

Attachment A: RTP 2017 Grant Recommendations Table

TABLE 1: 2017 Recreational Trails Program Projects Recommended for Funding (48 Projects*)

Grant ID	Community	Agency	Title	Description	Use	Request	Amount Awarded	Match
RTP1703	Wellfleet	Department of Conservation and Recreation	Cape Cod Rail Trail Project	This project focuses on the expansion of the Cape Cod Rail Trail (CCRT), a popular 22-mile long, multi-use trail. DCR would use the funding to complete the design and engineering to construct the last developable 2 miles at the eastern end of this beloved trail.	D1	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$20,000.00
RTP1704	Cheshire	Department of Conservation and Recreation	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 (AT) 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.	NM	\$11,418.00	\$11,418.00	\$14,058.00
RTP1705	Pittsfield	Berkshire Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club, Inc.	Pittsfield State Forest Trail Maintenance Equipment	The Berkshire Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club will purchase a new trail grooming and maintenance system to be utilized on 40 miles of the approximately 70 miles of existing/approved snowmobile trails in Pittsfield State Forest. This system will be used predominately on the smaller trails that the larger equipment cannot traverse, and will be used for trail maintenance in the off season to transport personal equipment and materials to various trail maintenance work sites.	M	\$34,910.00	\$34,910.00	\$8,728.00
RTP1706	Belchertown	Mill Valley Snowmobile Club	Grooming Machine Upgrade	This project represents an ongoing program to upgrade the Mill Valley Snowmobile Club groomer fleet, and a special project to improve trails for grooming. This grant includes the purchase of a new, "state-of-the-art" grooming machine, the retiring of an old unreliable machine, and a special team of trail workers who will focus on smoothing out some trails by removing roots, stumps, and rocks that currently hinder grooming efforts.	M	\$15,157.00	\$15,157.00	\$3,789.00
RTP1707	Chicopee	Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council	C4R Blue Trails - Phase 1	This project will fund materials to provide and install signage to direct people to river access sites, information about the trail, and any local natural or community history. Finalized map guides will also be completed via community input, then printed to distribute to trail visitors.	NM	\$12,410.00	\$12,410.00	\$4,640.00

RTP1708	Colrain	Colrain Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club	Cost Efficiency Upgrade	This project will upgrade a 1993 Suzuki Mini Truck with a brand new Kubota RTV X1100, in order to reduce repair cost, increase efficiency, and maintain snowmobile trails.	M	\$34,370.00	\$34,370.00	\$11,670.00
RTP1709	Pittsfield	Department of Conservation and Recreation	West Region OHV Trail Program	DCR's West Region OHV Trail Program provides 24 weeks of professional trail work on over 300 miles of motorized trails in the region, with a goal of providing legal and sustainable riding opportunities to OHV users. The work of the regional trail crew will help mitigate negative impacts of intense motorized use, help protect important natural resources and provide a safe trail environment.	M	\$39,820.00	\$39,820.00	\$55,489.00
RTP1711	Rockland	Towns of Abington and Rockland	Abington-Rockland Recreational Rail Trail	This grant will fund the second phase of a project aimed at expanding and improving the Hanover Branch Rail Line. This phase will include the clearing and paving of 5,841 feet of the trail, as well as the installation of a small park with a kiosk. This project will provide a regional rail trail, which will connect residents in Rockland and Abington and afford them the opportunity to enjoy ADA-accessible recreation.	D1	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$75,260.00
RTP1713	Franklin	Franklin Bellingham Rail Trail Committee, Inc.	SNETT Clearing Project	This project will fund the removal of overgrowth present on 3/4 miles of old railroad bed in Franklin. The trail will be regraded to eliminate the whaling caused by ORV use, and drainage ditches will be cleaned to allow for proper water flow.	D1	\$9,200.00	\$9,200.00	\$2,300.00
RTP1715	Savoy	Savoy Canary Kats Snowmobile Club, Inc.	Groomer Purchase	This project will fund the purchase of a Tucker model 2000 snowmobile trail groomer to replace a 1988 LMC 3700 in need of major repairs and to provide grooming services throughout the snowmobile trail system in Ware.	M	\$166,386.00	\$166,386.00	\$41,597.00
RTP1717	Andover	Andover Conservation Commission	Bellevue Reservation Trail	This project will fund the creation of a new trail by constructing a 450-foot boardwalk across swampy terrain. This new trail will connect with many of the existing town trails, and will progress a new section of the Bay Circuit Trail.	NM	\$19,688.00	\$19,688.00	\$11,610.00
RTP1718	Leominster	City of Leominster - Recreation Department	Montachusett Region Trail Tool Trailer	Grant funds for this project will go towards the purchase of a fully-equipped trail tool trailer to serve as a regional tool cache for the local and regional trail organizations that perform trail construction and maintenance work.	D1	\$64,681.00	\$64,681.00	\$35,670.00
RTP1719	Rutland	Ware River Snowmobile Club	Hyde Parcel, Town of Ware Trail Project	This project will fund the purchase a snowmobile trail groomer to allow for continued winter grooming of trails in the area.	M	\$26,300.00	\$26,300.00	\$7,540.00
RTP1720	Templeton	Coldbrook Snowmobile Club	Ware River Rail Trail Project - Otter River State Park	This project will fund the installation and removal of a temporary bridge over the Otter River in Templeton to allow for snowmobile recreational use during the winter season.	M	\$10,370.00	\$10,370.00	\$2,287.00

