

2020 MassTrails Grant Awards (55 Projects)

Community	Organization	Project Title	Brief Project Description	Project Type	Trail Use	Award	Match
Arlington	Town of Arlington	Reservoir-Bikeway Connection Trail	The Town of Arlington's 2018 Reservoir Master Plan identified the need for a one mile trail around the reservoir. To increase connectivity to this recreation area, a connector trail that extends to the adjacent Minuteman Bikeway was also identified as an advantageous trail project that could unite these two extremely popular recreational resources. This grant will fund the design and engineering of the connection between the two - reservoir and bikeway - through Hurd Field, creating an ADA-compliant pathway.	Design / Engineering / Permitting	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$16,000.00	\$4,000.00
Ashburnham	Appalachian Mountain Club	Mid-State Trail Rehabilitation	This grant will support rehabilitation efforts to correct poor trail conditions along the long-distance Mid-State Trail as it traverses Mt. Watatic Sanctuary, a Mass Division of Fisheries and Wildlife property. The trail's current condition finds extensive erosion along the fall line of the mountain. The rehabbed trail will be located within the defined area using rock steps. Additionally, drainage needs will be addressed and the area outside of the trail corridor will be naturalized.	Other: Reconstruction and rehabilitation of an existing and damaged trail	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$38,560.00	\$10,296.00
Ashland	Town of Ashland and Ashland Upper Charles Trail Committee	The Trolley Brook Trail - Phase 1 of the Ashland Upper Charles Trail	The half mile Trolley Brook Trail section of the Ashland Upper Charles Trail is Phase 1 of a projected 7-mile multi-use trail in Ashland which will help complete the regional Upper Charles Trail, a 30-mile, multi-use, regional recreation path linking the communities of Ashland, Hopkinton, Milford, Holliston and Sherborn. The sections in Milford and Holliston are well-used and popular recreation destinations while Ashland, Holliston and Sherborn are in the planning and implementation stages for their portions of the trail. Once completed, future linkages are envisioned between the Upper Charles Trail and the wider Massachusetts trail network, including other regional trail systems, such as the Bruce Freeman Trail and the Boston-Worcester Airline Trail.	Design / Engineering / Permitting	Shared-Use Path	\$50,000	\$15,000
Athol	Town of Athol	South Athol Conservation Area (SACA) Trails Improvements Projects	This project adds two trail segments to the 200-acre South Athol Conservation Area (SACA) creating a 1.5-mile connector between trailheads at White Pond and South Athol Roads essentially unifying the SACA trail system. Additionally, construction of a new parking area and trailhead will provide access to over 5 miles of trails. Other work will repair ATV overuse and remove hazardous trees. New signage will help communicate ATV restrictions to aid in enforcement. SACA rules will be well-communicated through new informational kiosks at trail heads. Boundary markings, adjacent trail systems signage, and locus maps within the SACA property will be posted to inform users of the overall trail system and increase safety. Last, the purchase of an UTV and trailer will be used to monitor and maintain this network of trails.	Construction	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$50,000.00	\$12,500.00
Barnstable and Yarmouth	Town of Barnstable	Cape Cod Rail Trail Phase 3	The proposed project will extend the Cape Cod Rail Trail (CCRT) from its current terminus at Peter Homer Park in Yarmouth westerly to Mary Dunn Road in Barnstable. The existing shared use path east of the project extends on a former railroad right-of-way for 22 miles through the towns of Yarmouth, Dennis, Harwich, Brewster, Orleans, Eastham, and Wellfleet. The trail cross section includes a 10- to 12-foot paved surface and 0- to 3-foot shoulders for a total width of up to 18 feet. At all intersecting roadways, the existing trail has crossing signage and pavement markings that meets federal standards, and at roadways with higher vehicular use, the crossings include the use of use of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons. An Environmental Notification Form was previously filed for Phases I and II of the CCRT extension project (EEA #15215). This section is just east of the project, and construction was completed in 2018.	Design / Engineering / Permitting	Shared-Use Path	\$180,950.00	\$254,700.00
Belchertown	Town of Belchertown	The Belchertown Greenway - MCRT Connection Planning, Feasibility and Permitting Project	This project will utilize existing railroad bed trail systems and recent state-level rail trail planning to plan, design, and permit a greenway within the New England Central Railroad corridor in Belchertown. Once built, the trail will connect at each end to the larger regional network of rail trails including the Mass Central Rail Trail network while passing through many of the area's popular conservation properties.	Design / Engineering / Permitting	Shared-Use Path	\$102,000	\$25,500

