

# Department of Conservation and Recreation Greenways and Trails Program

## 2014 Awarded Recreational Trails Grants

### Diverse / Multi-Use Category

#### **Andover Trails Committee, Inc. Doyle Link Bay Circuit Trail Expansion**

This project will replace a section of the Bay Circuit Trail which currently is located on-road by extending the Doyle Link Reservation trail system by 1000 feet. The extension will be entirely constructed of bridge and boardwalk to make the connection.

*Grant Award* \$22,722.00

*Match* \$5,680.40

#### **Department of Conservation and Recreation Mass Central Rail Trail, Wayside Branch Trail Development Demonstration Project**

This project will complete the first phase of path construction on the 23.7-mile Mass Central Rail Trail between Waltham and Berlin and will ideally serve as a pilot and demonstration project for DCR / Municipal path construction moving forward. The tasks included in this phase are to initiate community coordination and outreach; develop typical cross sections and details for initial path construction; develop and bid a contract for rail and tie removal; obtain required permitting and install an accessible trail surface on up to 1.7 miles of rail trail in partnership with the Town of Wayland, from Route 20 to Plain Road.

*Grant Award* \$70,685.00

*Match* \$37,000.00

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

This project will plan and engineer a key connection for the Mass Central Rail Trail near Wachusett Reservoir in West Boylston, enabling a connection for the trail between West Boylston and Sterling.

*Grant Award* \$50,000.00

*Match* \$20,000.00

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

This project will construct a 2-mile section of the 6.7-mile town-wide section of the 24-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* \$50,000.00

*Match* \$13,000.00

**Town of Kingston Conservation Commission  
Bay Circuit Trail Improvement Project**

The project includes the design, construction and installation of a trail bridge over the upper shallow reaches of the Jones River and a 300-foot long boardwalk through a vegetated wetland area. These trail improvements are located in currently inaccessible portions of the Bay Circuit Trail.

**Grant Award** \$18,850.00

**Match** \$6,637.54

**City of Lowell  
Concord River Greenway**

This project will construct a pedestrian bridge over the Concord River, providing a critical connection between two major phases of the Concord River Greenway. This bridge will allow the Greenway to complete its route, ultimately connecting downtown Lowell with Chelmsford's Bruce Freeman Trail, the Bay Circuit Trail and the Riverwalk Extension on the Merrimack River.

**Grant Award** \$50,000.00

**Match** \$200,000.00

**City of Methuen  
Methuen Rail Trail**

This project will upgrade approximately one half mile of gravel trail to a paved surface, beginning at the most publicly accessible location of the Methuen Rail Trail railroad bed, located at the former railroad depot. Landscape design and installation in front of the depot will create a visible and publicly accessible trailhead to welcome visitors and residents to the Methuen Rail Trail.

**Grant Award** \$42,612.00

**Match** \$21,870.80

**Town of Spencer, Parks and Recreation Commission  
Depot Road Rail Trail**

This project will work to correct drainage problems on the 1.9-mile Depot Rail Trail and to re-establish a firm, level and smooth surface along the length of the trail that is consistent with federal guidelines for accessibility.

**Grant Award** \$49,943.00

**Match** \$13,170.10

**Town of Williamsburg  
Williamsburg Connection to the Regional Trails Network**

This project includes construction drawings, grading/drainage work and trail resurfacing along the existing Leeds-to-Haydenville unimproved trail located between the Haydenville town line and South Main Street. A bike lane will be added from South Main Street to Route 9, connecting Williamsburg and Haydenville to Northampton and the regional, multi-use trail network.

**Grant Award** \$48,000.00

**Match** \$72,000.00

**Berkshire Natural Resources Council  
Clam River Trail**

This project will improve an existing old wood road that supports snowmobile and pedestrian recreational use. In addition, the project will create a new spur trail off of the wood road to open up pedestrian access to a currently inaccessible portion of the Clam River Reserve.

<b>Grant Award</b>	\$19,549.00
<b>Match</b>	\$12,541.96

**Motorized Category**

**Bernardston-Gill-Leyden Snowmobile Club  
Recreational Trails Project**

This project involves the purchase of a low impact tracked grooming and maintenance vehicle which will be used to maintain the club's trail system year-round. The club will also replace one main bridge on the snowmobile trail network and redeck a bridge in the Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife's Satan's Kingdom property.

<b>Grant Award</b>	\$17,307.00
<b>Match</b>	\$5,777.59

**Colrain Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club  
Colrain Snowmobile Upgrade Project**

This project will update the fleet of snowmobile trail grooming equipment currently used by the Colrain Sno-Drifters by purchasing a new machine to improve efficiency, gas mileage and to decrease carbon footprint.

