

# Department of Conservation and Recreation Greenways and Trails Program

## 2012 Recreational Trails Grants

### *Diverse / Multi-Use Category*

#### **East Quabbin Land Trust Mass Central Rail Trail, Pony Truss Rehabilitation**

This project will repair a historic pony truss bridge that spans the Ware River, extending the existing Mass Central Rail Trail for another mile northeast. This extension will allow for the connection from New Braintree and the village of Gilbertville to the village of Wheelwright in Hardwick, which includes access from an affordable senior housing complex just off of the trail.

**Grant Award** \$50,000.00

**Match** \$14,650.00

#### **New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) Massachusetts Trail Stewardship and Education Program**

NEMBA's Massachusetts Trail Stewardship and Education Program will train volunteers from various user groups in trail design and maintenance, provision the New England Mountain Bike Patrol to perform on trail assistance and education in various DCR State Parks and provide the materials necessary to construct six boardwalks on open spaces open to non-motorized recreation. NEMBA's trail stewardship focuses on over 20 parks and properties in Massachusetts with over 50 trail care events held throughout the state per season.

**Grant Award** \$16,041.13

**Match** \$67,575.00

#### **Town of Brimfield & US Army Corps of Engineers Grand Trunk Trail Bridge Plan Development and Trail Work**

This project will fund needed site investigation, footing design and an engineering stamp review for a 105-foot bridge to cross the Quinebaug River and related trail construction on the Grand Trunk Trail. This work would complete the last bridge crossing needed to connect the trail for a continuous 11-mile section from the center of Brimfield to the center of the Town of Sturbridge. **Grant Award** \$12,500.00

**Match** \$14,229.40

#### **Wachusett Greenways Mass Central Rail Trail Development**

This project will construct a 90-foot bridge over Niger Brook on the Mass Central Rail Trail in Oakham, between Coldbrook Road, Oakham at Coldbrook Station and the Ware River crossing at Route 122 in Barre. Construction will include the purchase and placement of a 10-foot wide self-weathering steel bridge of the same type used at three other locations on the MCRT. Once the bridge is in place, Wachusett Greenways and their partners will have completed nearly 17 miles of the planned 30-mile midsection of the 104-mile MCRT.

**Grant Award** \$50,000.00

**Match** \$60,000.00

### **Town of Danvers & Wenham Danvers-Wenham-Topsfield Connector: Border to Boston Trail**

This project will provide a compacted stone dust surface from the Peabody border to the Topsfield border, a length of 5.2 miles, along the former MBTA right-of-way. With the completion of this segment, a finished trail will extend the Danvers-Wenham-Topsfield connector to Topsfield Center, a 7.6-mile length of the Border-ToBoston Trail. The project represents a regional collaboration between Wenham and Danvers, in conjunction with Topsfield, in order to create a continuous, stable and consistent surface uniting all three communities.

**Grant Award** \$50,000.00

**Match** \$87,158.00

### **Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Mass Central Rail Trail Development Strategy Project - Waltham to Berlin**

This project represents the initial development stage of the 23.7-mile Mass Central Rail Trail between Waltham and Berlin. The tasks encompassed by this project are necessary prior to any further trail development. They include soils testing and remediation, corridor assessment, mapping and delineation, bridge assessment, design standards and guidelines, MEPA coordination, and initial path development. The development of this corridor represents the most significant rail trail effort in the state.

**Grant Award** \$86,648.67

**Match** \$50,000.00

## ***Motorized Category***

### **Department of Conservation & Recreation DCR West Region Trail Crew**

Guided by DCR's 2007 Motorized Trail Recreational Facility Assessment Policy outlining the standards for trail siting, construction and maintenance and DCR's Trail Guidelines and Best Practices Manual, the West Region Trail Crew will provide 20 weeks of professional trail work on over 300 miles of motorized trails within the state forests of the region.

**Grant Award** \$32,240.00

**Match** \$20,293.20

### **Department of Conservation & Recreation Pittsfield State Forest OHV Trail Rehabilitation**

The OHV Trail system in Pittsfield State Forest was significantly impacted from the heavy rainfall produced from Hurricane Irene and subsequent rainfalls associated with Tropical Storm Lee. This erosion damage has consequently made the trail conditions unsafe in several locations. Grant funds will be used to provide necessary equipment and materials to rehabilitate several sections of the OHV Trail system and reestablish safe riding conditions. This equipment will also enable OHV Park Rangers to conduct routine patrols and continually maintain the OHV trails to ensure safe trail conditions for multiple user groups.

**Grant Award** \$101,000.00

**Match** \$25,250.00

### **Berkshire Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club, Inc. October Mountain State Forest Groomer Enhancement Project**

This grant will fund the purchase of a 4-way front plow blade for a Tucker Sno-Cat Groomer utilized on October Mountain State Forest's approximately 50 miles of groomable trails. This enhancement will allow groomer

operators to level out trail corners and relocate excess snow onto the trail surface to cover exposed rocks. This equipment will enhance the recreational user experience and provide for the safety of all users on the trail in the winter, including but not limited to, snowmobilers, skiers, snowshoers, dog-sledders and mountain bikers.