Belchertown	Mill Valley Snowmobile Club of Belchertown	Multi Use Trail Maintenance Improvement Project	This grant will aid in the continued maintenance and improvement of the abandoned railroad bed and adjoining trails in the Town of Belchertown. Additionally, it will fund the purchase of a mid-size Kubota (or similar piece of equipment) to allow for a larger drag to be used when grooming wide trails for winter recreational purposes.	Maintenance Equipment Purchase	Motorized	\$29,188.00	\$7,297.00
Bourne	Town of Bourne and The Friends of the Bourne Rail Trail	Bourne Rail Trail Phase 1, Phase 2, and Phase 4B	Grant funds will be used to complete a land survey and design plans for Phases 1, 2, and 4b of the proposed four-phase Bourne Rail Trail project. Phases 1 and 2 include the development of 2.5 miles of a rail-with-trail (RWT) shared use path beginning at the Cape Cod Canal Recreation Path in Bourne and ending at Monks Cove recreation area near the village of Monument Beach. Phase 4b is an important stretch of the rail trail project as it addresses the work from the Bourne/Falmouth town line terminus that Falmouth is currently trying to complete. Completing Phases 1 and 2 will create a 9-mile trail on the Upper Cape from the start of the Cape Cod Canal Recreation Path in the Town of Sandwich to Monks Cove in the Town of Bourne, and a 1-mile segment that includes the anticipated extension of the Shining Sea Bikeway from Route 151 north to the Village of Cataumet. In total, the Bourne Rail Trail is a 6.5-mile RWT shared use path that will directly connect the Shining Sea Bikeway in Falmouth with the Cape Cod Canal Recreation Path in Bourne and Sandwich. The project is the missing link in creating a 24-mile off-road, shared use path network in the Upper Cape Cod towns of Bourne, Falmouth, and Sandwich.	Design / Engineering / Permitting	Shared-Use Path	\$100,000	\$25,000
Braintree	Town of Braintree	Middle St. Monaquot River Trail	This project will help the Town of Braintree to construct an approximately one-third of a mile looped walking trail along the Monaquot River in Braintree. Currently, there is very limited access to the river for residents. The trail will provide a unique opportunity to walk along the river as well as to view the annual herring migration in this area.	Construction	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$43,088.00	\$10,772.00
Brookline	Town of Brookline	Beacon Street Bridle Path Feasibility and Concept Design	Grant funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study and create a conceptual design for the re-opening and restoration of the Bridle Path along the median of Beacon Street in Brookline. This project is inspired by Frederick Law Olmsted's original Bridle Path design that provided for a separated multi-use path for pedestrians, bicycles, and micro-mobility devices along the entire 2.2 miles.	Project Development	Shared-Use Path	\$32,000	\$167,880.00
Chelmsford	Town of Chelmsford	Chelmsford Rail Trail Maintenance and Repair Project	The Chelmsford Rail Trail Maintenance and Repair Project will use grant funds to make repairs to over 2000 linear feet of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail that has suffered significant root incursion since the opening of the trail in 2009. This naturally occurring phenomenon degrades the quality and safety of the trail, creating a liability for the Town and those who walk, run and cycle on the trail.	Maintenance	Shared-Use Path	\$90,000	\$22,810
Clarksburg, North Adams, Williamstown, Adams, Cheshire, New Ashford, Dalton, Hinsdale, Washington, Becket, Lee, Tyringham, Monterey, Gt, Barrington, Egremont, Sheffield, and Mt. Washington	Department of Conservation and Recreation	Massachusetts' Appalachian Trail Ridge Runner Program	This project will fund a seasonal Appalachian Trail Ridge Runner position who will work exclusively on the National Scenic Appalachian Trail (AT) in Massachusetts. The AT Ridge Runner provides education and information to trail visitors, as well as works closely with volunteers to help maintain the trail and its overnight facilities. The AT Ridge Runner also monitors trail conditions, records trail use, and responds to emergencies as needed.	Other: Maintenance, stewardship and education	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$13,005.00	\$9,324.80