<b>Grant Award</b>	\$16,872.00
<b>Match</b>	\$11,011.46

**Conway Snowmobile Club  
Henhawk Trail Restoration**

This project will make long overdue improvements to the historical Henhawk Trail located in Conway State Forest and the surrounding area. The repairs will allow snowmobiles, groomers and other recreational use to access a trail that has been in disrepair due to erosion and lack of regular maintenance. This project will also fund the purchase of two new snowmobile groomers and drags, to better assist the club in its winter grooming efforts.

<b>Grant Award</b>	\$36,550.00
<b>Match</b>	\$19,245.00

**Burgy Bullets Snowmobile Club  
Old Williamsburg Road/Water Works Road Trail Project**

This project will rehabilitate two bridges along the Old Williamsburg Road Trail and one bridge along the Water Works Road Trail. The project will also maintain these trails and bridges during the winter months through the purchase and operation of a snowmobile grooming set.

<b>Grant Award</b>	\$29,140.00
<b>Match</b>	\$8,021.15

**Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts  
Moose Hill Snowmobile Connector Conservation Project**

This project will aid in the purchase of a 43-acre parcel of land for sale in Leicester, for the purpose of preserving a section of the ITS71 Snowmobile Trail, in conjunction with other conservation and preservation goals. Project partners include the Common Ground Land Trust, Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game and the Greater Worcester Land Trust, all working together to ensure that this critical trail corridor link is protected and set aside in perpetuity.

**Grant Award** \$65,000.00

**Match** \$45,000.00

**Knox Trail Riders Association  
Beartown State Forest Trail Maintenance**

This project will maintain OHV trails at Beartown State Forest, including ATV and off-road motorcycling recreational use. The purchase of various tools and equipment for maintenance purposes as well as a trailer to store all club tools is included.

**Grant Award** \$9,250.00

**Match** \$2,743.00

**Knox Trail Sno-Riders  
Tolland & Otis State Forest Groomer Replacement**

This project will replace the club's existing sled-based groomers with updated, fuel-efficient models. This will enable club members to continue their grooming operations throughout the winter season in Otis and Tolland State Forests.

**Grant Award** \$30,078.00

**Match** \$8,704.00

**Berkshire Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club  
Berkshire County North Mountain Trail Restoration Project - Phase Two**

This project will restore badly eroded sections of a critical 6-mile east/west snowmobile trail corridor on the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's Chalet Wildlife Management Area. Through volunteer labor and use or rented equipment, the snowmobile club will repair and restore existing waterbars as well as create new ones, allowing for safer trail conditions for all user groups and providing hunters with better access to remote areas of the property.

**Grant Award** \$13,500.00

**Match** \$4,937.40

**Berkshire Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club  
October Mountain State Forest Groomer Drag Replacement**

This project will purchase a new drag for an existing club-owned groomer, which is used to groom over 50 miles of trails in October Mountain State Forest. The new drag will enhance the trail experience for all user groups, as it will create a smoother and more even surface than is currently possible, allowing for a safer and more enjoyable ride, walk or ski in the winter months.

**Grant Award** \$14,596.00

**Match** \$3,649.00

**Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Western Region OHV Trail Crew**

DCR's Western Region OHV Trail Crew will provide 24 weeks of professional trail work on over 300 miles of motorized trails within the State Forests of the western part of the state, where 4 properties remain open to ATV and/or off-road motorcycle use and all are open for snowmobile use.

**Grant Award** \$43,960.00

**Match** \$54,354.80

**Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Western Region Snow Groomer Drag**

This project involves the replacement of an outdated groomer drag for the purpose of trail grooming at Greylock State Reservation, Kenneth Dubuque and Beartown State Forests. The new groomer will facilitate the winter maintenance of over 100 miles of snowmobile, snowshoeing and cross country ski trails as well as provide emergency access when necessary in the winter months.

**Grant Award** \$12,850.00

**Match** \$3,215.00

**Ware River Snowmobile Club  
Brush Maintenance Equipment**

This project will fund the purchase of a tow-behind brush cutter to assist the Ware River Snowmobile Club with trail maintenance efforts, focusing on snowmobile trails and the Mass Central Rail Trail in the Ware River area.

**Grant Award** \$3,200.00

**Match** \$1,000.00

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

This project will fund the purchase of two minitrucks and two six-foot wide grooming drags to assist in ongoing maintenance and repairs to the winter trails system at Dubuque State Forest and the surrounding area. Additional trail work, including upgrades and repairs such as brush cutting, wood chipping and water bar repairs will be conducted to enhance and maintain the trails for recreational purposes as well as to provide ready access to remote areas when needed.