**Grant Award** \$13,600.00

**Match** \$3,400.00

### **Birch Hill Rangers Snowmobile Club Royalston Falls Trail Maintenance Groomer Purchase**

This project will rehabilitate and repair a trail that extends from a hiking trail located on the New England National Scenic Trail system in Royalston Falls Reservation. The project will include brush cutting and, in some locations, restoration of the trail. Enhancement of trailhead gates will also be accomplished.

**Grant Award** \$28,072.20

**Match** \$7,017.80

### **Buckland Riders Buckland Riders Trail Repair and Improvement Project**

This project will fund two snowmobiles and two new drags to assist in ongoing maintenance and repairs to the winter trail system in Buckland and Hawley. The grant match will incorporate trail repair and upgrades to trails in need of general, long-term maintenance as well as more major repairs due to severe damage by Tropical Storm Irene. Included will be brush cutting, wood chipping, grading and water bar repairs needed to develop, enhance, and maintain the trails for recreational purposes, including snowmobiling, hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and bicycling.

**Grant Award** \$35,851.00

**Match** \$11,909.48

### **Savoy Canary Kats Snowmobile Club Snowmobile Grooming Equipment and Access Gates**

This project includes the purchase of a new groomer which would enable the operators to complete the daily grooming routes that the club has consistently cared for over the years. The trail system for snowmobiles in the region has increased in both mileage and in use. The current fleet of groomers is not able to maintain the expanse of trails that currently exist and an additional machine would help to see more trails groomed in a more reasonable time frame, for all users to enjoy.

**Grant Award** \$40,000.00

**Match** \$10,919.40

## ***Non-Motorized Category***

### **Great Barrington Land Conservancy Great Barrington Housatonic River Walk**

Housatonic River Walk, a National Recreational Trail, is a riverside greenway trail that runs through downtown Great Barrington. This project will fund interpretive signage at two trailheads and trail stabilization and other improvements needed to rehabilitate the trail after destruction from recent storm events and flooding. Greenagers, a local organization that actively fosters the ethics of service and stewardship in area youth, will be specially trained to perform the trail improvement tasks.

**Grant Award** \$21,345.00

**Match** \$5,800.00

### **Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation DCR Appalachian Trail Ridge Runner Program**

This project will fund a seasonal Appalachian Trail Ridge Runner who will work exclusively on the National Scenic Appalachian Trail in Massachusetts. The AT Ridge Runner provides education and information to trail visitors and works closely with numerous volunteers that help maintain the trail and associated overnight facilities. The AT Ridge Runner also helps to monitor trail conditions, record trail use and respond to emergencies as needed.

**Grant Award** \$8,192.00

**Match** \$14,678.24

### **New England Equestrian Land Management Creating the NEECA - Davenport Link**

The current trail system at NEECA is comprised of miles of woodland trails through forests and fields in Athol and Petersham. This project will create a short section of trail that will connect the NEECA trails to the 3000acre Harvard Forest trail system and to several other trail systems beyond. The resulting enhanced trail system will provide a valuable regional recreational resource that will also benefit area property values and be a boon to tourism in the North Quabbin area.

**Grant Award** \$49,600.00

**Match** \$17,300.00

### **The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) Universally Accessible Trail at the Doyle Community Park and Center**

This project will expand the accessible trail network at the Doyle Center in Leominster, by constructing a universally accessible trail loop starting and ending at the visitor center parking lot and looping through the Doyle Estate. This project will extend an existing universally accessible trail located at the nearby Boys and Girls Club of North Central Massachusetts and the Lindell Avenue Community Garden. The trail at Doyle Center will enable visitors with mobility impairments to enjoy nearly 1 1/4 miles of trails, offering an experience of a wide variety of picturesque landscapes and wildlife habitats. The trail will include several rest areas, a viewing deck, interpretive panels, and a training opportunity for Trustee's staff, volunteers and the general public, during construction of the trail.

**Grant Award** \$50,000.00

**Match** \$38,571.60

### **Appalachian Mountain Club Rebuilding the Appalachian Trail on Mount Prospect**

This project includes Phase II of the rebuilding of an exceedingly steep section of the Appalachian Trail on Mt. Prospect. AMC's Berkshire Teen Trail Crew will work at cutting switchbacks at sustainable grades and rerouting the trail where necessary, during six weeks in the summer months, to continue with the progress and accomplishments that have been achieved on this trail section so far.