Clinton	Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust, Inc.	Mass Central Rail Trail Acquisition - Clinton	The Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust (CGCT) in partnership with the Town of Clinton is working to complete the Mass Central Rail Trail sections in Clinton, MA. This MassTrails grant will provide funding to complete Phase 1 of the overall trail development project. These funds will allow the CGCT and the Town of Clinton to complete the acquisition of the abandoned rail bed that runs from Route 70 in Clinton to the Berlin town line (including the railroad tunnel) from Boston & Maine Railroad (doing business as Pan Am Systems). This will allow a portion of this trail to be opened immediately and position this section for integration with the full Mass Central Rail Trail.	Other: Acquisition of the rail bed, securing the tunnel, initial trail opening	Shared-Use Path	\$111,920	\$67,316
Concord	Town of Concord	Assabet River Pedestrian Trail and Bridge	This grant will fund a multi-modal bridge over the Assabet River connecting the West Concord Village business district and the West Concord Commuter Rail Station to the largest employment center in town. The project closes a major first/last mile gap and expands potential trail connections in the community.	Design / Engineering / Permitting	Shared-Use Path	\$135,000	\$250,000
Dalton and Hinsdale	Berkshire Natural Resources Council	Old Mill Trail Rehabilitation	Berkshire Natural Resources Council (BNRC) will use this grant to conduct a series of improvements to the Old Mill Trail in Dalton and Hinsdale to ensure it remains an accessible outdoor recreational facility. The approximately 127-acre reserve is owned and managed by BNRC and contains a woodland trail flanking 1.5 miles of the East Branch of the Housatonic River. The rehabilitation project includes regrading significant sections of the .7-mile accessible trail, expanding and redefining the terminus of the accessible portion, updating the parking area, and connecting the parking to the trailhead.	Construction	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$36,911.00	\$14,890.00
Dartmouth, New Bedford	Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA)	Closing the South Coast Gap Phase II: Feasibility Study for the South Coast Bikeway between Fall River and New Bedford, through Westport and Dartmouth	The project is Phase II of a Feasibility Study for the South Coast Bikeway to determine the best route for a proposed multi-use trail connecting Fall River to New Bedford (two Gateway Cities) and beyond. This section, when completed, will close a gap that has long existed in the East Coast and MA trail networks, it will also link with the anticipated South Coast Rail Commuter Rail Project. This project will continue to build on the work being completed by SRPEDD under Phase I (funded by SCBA and individual municipalities) which will establish alternatives, provide initial civic engagement, and examine existing conditions. Phase II involves analysis of proposed routes, assessment of the costs and benefits of each, civic engagement and development of recommendations in order to move the project to the design/build phase. Phase I will be completed in the summer of 2020 and will serve as the match for the project.	Project Development	Shared-Use Path	\$40,000	\$35,000
DCR West Region	Department of Conservation and Recreation	20 Ton Heavy Equipment Trailer	The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has an extensive trail system that is in constant need of repair and maintenance. Our trail systems are multi-use recreational facilities that see a range of users who enjoy hiking, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, OHV use, mountain biking, snow shoeing, and horseback riding. The DCR West crews work closely with OHV programming on maintaining the trail systems and bridges in the West Region. This grant will allow for the purchase of a heavy duty trailer that is needed to haul snow groomers, a back hoe, excavators, and/or a bobcat to trails and trail parking lots as part of that maintenance process.	Maintenance Equipment Purchase	Motorized	\$16,400.00	\$4,100.00
DCR West Region	Department of Conservation and Recreation	New Equipment Procurement	This grant will fund the purchase and use of a new modern UTV that both accepts tracks for winter use and wheels for summer operation. This vehicle will be an essential asset to access our 105 miles of winter trails at October Mountain while still allowing us the flexibility to run on all terrain tires for summer operation. We manage the largest state forest in Massachusetts. Accessing remote locations within the forest is one of our greatest challenges. The use of this vehicle will increase our maintenance and emergency rescue possibilities exponentially.	Maintenance Equipment Purchase	Motorized	\$34,350.00	\$8,587.50

Fitchburg	City of Fitchburg	Fitchburg Trails Wayfinding Signage Project	This project will build upon the recently completed Fitchburg Trails Vision Master Plan, which inventoried Fitchburg's non-motorized recreational trails, created and publicized detailed trail maps and descriptions, and identified the need to post wayfinding signage to help the public better access our extensive but mostly unmarked trail networks. We propose to install a wayfinding signage system that is clear, complete, consistent and coordinated. Additionally, we will install 4'x 6' map and informational panels on seven new trailhead kiosks at our major trailhead parking areas. The signage system will incorporate a QR code link to the city's web-based trail maps that contain interpretive information not available in the field in both English and Spanish languages.	Other: Signage on existing trails	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$39,687.00	\$22,290.00