**Grant Award** \$49,088.00

**Match** \$16,815.16

**Pilgrim Sands Trail Riders  
Freetown State Forest Trails Project**

This project will maintain and enhance 25 miles of single-track motorcycle-only trails located within the Freetown/Fall River State Forest system. In particular, trail maintenance will focus on the removal of fallen deadwood and other trail damage resulting from the decimation of the oak tree population by caterpillars and gypsy moths.

**Grant Award** \$10,533.00

**Match** \$3,511.04

## **Tri-State Trailriders Off-Road Motorcycle Trail Maintenance and Equipment**

This project will purchase an ATV, trailer and trail maintenance equipment to assist in the maintenance of the OHM Trail System at Hodges Village Dam in Upton. Working with the Army Corps of Engineers, the equipment will be used to create and maintain trails on the property, including removal of flood debris, downed trees and brush as well as the installation of signage and assistance with off-road motorcycle event preparations.

**Grant Award** \$8,313.00

**Match** \$8,229.00

## **Non-Motorized Category**

### **The Trust For Public Land Connecticut River Paddler's Trail Campsites and Maps**

This project will develop two backcountry campsites on DCR land on the Connecticut River, to extend the Connecticut River Paddler's Trail from Vermont and New Hampshire into Massachusetts. As a part of the trail, a goal of at least one access point and one primitive campsite every 10 miles is desired. In addition, this project will create a GIS tool for mapping gaps, engaging stakeholders and generating a public web map for trip planning along the Connecticut River Paddler's Trail.

**Grant Award** \$45,749.00

**Match** \$16,562.00

### **Franklin Land Trust Maynard Hill Road Trail**

This project will create a hiking trail along the discontinued, washed-out Maynard Hill Road Right of Way in Buckland. When complete, the trail will connect the historic village center to a remote conservation area owned and managed by Franklin Land Trust.

**Grant Award** \$50,000.00

**Match** \$39,242.60

### **Department of Conservation and Recreation Appalachian Trail Ridge Runner**

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 the numerous volunteers that help maintain the trail and its associated overnight facilities. The Ridge Runner also helps to monitor trail conditions, record trail use and respond to emergencies as needed.

**Grant Award** \$11,270.00

**Match** \$13,430.40

### **Appalachian Mountain Club The Appalachian Trail on Day Mountain Project**

This project will rehabilitate a section of the Appalachian Trail on Day Mountain in Dalton. Permanent drainage structures and tread hardening will improve an excessively wet and eroded section of trail located on the side of

the mountain, improving and providing for a safer trail experience for all users.

**Grant Award** \$28,170.00

**Match** \$64,929.28

### **Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA) Water Trails Project**

This project will enhance the user experience along the Nashua River Water Trail by providing on-river signage and supplemental on-line information to support NRWA's new "Canoe and Kayak Guide".

**Grant Award** \$3,897.00

**Match** \$9,235.85

### **City of Leominster Leominster Trails Way-Finding Signage Project**

This project will update Leominster's trail maps to reflect recent additions and re-routes that have been made since the maps were originally created. The project will also install a way-finding signage system that is consistent throughout the City trails, including the incorporation of new technology that allows users with "smart" devices to scan QR codes in order to access trail maps. Finally, new map and information panels will be installed on all existing and new trailhead kiosks.

**Grant Award** \$16,910.00

**Match** \$16,663.50

### **The Trustees of Reservations Universally Accessible Trail at the Doyle Community Park and Center - Phase II**

This project will construct an approximate one mile segment of accessible trail to expand on the existing accessible trail system at the Doyle Center, funded by a previous Recreational Trails Program grant. This segment will connect the existing trail to the Pierce Meadow parking area and enable visitors with mobility impairments to fully enjoy the features of the Pierce estate, once the setting for Grayling Hall, the grandest private residence ever built in Leominster. The property includes expansive and beautiful grounds that guests of all abilities will be able to view and enjoy once this trail segment is completed.

**Grant Award** \$51,162.00

**Match** \$12,791.00

### **Medford High School & EAGLE EYE Institute Medford High School Project EAGLE**

The MHS/Project EAGLE initiative will educate and prepare MHS students to become stewards of the Lawrence Woods section of the Middlesex Fells State Reservation. Through half-day EAGLE club meetings and clean-up community services day, the program will help to make the Fells more accessible to the MHS community. These students will serve as ambassadors to help promote a love and respect for the State Reservation and all of its valuable resources.