RTP1725	Palmer	Town of Palmer	Swift River Greenbelt Trailhead and Universal Loop Trail	The Swift River Greenbelt Trailhead and Accessible Loop will provide trail access to people of all abilities to a peaceful forest experience with views of the Swift River. The project involves the construction of an accessible trail loop with 2 resting/viewing areas, 2 wooden platforms overlooking the river and the installation of a parking area and trailhead kiosk to improve access to the site.	NM	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$23,389.00
RTP1726	Lenox	Berkshire Natural Resources Council	Parsons Marsh Trail Project	This project will create a walking trail through the expansive and diverse grounds of Parsons Marsh located in Lenox, MA. Construction of the 1,700 foot trail will include the development of a trailhead, footpath and boardwalk to provide people of all abilities access to experience the unique ecology of the property as well as the diverse features of the surrounding landscape.	D1	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$31,200.00
RTP1727	Lunenburg	Lunenburg Snow Riders	Multi Use Trail Improvement Equipment	This project involves the purchase of snow grooming equipment to enhance the club's ability to maintain and groom snowmobile trails throughout the riding area, both during the snow season and off-season when more substantial trail repairs can be done.	M	\$34,664.00	\$34,664.00	\$8,960.00
RTP1728	Chesterfield	Chesterfield Four Seasons Club, Inc.	Vegetation Management	This project will allow for the purchase of tools for the snowmobile club to raise the tree canopy and trim trail side vegetation along a major snowmobile corridor in Chesterfield. This work will also enhance equestrian and other recreational use of the trail.	M	\$5,221.00	\$5,221.00	\$1,450.00
RTP1729	Hamilton	Essex County Trail Association	Trail Maintenance and Materials	This project will allow ECTA to acquire materials for the repair of existing trails in Bradley Palmer State Park during the next two trail maintenance seasons. The work will be conducted by ECTA, park staff and their partners to enhance the trail system in a park that straddles three communities.	NM	\$7,775.00	\$7,775.00	\$2,625.00
RTP1730	Williamsburg	Town of Williamsburg	Williamsburg Mill River Greenway	This project will provide resources to complete trail improvements along the Mass Central Rail Trail in Williamsburg, allowing for a fully improved connection from Belchertown in the east to Williamsburg in the west.	D1	\$47,250.00	\$47,250.00	\$57,612.00
RTP1731	Andover	The Trustees of Reservations	Ward Reservation Universal Access Trail	This project involves the construction of a 700-foot accessible trail at Ward Reservation in Andover, MA. The trail will connect a trailhead to the existing Bog Trail with a boardwalk and portion of hard-pack surface trail, leading users through a quaking bog.	NM	\$26,438.00	\$26,438.00	\$16,290.00
RTP1733	North Adams	Appalachian Mountain Club	Rebuilding the Appalachian Trail at Sustainable Grades - Phase IV	This project will continue previous RTP-funded work on an exceedingly steep section of the Appalachian Trail on Mt. Prospect in North Adams, MA. RTP funds will allow for 14 weeks of a Teen Trail Crew and 4 weeks of AMC Professional Crew to continue with this critical alignment and construction project.	NM	\$43,800.00	\$43,800.00	\$92,356.00