Florida	Florida Mountaineers Snowmobile Club	Equipment Purchase/Trail Maintenance	This project will help the Florida Mountaineers Snowmobile Club (FMSC) to cover the expenses of much-needed repairs to existing maintenance equipment, and to purchase a used snow groomer to increase the club's maintenance capacity. FMSC maintains a 50-mile trail system that extends through private properties and the Florida, Savoy, and Monroe State Forests. The trails system consists of direct trail linkage to the surrounding towns through multiple easy access points, and connects to the State of Vermont's V.A.S.T. trail system.	Maintenance Equipment Purchase	Motorized	\$67,036.80	\$16,759.20
Franklin	Franklin & Bellingham Rail Trail Committee	SNETT Drainage and Grading - Spring Street Area	The Franklin and Bellingham Rail Trail Committee will use this grant to correct a drainage and grading issue on the Southern New England Trunkline Trail (SNETT) at Spring Street in Franklin. Where the SNETT crosses the street about 0.7 miles east of the proposed Prospect Street underpass, there exists an approximate 300-foot portion of trail that is poorly drained. This area often creates a barrier for use by wheelchairs, an inconvenience to pedestrians, and a dangerous surface condition for bikers. This project will correct the issue by regrading and resurfacing as well as clearing brush for better user visibility and safety when crossing Spring Street.	Construction	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$10,400.00	\$3,760.00
Groton and Townsend	Squannacook Greenways, Inc.	Squannacook River Rail Trail	The Squannacook River Rail Trail is an approximately 3.7-mile multi-use trail to be constructed along the MBTA right of way in Townsend and Groton, Massachusetts. Squannacook Greenways plans to build the rail trail over three years. The specific project proposed in this grant application is to build the beginning one-third of the rail trail by removing rails and ties and installing an aggregate surface over approximately 1.1 miles.	Construction	Shared-Use Path	\$100,000	\$54,300
Hanson	Town of Hanson	Bay Circuit Trail Relocation	This project will create a new recreational foot trail on town-owned land, previously the site of Plymouth County Hospital. It will enable the relocation of nearly a mile of the Bay Circuit Trail off of busy roadways and into 50 acres of forest and meadow. The trail will improve public access and enjoyment of this scenic open space, and will be compatible with passive recreation that is envisioned for other parts of the property in the future.	Construction	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$100,000.00	\$30,410.00
Hawley	Buckland Riders Snowmobile Club	Singing Brook Farm Trail Improvement	The Buckland Riders Snowmobile Club will utilize these grant funds to add a track-equipped UTV and 6-foot groomer to its snow grooming fleet. The club steadily works on its existing trail network both on private and public lands to widen trails to a minimum of 6 feet, and preferable 10 feet where possible. This has been completed on over 90% of its trails. The matching volunteer work for this grant will accomplish clearing and widening of the Potash Hill Road Trail (East/West Trail) and the corresponding North/South trail located in the Singing Brook Farm Conservation Area, bordering a section of the Dubuque State Forest.	Maintenance	Motorized	\$49,354.00	\$14,536.40
Hawley, Plainfield, Savoy, and Windsor	Savoy Canary Kats Snowmobile Club	Groomer Maintenance Items, Bridge Redeck Material, UTV Trail Maintenance Vehicle	The Savoy Canary Kats Snowmobile Club requests this grant to help the club meet its maintenance priorities and responsibilities for the trails within the towns of Savoy, Windsor, Plainfield, and Hawley. Funds will allow for the purchase of a Mahindra UTV, yearly oil and filter service for grooming equipment, hydraulic drive pump replacement and track belts for one groomer, and a hot water pressure washer for cleaning equipment. In addition, the grant funds will be used to replace the decking for three existing bridges increasing safe crossing at each.	Maintenance Equipment Purchase	Motorized	\$46,851.00	\$20,300.00