**Grant Award** \$8,000.00

**Match** \$12,045.64

**Town of Mendon**  
**Mendon Town Forest**

This project will provide vast improvements to the Mendon Town Forest trail system, including installation of signage, kiosks and interpretive panels. Gates will be installed to deter unauthorized vehicles, a pervious trailhead parking area will be constructed and two trails will be developed, made possible through easements from the Southwick Zoo. All project tasks will improve visibility and access to the site and provide for a high quality recreational trail user experience.

**Grant Award** \$32,334.00

**Match** \$15,333.00

**City of New Bedford**  
**Hurricane Barrier Harborwalk**

This project will provide a connection for city residents and visitors to the New Bedford harbor by converting an existing Hurricane Barrier within the harbor into an accessible and scenic walkway. The barrier will be maintained as a flood protection structure shielding the area from hurricanes while also providing a safe and enjoyable recreational area for all users.

**Grant Award** \$49,975.00

**Match** \$406,582.50

**Friends of North Andover Trails**  
**North Andover Open Space Kiosks**

This project aims to make the town's trail system more welcoming and increase trail visibility by placing large, attractive signs within ten newly-erected kiosks that are located at town open space trailheads.

**Grant Award** \$2,156.00

**Match** \$540.00

**Cutchins Program for Children and Families**  
**Meadows Trail Project**

The Meadows City Trail project will expand a trail system in the city-owned Meadows floodplain area, adding an additional 2.5 miles of trail (1/2 mile of which would be ADA accessible). Additionally, the project will involve construction of trail entry signs, benches and a series of interpretive signs and provides for ongoing maintenance of existing trails and restoration efforts focused on removing invasive species.

**Grant Award** \$16,720.00

**Match** \$14,417.00

**Town of Orange**  
**Re-Centering Around the River Project**

This project will construct a Downtown Riverfront Trail and provide save and equitable access to the Millers River Blue Trail through the use of a variety of supportive devices for the physically disabled, including a floating dock/adaptive boat launch, a hoist sling, and a shallow transfer area. The project will also construct a 2,200 linear foot urban trail along the Millers River and through the artifacts of Orange's industrial past to provide a canoe/kayak portal into the River and an accessible anglers landing.

**Grant Award** \$26,190.00

**Match** \$6,550.00

### **SCA Massachusetts AmeriCorp Equipment Development Program**

This project will provide funds for the purchase of two portable generators to support the SCA crew on carpentry-based projects located across the state. The SCA Massachusetts AmeriCorps program works on trail construction and maintenance projects throughout the state, completing more than 40 conservation projects per year in small teams of youth corps. This project will ease the burden of the use of hand tools or old or borrowed gearators to complete trail projects in remote areas, including bridges, stairs, and boardwalks.

**Grant Award** \$4,535.00

**Match** \$1,299.98

### **Appalachian Mountain Club Worcester Chapter Wachusett Mountain Pine Hill Trail Restoration**

This project will reconstruct and stabilize a portion of the steep, severely eroded and heavily used Pine Hill Trail at Wachusett Mountain State Reservation utilizing the labor of a combination of volunteer crews, professional trail crews and new pilot volunteer teen trail crew.

**Grant Award** \$38,880.00

**Match** \$42,676.40

### **Town of Sterling Mudgett Orchard Loop Trail**

This project will establish road access and parking as well as a 1/2 mile loop trail through Mudgett Orchard, a town-owned parcel that has been set aside for watershed protection and public access. This trail project will provide a key link between the Orchard parcel and new trail and other trail systems in Sterling, including DCR and Department of Watershed Protection land.

**Grant Award** \$12,536.00

**Match** \$10,920.00

### **Town of Sutton Shaw Farm Trails**

This project will rehabilitate the Shaw Farm Trail System in accordance with current trail best management practices. Project tasks include clearing, pruning, blazing, surface stabilization, hazard mitigation, and directional signage. A parking lot will be established and an accurate trail map will be displayed in newly installed trailhead kiosks, providing for a well signed and maintained user experience for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians.

**Grant Award** \$22,354.00

**Match** \$11,946.40

## Education

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

Funds reserved for educational purposes, including but not limited to workshops, trainings safety materials and conferences.

<b>Grant Award</b>	\$63,316.91
<b>Match</b>	\$15,835.00

## Administration

### **Department of Conservation and Recreation Recreational Trails Program Administration**

Administration of Recreational Trails Program, including coordinator salary and benefits.

<b>Grant Award</b>	\$95,347.00
<b>Match</b>	\$25,000.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>\$1,362,099.91</b>
	<b>Match Proposed</b>	<b>\$1,334,114.95</b>