

2015 Recreational Trails Program Grant Recommendations

| Community | Agency | Title | Description | Use | Award | Match |
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| New Bedford | City of New Bedford | Ross C. Mathieu Nature Trail at Pulaski School | This project will rehabilitate and restore The Ross C. Mathieu Nature Trail. Tasks will include general trail clearing, restoration of boardwalks and installation of interpretive signage. This project will also add a trail that will be used as a Safe Routes to School trail. | Non-Motorized | \$22,893.00 | \$6,092.00 |
| Great Barrington | Department of Conservation and Recreation | Wildcat Shelter Restoration Project | This project will involve the restoration of the Wildcat Shelter, originally built in 1939 by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Restoration will include the restoration of the foundation, floor and roof structures. It will also involve the demolition and reconstruction of a new, accessible privy. This project will also include trail maintenance and improvements to the Wildcat Trail, Beartown Mountain Trail and Lookout Trail which all lead to the shelter through various connections. | Diverse | \$23,107.00 | \$15,310.00 |
| Groton | Town of Groton | Nashua River Accessible Trail | The proposed 0.22 mile Nashua River Accessible Trail will provide access for people of all abilities to a peaceful forest experience with views of the Nashua River and one of its oxbow ponds. The grant project will include construction of a parking area for handicapped vehicles, two resting/viewing areas along the trail with concrete benches, and a terminus overlooking the oxbow pond with benches and a handicapped accessible table. | Non-Motorized | \$24,135.00 | \$6,034.00 |
| Acton & Maynard | OARS, Inc. | Assabet River Blue and Green Trail | Part of the OARS' long term effort to create an Assabet River Blue and Green Trail along the full length of the River, this project will improve boating access, connections and walking trails along the Acton and Maynard sections of the river. Improved signage for existing boat access points as well as updated electronic and print versions of the "Assabet River Pocket Guide" are also a part of this project, with the intent of encouraging boating and hiking, legal boating access, safe passage around dams, improved handicap access and safe and legal recreation on connected walking trails along the water's edge. | Non-Motorized | \$25,920.00 | \$20,537.00 |
| Mendon | Bay State Trail Riders Association | Quissett Trail Improvement | In coordination with the Town of Mendon and the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, BSTRA will improve a 0.7 mile section of the Quissett Trail Loop. This section is in great need of improvements, especially with regards to wet areas with poor drainage that require upgrades, and the re-surfacing of the trail once those issues are addressed. | Diverse | \$29,566.00 | \$7,479.00 |
| Northampton | Broad Brook Coalition | Bridge, Boardwalk & Dock Rehabilitation at Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area | This project will replace a bridge that serves as the gateway to the trail system of the Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area and will rehabilitate and extend a boardwalk and dock that provide access to freshwater marsh and the lake itself. | Non-Motorized | \$40,000.00 | \$16,034.00 |