Holyoke	City of Holyoke	CT River Pathway	The proposed pathway will provide a safe and innovative shared used path for residents and visitors by connecting Route 5 to Springdale Park, one of Holyoke's flagship parks, almost thirty acres in size and located along the Connecticut River. Alongside this proposed pathway, there are destinations such as a boathouse, a unique municipal facility operated by Holyoke Rows, a non-profit serving the community towards access to physical activities in the Connecticut river. Additionally, the path will pass an urban farm, two public schools, and a much used athletic field complex. The CT River Pathway compliments the ongoing plan for Rehabilitation of Route 5 from MassDOT, project number 604209, by expanding on the shared used pathway planned on the eastern side of Main Street. This project will be fundamental foundation for a network of trails that will enhance the experiences and destinations for all, including access to recreational spaces and ongoing placemaking efforts on Main Street.	Design / Engineering / Permitting	Shared-Use Path	\$40,000	\$10,000
Hopkinton	Hopkinton Upper Charles Trail Committee	The Campus Trail Connector	The project is a proposed 2,750-foot shared use path connecting the Hopkinton High School, Middle School, and the new Marathon Elementary School. The Campus Trail Connector, when combined with adjacent existing and proposed facilities, will allow students, runners, cyclists and others easy passage between the three schools, as well as the downtown area, for a total distance of 2.1 miles. While this is a stand-alone project, the Campus Trail Connector is a critical link to expand the existing Upper Charles Trail network which will include a continuous 8-mile shared use path through Hopkinton from Milford to Ashland.	Design / Engineering / Permitting	Shared-Use Path	\$111,564	\$87,663
Lawrence	Groundwork Lawrence	Merrimack River Trail Phase 2	The Merrimack River Trail is a 3.3-mile riverfront path between the Shawsheen River in Lawrence's downtown mill district and the Andover town line. MassTrails funding will allow the project partners to advance planning, design, permitting, and construction of various improvements to increase access to the trail.	Other: Project Development, Design, Permitting, Construction	Shared-Use Path	\$68,750	\$36,944
Lowell	University of Massachusetts Lowell	Pawtucket Street "River Run Ride & Stride"	This grant is for the preliminary design of a 1.2-mile experiential separated shared use path along the Pawtucket Street corridor, adjacent to the Merrimack River. It will provide a model for an urban walking and bicycling trail in a Gateway City Environmental Justice Community. The path will create an integral and critical multi-modal connection between UMASS Lowell's South Campus, DCR's Francis Gate Park, and the City of Lowell's Sheehy Memorial Park to the west with UMass Lowell's East Campus, Lowell's Riverwalk Path, and the Lawrence Mills Park to the east. It will provide a key missing link in the Lowell National Historical Park's and DCR's 5.6-mile Lowell Canalway trail network, expanded recreational connections, unique placemaking elements and wayfinding, and enhanced safety for all users.	Design / Engineering / Permitting - 25% Design	Shared-Use Path	\$57,000	\$14,250
Mattapoisett	Town of Mattapoisett	THE CONNECTOR: Connecting the Mattapoisett Rail Trail with the Marion Pathway	This half mile segment of shared use path (SUP) will connect the Mattapoisett Rail Trail to the planned Marion Pathway to create a 20-mile, no-traffic/low traffic, bike or pedestrian route from New Bedford to Wareham. Traversing a forested landscape, it connects with numerous hiking trails and passes wetlands, vernal pools and cranberry bogs. The project site is a former railroad right of way previously upgraded with gravel, drainage, and environmental accommodations. Needed work includes rough and fine grading, asphalt surfacing, loam, and seeding. ADA and stroller parking spaces will be located at the trail head and general parking will be available nearby.	Construction	Shared-Use Path	\$110,000	\$27,500
Medfield	Town of Medfield	Medfield Rail Trail	The Medfield Rail Trail is a proposed shared use trail following the route of the MBTA rail bed in Medfield, running approximately 1.3 miles from Ice House Road to the Dover town line. The Trail will provide connections for residents throughout the region (particularly youth and seniors) for biking, walking, jogging, cross country skiing, and horseback riding. The rail trail will provide a direct connection to the planned mixed-use redevelopment of the 128-acre Medfield State Hospital; the planned Dover Greenway; the Bay Circuit Trail, an extensive regional trail system from Plum Island in the north to Kingston Bay in the south; as well as access to the Norfolk Hunt Club's extensive regional trail network.	Construction	Shared-Use Path	\$100,000	\$74,480

Monterey	Greenagers	Loom Brook Trail	During the Summer of 2021 a crew of Greenagers will construct an interpretive hiking trail through property owned and maintained by the Bidwell House Museum. The Greenagers crew will be composed of local youth, 15 to 20 years in age, hired from nearby High Schools. The proposed trail will link the Stone Wall Loop at the south end of the property with the existing Champion Oak Trail and McCallum Trail at the north end of the museum's 192-acre property, forming several new loop trails.	Construction	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$21,410.00	\$13,800.00