RTP1735	Erving	Department of Conservation and Recreation	Snowmobile Trail Equipment Upgrade	This project involves the purchase and use of a modern, versatile and environmentally-friendly snowmobile to replace old equipment. The equipment will be used to groom, patrol, and maintain trails in Warwick, Erving, Northfield and Mt. Grace State Forests.	M	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00	\$3,150.00
RTP1736	Worthington	Worthington Snowmobile Club	Snowmobile Grooming Upgrade	This project will provide funds for the purchase of trail grooming equipment that is badly needed to replace old, unreliable machines that can no longer accomplish the trail grooming goals of the club. New, powerful yet light machinery is needed to maintain the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts't long distance trail network and to make connections to other local trails as well.	M	\$22,499.00	\$22,499.00	\$4,500.00
RTP1740	Blandford	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	Highlands Foot Path Linkages	This project will restore the Newman Marsh Hiking Trail and re-establish a bridge crossing along the Sanderson Brook, located in Chester Blandford State Forest. These locations represent critical linkages along the Highlands Footpath, a proposed long distance walking journey which will connect communities from Lee to Russell to Goshen, MA.	M,D1	\$38,900.00	\$38,900.00	\$9,744.00
RTP1741	Hatfield	Town of Hatfield Open Space Committee	White Rock Trail	This project will construct a natural-surface, 1.5-mile hiking trail which ascends 7,900 feet terminating at a sweeping panoramic and very unusual eastern-facing view of the Connecticut River Valley. The trail will be the first in the area that provides a safe ascent and descent to the steeper ridges of the West Hatfield which are otherwise inaccessible to residents and visitors.	NM	\$32,094.00	\$32,094.00	\$8,468.00
RTP1742	South Hadley	Town of South Hadley	River to Range Accessible Trail, Phase Two	The River to Range Accessible Trail will provide accessible, easy recreation and exercise to visitors and residents of South Hadley. This phase of the project will construct a critical segment of the accessible loop trail which provides scenic views of, and needed access to, the Connecticut River and Bachelor Brook.	NM	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$39,410.00
RTP1743	Lowell	Department of Conservation and Recreation	Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsborough State Forest Parking Lot Improvement	This project will enlarge a 6-car parking lot to 26 spaces to accommodate snowmobile and horse trailers and allow for greater access to the Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsborough State Forest throughout the year.	M	\$42,215.00	\$42,215.00	\$12,180.00
RTP1745	Northampton	City of Northampton	Mass Central Rail Trail Extension	This project will install an accessible trail surface on 1,250 feet of the Mass Central Rail Trail from western Northampton to the Williamsburg town line. This key linkage will create additional opportunities for regional trail recreation and will represent a substantial milestone in a project that has been decades in the making.	D1	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

RTP1749	Worcester	Park Spirit of Worcester	East-West Trail	Park Spirit will use RTP funds to install trailhead signage along Worcester's proposed 14-mile cross-city East-West hiking trail. The East-West trail will connect seventeen unique green spaces using city streets. Trailhead signage will augment the trail user experience, promote the trail and formalize the trail route through the city.	NM	\$16,412.00	\$16,412.00	\$4,103.00
RTP1751	Conway	Conway Snowmobile Club	Trail Grooming Equipment	This project will purchase equipment attachments for a snow grooming power unit purchased under a 2016 RTP grant award. The additional equipment will assist in grooming operations on over 120 miles of snowmobile trails which connect four bordering towns and traverse through two state forests.	M	\$17,987.00	\$17,987.00	\$4,497.00
RTP1753	Middleborough	Soule Homestead Education Center	Soule Homestead Education Center Trail Improvement	This project will enhance the trail system on a 120-acre parcel of town-owned land in Middleboro known as Soule Homestead through the rehabilitation of boardwalks and the purchase of appropriate maintenance equipment.	NM	\$16,641.00	\$16,641.00	\$4,160.00
RTP1755	Leicester	Leicester Snowmobile Club	Grooming Equipment Upgrade	This project will upgrade snowmobile trail grooming equipment to increase access and enjoyment on the Leicester snowmobile club trail network.	M	\$15,690.00	\$15,690.00	\$3,923.00
RTP1756	Spencer	Town of Spencer	Spencer Depot Rail Trail, Phase III	This project will complete the Spencer Depot Rail Trail through the installation of various trailside amenities, parking area and trailhead upgrades, interpretive signage, mileage markers and the installation of several Trail Fit stations along the trail.	D1	\$34,860.00	\$34,860.00	\$21,741.00
RTP1757	Easthampton	Kestrel Land Trust	Mount Tom & Mount Holyoke Range Signage	This project will install new signage at trailheads and priority trail junctions throughout Mount Tom State Reservation and the Mount Holyoke Range park system.	NM	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$24,102.00
RTP1759	Lexington	Town of Lexington	Hayden Woods Conservation Land Trail Improvements	This project will enhance and extend the system of unpaved, nature-based paths in Lexington through the relocation of several trails out of wetlands and the construction of new boardwalks and bridges along seasonally and perennially wet stretches of existing trails.	D1	\$23,515.00	\$23,515.00	\$40,716.00
RTP1760	Rutland	Wachusett Greenways	Mass Central Rail Trail	This project will complete two major reconstruction projects which are required to sustain the Mass Central Rail Trail, an east-west multi-use corridor envisioned to stretch across the state of Massachusetts. The project will replace failed culverts, drainage and trail surface in Rutland. In Holden, steel bridge decking will be replaced as well as the bridge embankments for improved access for fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities along the trail.	D1	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$81,504.00