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| Conway | Conway Snowmobile Club | Trail Maintenance Equipment | This project will provide needed equipment for snowmobile trail maintenance and grooming in the greater Conway snowmobile trail use area. | Motorized | \$23,893.00 | \$5,973.00 |
| Hamilton & Ipswich | Essex County Trail Association | Willowdale State Forest and Bradley Palmer State Park Trail Repair | This project will improve a series of trails in Bradley Palmer State Park and Willowdale State Forest. The project involves drainage improvements, repair and stabilization of eroded trails and signage installation. | Diverse | \$39,880.00 | \$9,986.00 |
| Hadley | Hadley Snowmobile Club | Trail Maintenance | This project will purchase needed equipment for snow grooming and the maintenance of snowmobile trails in Hadley and the surrounding area. | Motorized | \$9,375.00 | \$3,125.00 |
| Lunenburg | Lunenburg Snow Riders | Lane Conservation Land & Multi Seasonal Trail Improvement Project | This project will purchase needed snow grooming equipment to service Lunenburg recreational trails and the surrounding area. In partnership with the Town of Lunenburg, the project will also construct a parking area at a recently acquired parcel of land in Lunenburg. The partnership will make additional improvements to the parcel through the construction of six bridges, improvements to the existing trail tread and installation of trail markers. | Motorized | \$34,800.00 | \$14,726.00 |
| Cambridge | Charles River Conservancy | Conservancy Volunteers | This project will engage volunteers in a variety of stewardship projects along the Charles River through the Charles River Conservancy Volunteer Program. The projects will focus on parkland aesthetics while promoting active outdoor recreation and increasing ecological stewardship. | Diverse | \$4,933.00 | \$1,644.00 |
| Montague | City of Montague Planning & Conservation Dept. | Dry Hill Cemetary Access Trail | This project will facilitate public recreational access to the Dry Hill Cemetery, which is Montague's first know cemetery and resting place of at least one Revolutionary War soldier. The cemetery is unmaintained and unmarked, and this grant would support the construction of two trailhead facilities, trail marking and an interpretive kiosk so that the public may enjoy both the cemetery as well as the protected woodland on Dry Hill. | Non-Motorized | \$6,400.00 | \$2,622.00 |
| North Adams | Appalachian Mountain Club | Rebuilding the Appalachian Trail on Mt. Prospect, Phase III | This project will work to reconstruct trail along a steep section of the Appalachian Trail at Mt. Prospect. The work will be done by the AMC Berkshire Teen Trail Crew and involves the construction of switchbacks at sustainable grades and re-routing of existing trail. | Non-Motorized | \$36,847.00 | \$61,444.00 |
| Marshfield | Wildlands Trust | Hoyt-Hall Neighborhood Trail Restoration & Expansion | This project involves trail restoration and public access improvement at the Hoyt-Hall Preserve in Marshfield. This project will improve the visitor experience, bring attention to natural and cultural resources, and encourage recreational trail use and healthy lifestyle choices by providing important trail linkages on town-owned open space. | Non-Motorized | \$11,900.00 | \$6,215.00 |

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| Pittsfield | Department of Conservation and Recreation | Pittsfield State Forest's OHV Skyline Trail Rehabilitation | This ongoing trail project involves the rehabilitation and re-construction of the backbone of the Pittsfield State Forest OHV trail system, the Skyline Trail. The project will also restore large portions of discontinued trail, extend the OHV trail system to a new, appropriate parking area and access point and provide a safer and more enjoyable riding experience overall. | Motorized | \$57,263.00 | \$52,596.00 |
| Revere | Bike to the Sea, Inc. | Northern Strand Trail | This project will assist in the completion of a one-mile segment of the Northern Strand Community Trail in North Revere. Grant funding will provide safety improvements to one roadway crossing and materials to cap and stabilize exposed railroad soils and finish trail surfacing along the section of trail. | Diverse | \$49,362.00 | \$33,500.00 |
| Belmont | Massachusetts Audubon Society | Sensory Trail at Habitat Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary | This project will create a Sensory Trail that will add multi-sensory interpretive content to a new all-persons accessible nature trail at the Habitat Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary. Interpretive elements will be added with the goal of creating a richer experience for visitors with a wide range of vision, cognitive and mobility levels. | Non-Motorized | \$14,676.00 | \$3,715.00 |
| Harvard | Fruitlands Museum | Accessible Trails with Educational Signage | This project will widen and improve portions of the Fruitlands Museum's trail system to allow motorized Gator access, allowing individuals with mobility impairments the ability to enjoy the Museum trail system. The project will also fund new interpretive signage related to archaeological sites along the trails. These two initiatives aim to encourage greater public access to the museum's natural and cultural resources. | Non-Motorized | \$14,730.00 | \$3,683.00 |
| Belchertown | Mill Valley Snowmobile Club | Improve Grooming Drags | This project will purchase new grooming drags in order to update an aging fleet of groomers. The project will provide grooming on snowmobile trails through the winter months in Belchertown and the surrounding area. | Motorized | \$12,532.00 | \$3,133.00 |
| Cheshire | Department of Conservation and Recreation | Massachusetts' 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 to 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. | Non-Motorized | \$10,778.00 | \$12,938.00 |
| Pittsfield | Berkshire Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club | Snowmobile Trail Improvements at October Mountain State Forest | This project will involve the restoration of badly eroded sections of snowmobile trails in October Mountain State Forest by removing large rocks and improving trail drainage structures. This will provide for long-term safety and trail stability along the snowmobile trail system in all seasons. | Motorized | \$12,000.00 | \$4,320.00 |

