

# MASSACHUSETTS RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT WORKSHOP

The Department of Conservation and Recreation will be holding a workshop to discuss the Recreational Trails Program and its upcoming grant round with applications due October 1, 2011. The dates, times and locations are as follows:

<b>Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Norman Smith Education Center (formerly Chickatawbut Education Center)</b> Chickatawbut Hill Road, Milton, MA
<b>Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6-8pm</b>	<b>Berkshire Athenaeum</b> (Pittsfield Public Library) One Wendell Avenue, Pittsfield, MA

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds to non-profit organizations, municipal, state, and federal land managers to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. RTP grants are 80-20 challenge grants. In other words, 80% of the project costs are reimbursed to grantees, but at least 20% of the total project value must come from other sources (local match). There is a minimum award amount \$2,000 and a maximum of \$50,000. More money may be available for multi-town, regional projects. The Recreational Trails Program allocates 30% of its funds to motorized use, 30% to non-motorized use, and 40% to diverse use projects.

The workshop will go over the program requirements for the RTP, discuss the scoring criteria, provide examples and presentations on successful grant projects and provide feedback and answer any questions that potential applicants may have about the program or about their specific projects and how they fall within the requirements of the program.

No registration is required. For specific directions (see next page for Chickatawbut directions) and any questions, please call or email Amanda Lewis.

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## Norman Smith Education Center, Milton



Coming from 95 off of the Mass pike, get off at exit for **Route 28/Milton**. Take a right at the first light, onto **Chickatawbut Road** and keep your eye on the guard rail to the right- there will be a split in the guardrail with an entrance to the education center- there is a fire gate that will have been opened and there is a sign that says "**Norman Smith Education Center**".