

Department of Conservation and Recreation Greenways and Trails Program

2008 Recreational Trails Grants; Project Summaries

Diverse / Non-Motorized

City of Lowell

Concord River Greenway Phase 1 and 2 Construction Project

The Concord River Greenway is a 2-mile path along the Concord River in Lowell, starting at 939 Lawrence Street and ending at Davidson Street downtown. This project consists of the construction of phase 1 and 2 of the greenway. The construction will occur at each of the trailheads with phase 3 being constructed when funding becomes available.

Grant \$50,000 *Match* \$50,000

Falmouth Bikeway Committee

Shining Sea Bikeway, Exploring Falmouth's Natural Resources and Cultural Heritage

The Shining Sea Bikeway will comprise 11 miles when its extension is completed in 2008/2009. This project is for design and production of a trail map and installation of interpretive displays at several points of interest. The project will facilitate connections to adjacent trail systems, promote environmental awareness and protection of Falmouth's natural resources, and highlight the regions history and heritage.

Grant \$15,900 *Match* \$5,800

Wachusett Greenways

Mass Central Rail Trail Project - Oakham

This project proposes to construct 0.9 miles of the Mass Central Rail Trail in Oakham. The new section will run from Route 122 at Muddy Pond to the Route 122 intersection with the Mass Central Rail Trail 0.9 miles west. With completion of this section, Wachusett Greenways and our partners will have completed more than thirteen miles of our planned 30-mile midsection of the 104-mile Mass Central Rail Trail.

Grant \$50,000 *Match* \$50,462

Worcester County 4-H Center

Restore Buck Hill Project

The trails selected to benefit from this funding are part of the Buck Hill Trail System. They were created in 1976 by the Youth Conservation Corps and need to be restored to their original condition. The trails will be reinterpreted and a 500 foot handicap accessible trail will be made to an overlook shelter, which will also be made accessible and re-stained.

Grant \$15,000 *Match* \$14,005

Town of Harvard

Harvard Recreational Trail Phase I Construction Project

A multi-use recreational trail will be constructed to enable a safe route connecting the town's beach, new library, both public schools, and existing walking trails on conservation lands. The proposed trail also represents an opportunity to create regional linkages to existing and planned trails in Devens, Ayer and the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge, as well as along the Route 2 corridor.

Grant \$41,709 *Match* \$12,500

Town of Sutton

Manchaug Riverside Trail Project

A key component of the Manchaug Streetscape Project, the Manchaug Riverside Trail highlights the beauty and importance of the Mumford River with this mill community. The trail will include overlooks, seating, historic markers, and trailheads for future trail extensions.

Grant \$46,444 *Match* \$24,730

Town of Topsfield Rail Trail Committee

Topsfield Linear Common (Phase II)

This project will construct Phase II of the Topsfield Linear Common multi-use trail which is part of the Border to Boston trail. It will eventually connect Topsfield to eight or more neighboring towns. Phase II will be located in the center of Topsfield between Summer Street and Route 1, and will eliminate safety hazards due to exposed railroad ties and track, overgrown bushes, and uneven surfaces.

Grant \$50,000 *Match* \$12,500

Motorized

SAM Goshen Highlanders Snowmobile Club

DAR State Forest Trail Reclamation and Erosion Control

The project will involve the clearing of brush and dead-falls to reclaim trails in the DAR State Forest along with repairing erosion damage. Doing so will make the trails safer and more accessible for emergency rescue. This will also improve the network of trails within the DCR and Tilton Town Farm.

Grant \$21,515 *Match* \$5,529

Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts (SAM)

Corridor Trail Protection and Outreach Initiative

Applicants include the following clubs: Adams, Berkshire, Coldbrook, S.A.M., Savoy and Ware River. Each club has a separate project in separate Geographic locations within the State. The projects range from purchasing equipment that will assist the clubs in maintaining trails in the summer and winter, affecting trail improvements, and providing long-term protection of trail corridors.

Grant \$42,500 *Match* \$9,010

SAM - Adams Sno Drifters

Adams Sno Drifter 07 Project

Improve six or more areas needing improvement on the Old Adams Road Trail located on Mt. Greylock. These areas were identified in a report prepared by the Adams Sno-Drifters in April of 2005. The scope of work involves culvert work (3), repairing a washed out curve, trail widening, and other minor trail improvements.

Grant \$28,774 *Match* \$7,833

SAM - Berkshire Snow Seekers

Snowmobile Trail Improvement Project in October Mountain State Forest

The organization will purchase excavator time and donate volunteer time to restore badly eroded sections of snowmobile trails in October Mountain State Forest by removing large rocks and reopening waterbars. Benefits of trail restoration and large rock removal will be increased trail safety, long term trail stability and earlier/late winter season use in spite of the declining snow depth which has been observed in many recent years. These trails are also used by cross country skiers and they provide links with nearby club trails and local business such as Bucksteep Manor in the town of Washington.