**Grant Award** \$27,727.00

**Match** \$49,920.00

### **Wildlands Trust City of Brockton, Urban Sanctuary Trail Development Project**

This project will help improve the quality of life of Brockton City residents by creating an expanded, easily accessible and well maintained trail network on Wildlands Trust's new 121-acre Brockton Audubon Preserve. This new urban sanctuary will help protect important natural habitats and serve the passive recreational needs of a large variety of users from Brockton and the surrounding communities.

**Grant Award** \$25,000.00

**Match** \$15,328.00

### **Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall School Bagnall School Town Forest Trail Improvement**

This project will improve a combined total of 156 acres for recreational purposes in the Groveland and West Newbury. A kiosk, trail signs, colored markers, boardwalks and bridges will be installed where needed throughout Groveland's Town Forest. Poison ivy will be professionally removed. Several events will be held to educate students and residents of both towns on the value of the area's natural resources.

**Grant Award** \$8,000.00

**Match** \$2,932.00

### **Town of Winthrop Walk Winthrop Trails Initiative**

This project will enhance the Fisherman's Bend trail network and extend the existing Edward Rowe Snow Path so that a full connection between Yirrell Beach and Winthrop Beach can be completed. Both projects will encourage greater public access to the surrounding natural resources and will also work to integrate these underutilized urban wilds into a town-wide system that encourages superior community bikeability and walkability by creating linkages between neighborhoods. These two trail segments are integral to the Town's larger efforts of implementing the Walk Winthrop concept on both a local and regional scale.

**Grant Award** \$42,719.00

**Match** \$23,682.72

### **Town of Lexington Conservation Division & Stewards Whipple Hill Conservation Land Improvements**

This project is the eighth in the Conservation Division's program to enhance and extend the system of unpaved paths throughout Lexington. It will address wetland trail problems along 4.3 miles of trails in the Whipple Hill Conservation Area and improve public access for citizens in three abutting towns: Lexington, Winchester and Arlington. The primary improvements are high-quality 36-inch wide boardwalks along seasonally wet stretches of existing trails.

**Grant Award** \$8,891.00

**Match** \$19,800.00

### **Town of Holliston**

#### **Holliston Section of the Upper Charles Rail Trail**

This project will construct a 1/2-mile section of the 6.7 town-wide section of the 20-mile regional Upper Charles Rail Trail. The trail is designed as a multi-use, regional rail trail connecting the towns of Hopkinton, Milford, Holliston, Sherborn and Ashland.

**Grant Award** \$47,000.00

**Match** \$12,000.00

**Nantucket Conservation Foundation, Inc.**

**Sanford Farm, Ram Pasture and the Woods Interpretive Trail and Sign Renovation Project**

Sanford Farm, Ram Pasture and the Woods contain more than six miles of trails with a system of 27 interpretive signs that was developed and installed in 1991. This project will develop and produce updated interpretive signs and construct and install new sign pedestals, with trail stabilization and vegetation restoration efforts provided as match.

**Grant Award** \$11,763.00

**Match** \$23,965.00

**Town of Easton Conservation Commission Clifford G. Grant Management Area Trail System**

This project will create a self-directed trail system within the Clifford G. Grant Management Area. The result will be a long loop trail that brings visitors throughout the site and a shorter perimeter loop that traverses the Lincoln Street portion of the property. Trailhead kiosks will provide visitors with trail maps and other property and trail information.

**Grant Award** \$17,730.00

**Match** \$36,441.76

**Monterey Preservation Land Trust Mount Hunger Preservation**

This project will construct new trails and improve existing trails on the Mount Hunger Preservation property, providing easier access and better enjoyment of the entire property, especially outlooks and special interest areas, for all non-motorized user types and abilities. Signage, interpretive trail materials and clearly marked and accessible trailheads will also be components of this project.

**Grant Award** \$10,820.00

**Match** \$18,048.32

**Franklin Land Trust The Benson Place Blueberry Trail**

In 2010, the Franklin Land Trust accepted a trail easement across the Benson Place Blueberry Farm that will ensure public access to the farm in perpetuity. The goal of this project is to build on the trail easement by funding the creation, purchase and installation of interpretive signage, trail marker, a trailhead kiosk and trail brochure and map. The trail has long been a favorite among farm visitors, local residents and school groups and this project will enhance their experience and increase understanding and appreciation of the natural resources and historic sites along the trail.

**Grant Award** \$3,396.00

**Match** \$1,222.00

## **Education**

### **Massachusetts Recreational Trail Advisory Board (MARTAB) RTP Education Grants**

In this grant round, the following allocations of education grant funding is anticipated: **\$16,667.40 to Motorized; \$5,500.00 to Diverse; and \$8,910.00 to Non-motorized education projects.** These amounts are reflected in the overall calculations for 30-30-40% distribution of funding among categories. These amounts are preassigned to their respective categories.

**Grant Awarded**            \$47,500.00

**Match**                      \$11,875.00

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>\$895,636.00</b>
	<b>Match Proposed</b>	<b>\$663,966.92</b>