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DCR ANNOUNCES RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANTS AWARDS

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced a total of \$600,000 in grants to local communities and nonprofit organizations to fund 26 trails projects across the Commonwealth as part of its Recreational Trails Grants Program.

“The Recreational Trails Program is an excellent example of a community, state, and federal partnership that supports a wide variety of local initiatives and the people who implement them,” said Commissioner Sullivan. “Recreational trails help connect communities, provide recreational opportunities, and offer an alternative to driving.”

Recreational Trails Grants are awarded for the construction and stewardship of hiking trails, bikeways, snowmobile trails, and other kinds of trails throughout the state. This can include improvements to long-distance trails and rail trail development, ATV trail maintenance, and creation or maintenance of municipal trails. Each recipient matches its grant with at least an additional 20 percent in cash or in-kind services.

Grant awards range from \$2,000 to \$50,000, depending on the scope of the project. Since 1993, DCR has awarded more than \$3.5 million in Recreational Trails Grants in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation, and the Massachusetts Recreational Trails Advisory Board.

For more information on the Recreational Trails Program or the statewide greenway plan, contact Amanda Lewis, DCR’s Recreational Trails Program Coordinator, at 413-586-8706, ext. 19, or at amanda.lewis@state.ma.us.

A list of this year’s projects is [attached](#).

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The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, and dams, in addition to 278 bridges and miles of roadways. Led by Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr., the agency’s mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us.

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