Grant \$8,000 *Match* \$5,960

DCR - Western Region

Western Region Seasonal Trail Crew and Trail Equipment

The West Region Trail Crew will provide 16 weeks of intense trail maintenance on all of the motorized trails in the region guided by the new DCR OHV policy and standards for trail siting, construction and maintenance. With the purchase of the OHV utility vehicle for transportation of equipment and materials, the efficiency of the crew will be improved. This project not only helps satisfy a growing recreational demand, for OHV use, but also helps protect other public and private land by providing legal and sustainable riding opportunities.

Grant \$33,500 *Match* \$21,780

Pilgrim Sands Trail Riders

Freetown-Fall River State Forest Trail Maintenance Project

This project will purchase a small, tracked trail maintenance machine and flatbed trailer for transport. This equipment will be used to improve fire roads, parking lots and trails in the forest. Winter and heavy motorcycle use have degraded roads to a stage where present equipment is not effective.

Grant \$15,000 *Match* \$3,500

King Philip Trail Riders

Franklin State Forest Trail Enhancements

This project will repair and improve sections of trail prone to motorized use in Franklin State Forest. Two existing bridges will be re-decked, and one new 20-foot bridge will be built over an intermittent stream. The trail enhancements will provide a more enjoyable experience to the public.

Grant \$2,015 *Match* \$413

**SAM - Savoy Canary Kats Snowmobile Club
Snowmobile Trail Grooming Equipment Project**

The proposed project would consist of the purchase of a newer model groomer which would enable the club members to complete the daily grooming routes that the club currently has safely and more efficiently. The club match portion would be the labor that is required to perform the weekly trail system maintenance work that occurs from September through November.

Grant \$20,000 *Match* \$8,000

Non-Motorized

**City of Worcester
Newton Hill Trail Improvements**

The project will improve the landscape and design of the Newton Hill section of Elm Park. This funding is critical to providing adequate resources for improved security, trail signage, maintenance equipment, and park appearance.

Grant \$25,400 *Match* \$11,850

**DCR - Western Region
West Region Seasonal Appalachian Trail Ridge Runner**

The project funds a seasonal Appalachian Trail (AT) Ridge Runner who will work exclusively on the AT in Massachusetts. The AT Ridge Runner provides education and information to trail users, and works closely with volunteers who maintain the trail and supporting overnight facilities. The Ridge Runner also helps monitor trail conditions and use, and responds to emergencies as needed.

Grant \$5,880 *Match* \$16,720

**Massachusetts Appalachian Trail Committee / DCR
Appalachian Trail Informational Kiosk Display**

This project will provide essential information to hikers on the Appalachian Trail (AT) at major parking and access points. Informational panels will be installed on existing kiosks and will contain vital trail information and guidelines specific to the AT in Massachusetts. This information will improve hiker safety, augment resource protection and enhance visitors' outdoor experiences.

Grant \$5,005 *Match* \$4,880

**DCR - Savoy Mountain State Forest
Spruce Hill Visibility Project**

This project will promote the unique features of the Busby Trail and Spruce Hill Trail to all park patrons. A new kiosk will be installed at the trailhead off Central Shaft Road. Gravel will be spread, and two benches will be installed, one near the trailhead, and one halfway up the trail.

Grant \$2,084 *Match* \$610

Cape Cod National Seashore (CCNS)

Orientation Exhibits for Province Lands Bike Trail Project

This project will provide orientation exhibits at trailheads for the Province Lands Bike Trail. This popular trail exposes users to a unique balance of dune and forest ecosystems on the outermost stretches of Cape Cod. The CCNS is excited about the potential of this project to enhance visitor education, safety and overall enjoyment of the valuable trail resources.

Grant \$9,940 *Match* \$6,900

The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR)

Moose Hill Farm - New Trail Project

This project will create a new 5,000 foot trail at Moose Hill Farm, one of TTOR's newest reservations. The project is part of a trail system that ultimately will link more than 2,000 acres of protected open space. The new trail will offer walking, snowshoeing, and dog walking through a forested landscape with rock outcroppings.

Grant \$2,100 *Match* \$1,120

Lexington Bicycle Advisory Committee

Lexington Conservation Land Trail Improvements

This is the fifth project in the LBAC's ongoing program to enhance and extend the system of unpaved paths throughout Lexington. It will address 1,271 feet of wetland trail problems in Dunback Meadow, Hayden Woods, and Willard Woods conservation areas by applying crushed stone and constructing four new or expanded bridges.

Grant \$24,623 *Match* \$24,426

New England Mtn Bike Assn (NEMBA)

NEMBA's Massachusetts Trail Care Series

The project consists of two parts, both in DCR state reservations. First, to extend the Western Greenway, the project will develop a trail through Belmont, Waltham, and Lexington to connect Beaver Brook North Reservation to Walnut Street and Lot 1. Second, to build the first Universal Access trail in Middlesex Fells Reservation, including replacement of a bridge, re-naturalization of rogue trails, and installation of a viewing platform overlooking Quarter Mile Pond.

Grant \$30,747 *Match* \$32,760

The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR)

Doane's Falls, Universal Access to the Upper Falls Project

This project will create a universally accessible trail to Doane's Falls. It will include a new accessible parking space, a 200-foot trail to the falls, and an interpretive sign, including Braille. This project will be a significant addition to the accessible facilities in the Tully Lake area.

Grant \$5,303 *Match* \$6,580