RTP1761	Littleton	Town of Littleton	Cloverdale Conservation Area Boardwalk	This project will install 480 feet of boardwalk along a newly created perimeter trail in the 20-acre Cloverdale Conservation Area. Once complete, the trail will allow for a recreational and educational loop through wet woods and an abandoned beaver meadow.	NM	\$6,566.00	\$6,566.00	\$5,220.00
RTP1762	Brimfield	Town of Brimfield	Trolley Trail East Pedestrian Bridge	This project will fund "shovel-ready" site plans for a 100' bridge to cross the Quinebaug River and related construction plans for the Grand Trunk Trail.	D1	\$28,500.00	\$28,500.00	\$8,000.00
RTP1766	Groton	Town of Groton	Gibbet Hill Bridge	This project will build a wooden pedestrian and equestrian-friendly bridge to span a chronically wet portion of trail which will ultimately facilitate all-season, public use of an existing major east-west trail in Groton.	NM	\$13,920.00	\$13,920.00	\$5,800.00
RTP1768	Boxford	Town of Boxford	Nason Conservation Land Boardwalk	This project will construct a 66-foot long elevated boardwalk suitable for hikers, bikers and equestrians across a narrow stream and boggy area. The boardwalk will provide a critical connection from a planned parking area to the extensive network of existing trails on town conservation land.	NM	\$13,626.00	\$13,626.00	\$9,018.00
RTP1769	Wareham	Buzzards Bay Coalition	Weweantic River Reserve Trails	This project will enhance the trail system on a 33-acre parcel of riverfront land located at the head of tide on the Weweantic River. Improvements will include adding universal access trails and an accessible parking area with a boat landing zone, and installing four interpretive signs which will include trail maps.	NM	\$44,014.00	\$44,014.00	\$11,510.00
RTP1770	Marlborough	City of Marlborough and Partners	Boroughs Loop Trail	The proposed Boroughs Loop Trail will connect the hiking trail networks of Marlborough, Northborough, Southborough and Westborough, to create a regional trail that encourages the exploration, enjoyment and protection of the Boroughs natural resources. This project will create the the loop trail on the ground with signage, maps, publicity and 16 miles of trail creation.	D1	\$39,717.00	\$39,717.00	\$56,673.00
RTP1771	Beverly	City of Beverly	Beverly Recreational Trail Signage	This project will add trailhead and directional signs and update signage on existing kiosks throughout the City of Beverly to better direct people to trail access points, help people find their way through the extensive trail system and provide educational materials about natural resources.	NM	\$5,346.00	\$5,346.00	\$2,319.00
RTP1772	Needham	Town of Needham	Needham Accessible Reservoir Trail	The Town of Needham is upgrading an existing unimproved trail to a universally accessible 2,500 linear foot loop trail around the decommissioned Needham Reservoir. This grant will assist in funding the construction of the trail, providing a recreational resource to an underserved segment of the local and regional population, while enhancing the trail for all users.	NM	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$723,000.00

RTP1780	Brockton	Wildlands Trust	Stone Farm Trail System	This project will reestablish and enhance 2.4 miles of nature trails on the Stone Farm property to benefit the highly urbanized environmental justice community of Brockton. Project tasks include the installation of wayfinding signage along the trails, establishing new trailheads and trail linkages, construction of boardwalks and installation of signage at new and old parking and trailhead areas.	NM	\$19,995.00	\$19,995.00	\$14,800.00
RTP1781	Walpole	Town of Walpole	Jarvis Farm and Walpole Town Forest Boardwalk Link	This project will construct a 250-foot long boardwalk over a brook and through a wetland to provide a critical link between the town-owned properties of Jarvis Farm and Walpole Town Forest. A viewing platform will also be constructed within the wetland to provide opportunities for environmental education among users, including summer day camp participants.	NM	\$13,852.00	\$13,852.00	\$6,690.00
RTP1782	Newton	Lower Falls Improvement Association & Bike Newton	Newton Lower Falls to Riverside Bridges	This project will provide funds for survey and engineering studies, including 10% design to construct two bridges and trail surface needed to fulfill the Massachusetts DCR's long-term plan to extend the Charles River Trail.	D1	\$38,700.00	\$38,700.00	\$8,000.00
RTP1701	Northampton	Department of Conservation and Recreation	RTP Administration	Administration of the Recreational Trails Program by the RTP Coordinator (7% of total Obligation set-aside).	A	\$130,244.00	\$130,244.00	\$31,790.00
RTP1702	Northampton	Department of Conservation and Recreation	RTP Education	Recreational Trails Program Education Grants (5% of trail grant funds)	E	\$47,871.00	\$47,871.00	\$12,740.00
TOTAL							\$1,860,622.00	\$1,736,278.00

** RTP Administration and Education funds are automatic RTP set-asides of 7% and up to 5% respectively. They are not included in the total number of "projects" on this spreadsheet but are listed as a funding line item in order to provide a full picture of the funding breakdown.*