Natick	Town of Natick	Cochituate Rail Trail - MBTA Station Connection Design	The Cochituate Rail Trail - MBTA Station Connection Design will design the last critical gap in the regional Cochituate Rail Trail (CRT). The proposed project is for the last section of the CRT from its currently planned terminus at Mechanic Street in Natick directly to Natick Center and the Natick Center MBTA Station. The project includes approximately 1,300 feet of trail corridor and an ADA-accessible ramp.	Design / Engineering / Permitting	Shared-Use Path	\$125,000	\$31,250
New Bedford	New Bedford Parks, Recreation, and Beaches and Groundwork Southcoast	City of New Bedford Nature Trail Maintenance	New Bedford is blessed with three urban nature trails which provide residents the opportunity to experience woodland walks, flora and fauna, and unique ecological features such as the two certified vernal pools found here. This grant will fund trail maintenance at three locations with a combined distance of approximately 3.5 miles. The city struggles with the maintenance and has in the past relied on volunteer and nonprofit support which resulted in varying degrees of success. Groundwork Southcoast has agreed to take over the maintenance of the trails as part of the Green Team core responsibilities. This requires a funding source for the staff and youth wages. The City can provide these costs with the help of a MassTrails grant.	Maintenance	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$13,390.00	\$11,465.00
Newburyport	City of Newburyport	Riverfront Critical Gap: Clipper City Rail Trail, Coastal Trails Regional Network, and Storm Surge/Sea Level Rise Resiliency	This project will construct a crucial trail link along a 1,200-foot section of the Merrimack River shoreline and fill an important gap in this well-used trail network while also significantly improving the resilience of this unprotected stretch of shoreline to sea level rise and storm surge events. Project funds will construct a raised, paved, off-road, multi-use trail that will replace an unsafe interim detour route along Water Street.	Construction	Shared-Use Path	\$100,000	\$25,000
Newton and Needham	City of Newton	Christina Street Bridge Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design	This project is intended to fill a critical gap in the Charles River Pathway System by providing: (1) a recordable surveyed plan of the existing conditions; (2) a review of the structural stability of the existing Christina Street Rail Bridge; (3) an estimate of costs associated with providing a safe, fully accessible shared use path across the bridge; and (4) 25% design of the most cost-effective and preferred alternative for a shared use path. An associated and simultaneous effort by the DCR will provide the results of a title search in preparation for the desired transfer of bridge ownership from the MBTA to DCR. The result will be the foundation for construction of a fully accessible bicycle/pedestrian shared use path connection over the Charles River with immense regional, commuter and recreational value. * Note that task #1 has been removed pending a decision by DCR on bridge care and control.	Other: Project Development and Design/Engineering Services	Shared-Use Path	\$56,700	\$14,230
North Reading	Town of North Reading: Land Utilization Committee	North Reading Recreational Trail	Grant proceeds will fund a feasibility study for a recreational trail that in theory will generally follow the route of the abandoned Salem to Lowell Railroad.	Project Development	Shared-Use Path	\$45,000	\$55,000
Northampton	City of Northampton	Northampton One	The City of Northampton, using existing trails, will use this grant to fund the development of a long distance walking and mountain biking trail that circumnavigates the City. This will allow for the connection of public land and provide a tread way that works for even inexperienced walkers.	Construction	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$50,000.00	\$12,500.00
Northfield, Greenfield, Hatfield, Northampton, Holyoke	Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail and Connecticut River Conservancy	Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail Waterproof Trail Map and Guide	This project will create a waterproof map and paddle guide for the Connecticut River. Designed to complement online resources and a map published for Vermont and New Hampshire, the map will help guide users on down river trips, provide safety and etiquette guidelines, and present content about the region's unique natural and cultural history.	Other: Publication / Safety / Etiquette	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Peabody	City of Peabody	Peabody Independence Greenway at I-95 and Route 1 Connector Project	The project will provide a vital connection for the Peabody Independence Greenway existing trailhead at Lt. Ross Park and existing trailhead at Peabody Road that is cut-off by Route 1 and Interstate 95. The highlight for this 12-foot multi-use paved path will be a new 2-span pedestrian bridge over the Route 1 northbound and southbound lanes. In addition, this project will provide the critical link for the Border to Boston Trail northern and southern segments providing an alternative mode of transportation route linking communities from Salisbury to Boston.	Design / Engineering / Permitting	Shared-Use Path	\$203,750	\$210,218