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| Pittsfield | Department of Conservation and Recreation | Western Region OHV Trail Crew | This project will provide a trail siting, construction and maintenance crew exclusively focussing on OHV trails on the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Western Region lands, where the majority of trails that are open to motorized use are located. | Motorized | \$50,038.00 | \$62,414.00 |
| Southampton & Easthampton | Town of Southampton, Easthampton & Pascommuck CT | SEPCT Collaboration Recreational Trails Project | This project will fund a new bridge over the Manhan River which will connect the trail systems of Easthampton and Southampton. The project will also fund the construction of a parking area for trail users at the Whittemore Property in Southampton as well as extending and improving current trails on the property. | Diverse | \$50,000.00 | \$16,854.00 |
| Needham | Town of Needham | Bay Colony Rail Trail | This project will fund the construction of a 1.7-mile accessible trail through the Town of Needham. The Bay Colony Rail Trail will connect several areas of open space within the town and provide a safe, off-road trail available for residents of the town and neighboring communities. This portion of the trail will eventually be a link to a regional trail proposed through Needham, Newton, Dover and Medfield. | Diverse | \$50,000.00 | \$115,000.00 |
| Athol | Town of Athol | Millers River Accessible Floating Dock | This project involves the purchase and installation of a removable floating accessible dock/kayak launch on the Millers River in Athol. It will be located adjacent to the current trail access and car-top boat launch. In addition, the project will include re-grading and installation of stone dust material to make the existing trail to the river more accessible. | Non-Motorized | \$26,379.00 | \$6,570.00 |
| Savoy | Savoy Canary Kats Snowmobile Club | Grooming Equipment | This project will purchase new snowmobile trail grooming equipment to service the area of Savoy, Hawley, Plainfield and Windsor. | Motorized | \$33,869.00 | \$9,058.00 |
| Wheelwright | East Quabbin Land Trust | Trail Improvements on the Mass Central Rail Trail in Wheelwright | This project will continue the work of the East Quabbin Land Trust and their focus on the construction of the Mass Central Rail Trail by completing trail bed improvements, installing welcome signage, and creating a loop trail on adjacent conservation land in the town of Wheelwright. | Non-Motorized | \$12,000.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| Chesterfield | Chesterfield 4-Seasons Club | Snowmobile Trail Groomer and Storage Building | This project will purchase a new storage building for the club's snowmobile equipment as well as local emergency equipment. The project will also involve the reclamation of two historical sites in the Chesterfield Gorge, including clearing of undergrowth and installation of interpretive signage. | Motorized | \$20,745.00 | \$7,777.00 |
| Sudbury | Subury Valley Trustees | Metrowest Trailhead Map Brochures | This project will fund the printing of 40 property-specific trail map brochures, to be distributed among the properties managed by the Sudbury Valley Trustees and at other key locations in the surrounding communities. | Non-Motorized | \$10,960.00 | \$4,372.00 |

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| Northfield | Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust | Alderbrook Meadows Sanctuary Universally Accessible Nature Trail | This project will create the first universally accessible nature trail in the greater Northfield area, which will be open for people of all ages and abilities who wish to access and enjoy an area rich in ecological, cultural and historical relevance. The half-mile loop trail will be located close to town center and directly off of the Connecticut River Scenic Byway, traversing through and adjacent to a mature forest, a working agricultural field and an active beaver pond, where a viewing platform, benches and interpretive signage will be located. | Diverse | \$49,725.00 | \$63,392.00 |
| Southbridge | Town of Southbridge Trails Committee | Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail | This project will improve the surface of a section of the Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail in Southbridge. It will also involve the repair of a small section of eroded river bank along the trail, improving trail conditions overall. | Diverse | \$50,050.00 | \$27,157.00 |
| Northampton | Department of Conservation and Recreation | RTP Administration | RTP Administration Funds are reserved to pay for the cost of administration of the Recreational Trails Program. | Administration | \$66,496.00 | \$16,614.00 |
| Northampton | MARTAB | RTP Education Funds | RTP Education Funds are reserved for the operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental programs as those objectives relate to recreational trails | Education | \$24,688.81 | \$11,036.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$949,940.81 | \$634,350.00 |