wildlife Pond Trail, beginning at a sheep paddock and barn area and ultimately leading to the Wildlife Pond near the entrance of the sanctuary.	Non-Motorized	\$50,000.00	\$25,818.00
RTP1653	New Braintree	East Quabbin Land Trust	Mass Central Rail Trail Corridor Acquisition	This project will assist in funding the acquisition of a two-mile section of the Mass Central Rail Trail in New Braintree and Barre to allow for further development of the envisioned multi-use trail corridor that would stretch from western Massachusetts to Boston.	Diverse	\$100,000.00	\$637,000.00
RTP1656	Great Barrington	Great Barrington Land Conservancy	Pfeiffer Arboretum Trail Rehabilitation Project	This project will restore currently unsafe trails and trail structures at Pfeiffer Arboretum to excellent condition in order to continue to support community use of the trails while also protecting the rich natural resources found there.	Non-Motorized	\$7,496.00	\$23,241.00
RTP1657	Lee	Department of Conservation and Recreation	Schoolhouse & Finerty Pond Trail Repair	This project will enhance recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) riding at the state forest, protect sensitive wetland resources and improve emergency access to both the OHV trail system and portions of the Appalachian Trail. The project will improve a one-mile section of Finerty Pond Trail to the intersection of Schoolhouse Trail through repairs of the existing trail tread and trail drainage structures.	Motorized	\$73,828.00	\$77,998.00
RTP1658	Wrentham	Department of Conservation and Recreation	Wrentham State Forest Off-Highway Motorcycle Trail Repairs & Improvements	This project will build upon work currently planned in Wrentham State Forest by DCR staff to initiate numerous trail improvements including the installation of new signage and trail blazing throughout the property. This project will work to protect wetland and soil resources, repair poor trail conditions, enhance the OHV user experience as well as the experience of all recreational trail users in the state forest.	Motorized	\$78,762.00	\$7,760.00

RTP1659	South Hadley	Town of South Hadley	River to Range Accessible Trail: Phase One	This project will provide unique access to the Connecticut River through the construction of an accessible, scenic loop trail near the river's edge. The project will provide scenic views of the CT River and Bachelor Brook in South Hadley, year-round parking and benches in an area with few easy and accessible trail opportunities for residents and visitors.	Non-Motorized	\$49,854.00	\$114,163.00
RTP1662	Ashfield	Franklin Land Trust	Ashfield Trails Enhancement	This project will complete the enhancement of a critical trail connection in the Ashfield trails network, connecting Sanderson Academy Elementary School ultimately to the Trustees of Reservations Bear Swamp Reservation. The project will also purchase an ATV for use by trail volunteers/builders who are in need of assistance in carrying loads of materials and equipment to project sites.	Non-Motorized	\$7,495.00	\$4,741.00
RTP1663	Savoy	Savoy Canary Kats Snowmobile Club	Savoy Trail Grooming	This project will purchase parts to repair and upgrade a club-owned tracked snowmobile trail groomer, to allow for continued grooming of snowmobile trails throughout Savoy, Hawley, Plainfield and Windsor.	Motorized	\$13,006.00	\$3,339.00
RTP1664	Cheshire	Department of Conservation and Recreation	Appalachian Trail Ridge Runner	This project will fund a seasonal Ridge Runner who will work exclusively on the National Scenic Appalachian Trail in Massachusetts. The AT Ridge Runner provides education and information for trail visitors and works closely with numerous volunteers that help maintain the trail and associated overnight facilities. The Ridge Runner also helps to monitor trail conditions, record trail use and respond to emergencies as needed.	Non-Motorized	\$11,418.00	\$13,818.00
RTP1667	Otis	Knox Trail Sno-Riders	Tolland and Otis State Forest Grooming Project	This project will upgrade existing grooming equipment that is deteriorating with new parts and attachments to enable the club to continue to maintain recreational trails in Tolland and Otis State Forest in the winter months. Improved reliability and efficiency of the equipment will allow for less impact on the environment and more groomed trails for all winter recreationalists.	Motorized	\$71,250.00	\$23,750.00
RTP1669	Revere	Bike to the Sea	Northern Strand Community Trail	This project will upgrade and improve sections of the Northern Strand Community Trail in Revere and Saugus. Tasks will include updates to trail entrance gateways, trail shoulder improvements and tree work, installation of signage and park benches and training and utilization of community youth corps and volunteers for trail clean-up events, maintenance and plantings.	Diverse	\$49,787.00	\$10,075.00
RTP1601	Northampton	Department of Conservation and Recreation	RTP Administration	This portion of grant funds includes funding for the administration of the Recreational Trails Program including Coordinator salary and associated personnel costs.	Administration	\$82,075.00	\$20,519.00
RTP1602	Northampton	MARTAB	RTP Education Funds	RTP Education Funds are assigned to projects providing educational opportunities for the trails community. This includes but is not limited to the MA Trails Conference, statewide trail workshops and trail education materials such as construction guidelines.	Education	\$37,452.00	\$7,500.00
TOTAL						\$1,172,512.00	\$1,619,920.00