Pittsfield, Lanesboro, Washington, Becket, Lee, Lenox	Berkshire Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club	Parts and Supplies for Repairs and Maintenance on Snowmobile Trail Groomers	This grant will help the Berkshire Snow Seekers purchase needed parts for a number of its grooming fleet. Purchases will include four new tracks for the club's Tucker Sno-Cats, parts for repairing axle wear sleeves for three of the Sno-Cats, various wheels and bogie wheels to replace worn or damaged wheels, and filters and small hardware pieces for routine maintenance purposes.	Other: Repairs and maintenance on existing RTP funded equipment	Motorized	\$42,300.83	\$10,611.00
Plymouth	Manomet Inc.	Manomet's Wetlands Restoration and Community Outreach Project	Manomet is an international leader in bird research and science, with a focus on the study and conservation of migratory bird species. The Wetlands Restoration and Community Outreach Project aims to create a 0.4-mile interpretive nature trail on our 40-acre headquarters property in Plymouth. This trail will feature educational signage relating to local wildlife and natural history, an ADA-compliant wildlife viewing blind overlooking a restored wetland, and an extension of a recently completed ADA-compliant walkway to an overlook of Cape Cod Bay. This project will significantly broaden Manomet's ability to connect people to nature while also providing an introduction to Manomet's on-site research, education, and wildlife conservation.	Construction	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$50,000.00	\$12,500.00
Sandisfield	Western Massachusetts Climbers' Coalition	Hanging Mountain Parking Lot and Trail Improvements	In November 2019, the Western Mass Climbers' Coalition (WMCC) purchased a 14-acre parcel that represents 80% of what is locally known in Sandisfield as Hanging Mountain with the following three goals in mind: to establish access to a major new climbing area in the Northeast; to develop this recreational area in a way that welcomes all rock climbers and other passive recreational enthusiasts while preserving wildlife habitat for the native plants and animals; and to ensure that climbers and the general public can access this valuable resource in perpetuity. The WMCC volunteers, together with an array of local and national non-profits, have begun expanding and improving public access and existing trail networks on this beautiful open space. This Mass Trails grant will be used to complete the driveway and construct a parking lot, improve trailhead signage and overall trail connections, all for public use.	Construction	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$25,500.00	\$13,210.00
Savoy	Savoy Canary Kats Snowmobile Club	Trail Hardening of Tilton Brook Trail (SV90) and Shaker Trail (SV8)	The Savoy Canary Kats Snowmobile Club will use this grant to perform trail hardening of Tilton Brook and Shaker Trails within the Savoy Mountain State Forest. The hardened trail area will be approximately 4,000-feet long by 10-feet wide and suitable for many different trail uses. This project will enhance existing paths into a well-maintained trail with a finished grade of consistent level surface that improves the trail user's safety.	Maintenance	Motorized	\$51,635.00	\$39,680.00
Southampton	Southampton Conservation Commission	Manhan Meadows Trail Restoration Project	This grant will fund the first step of a two-phased project to restore and extend the 1-mile Hazel A. Young Trail, which winds through a 50-acre wooded site along the Manhan River in Southampton, comprising Manhan Meadows Sanctuary, Parsons Memorial Forest, and Howland Conservation Area. This large parcel is a unique attribute for a town center, with its views of the river, marshes, and wildlife, and at the same time, its proximity to playgrounds, ballfields, the public library, and more. Phase I would completely restore the trails on both sides of the Manhan by replacing bridges, boardwalks, and stairs; re-routing sections away from steep, eroding banks; providing trailhead kiosks, maps and way-finding signs; and adding benches for resting and enjoying the scenery. Phase II will replace the larger bridge over the Manhan. Together these projects will greatly enhance the accessibility, sustainability, and appeal of a landscape with major significance to the town.	Maintenance	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$50,000.00	\$12,500.00

Springfield	City of Springfield	McKnight Community Trail Project	The City of Springfield will use grant funds to construct a new 1.5-mile multi-use trail through the city's historic McKnight Neighborhood. The trail will run along the former Highland Division Railroad corridor from Armory Street to the Rebecca M. Johnson Elementary School near State Street.	Construction	Shared-Use Path	\$300,000	\$75,000
Sturbridge	Town of Sturbridge	Grand Trunk Trail, Completion of the Westville Section	This grant will provide the necessary construction funds, matched with existing project funds, to complete the last three quarters of a mile of the Westville section of the 6-mile Grand Trunk Trail, located in Sturbridge, which is part of the regional 66-mile Titanic Rail Trail.	Construction	Shared-Use Path	\$150,000	\$37,500
Sturbridge	Town of Sturbridge Trails Committee	Grand Trunk Trail, Riverlands Mountain Bike Trails	The Sturbridge Trails Committee plans to extend its trail offerings to include 2.1 miles of mountain bike trails off the main Grand Trunk Trail being constructed on the Riverlands property which is located across from the Old Sturbridge Village parking lot. The bike trails are designed to attract bikers of all levels and provide interesting loops to all riders.	Construction	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$50,000.00	\$29,568.00
Sudbury	Town of Sudbury	Sudbury Acquisition of the CSX Corridor to Expand the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail	Grant funds will allow the Town of Sudbury to acquire the 1.4-mile CSX Corridor in town. The corridor begins approximately a quarter mile north of Route 20/Boston Post Road and extends to the Framingham city line. This acquisition would be a major step towards advancing the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail south to Framingham, ultimately creating a 25-mile shared use path from Lowell in the north.	Other: Rail Corridor Land Acquisition	Shared-Use Path	\$300,000	\$580,000
Sudbury	Mayflower Council, Inc., and Boy Scouts of America	Ralph Sisson Nature Trail at Nobscot Scout Reservation	This grant will help restore and rehabilitate an existing trail that provides critical access as a trailhead for the 450-acre Nobscot Scout Reservation. The project incorporates the restoration, expansion and major upgrade of a nature trail that was put in place over 20 years ago in a very limited capacity but has since fallen into major disrepair. The project is significant in that the major trail improvements will stabilize the treadway, provide compliance with wetland protection, and engage hikers with nature education about the surrounding ecosystem. The successful project completion will have a major, positive impact on the 12,000 annual visitors to the Reservation.	Construction	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$10,426.37	\$4,526.00
Templeton	Coldbrook Snowmobile Club	Safely Link the Ware River Rail Trail to Otter River State Park	Coldbrook Snowmobile Club will use the grant funds to install and remove a temporary bridge over the Otter River in Templeton. The bridge is owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation and its installation each year creates a safe link between the Ware River Rail Trail to the Otter River State Park for snowmobiles.	Other: Bridge installation and removal	Motorized	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00
Wareham	Town of Wareham Department of Natural Resources	Town of Wareham Trail Maintenance and Development	The Town of Wareham Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with the Wareham Conservation Commission, Wareham Land Trust, Buzzards Bay Coalition and Wildlands Trust, looks to create new trail loops, maintain existing trail networks and revitalize unkept trails throughout the town-owned conservation properties. In addition to property updates, the proposed project will enhance our trail connections to the abutting conservation hiking trails held by our partnering organizations. Town conservation trail networks are both within and in close proximity to our four designated Environmental Justice Communities as well as abutting two elementary schools. Trail networks will be enhanced with updated amenities, new parking areas, and rest areas. Funding will be utilized for engineering, planning, sitework, materials, amenities, and maintenance of the trail networks. This grant will also fund a necessary piece of small machinery for mowing, brush removal, and forestry services that would be used by the Department of Natural Resources.	Other: Project Development, Design/Engineering/Permitting, Maintenance, and Equipment Purchase	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$50,000.00	\$12,500.00
Washington	Department of Conservation and Recreation	Washington Mountain Marsh Trail Rehabilitation Project	The grant funds will be used to reconstruct approximately 3 miles of the Washington Mountain Marsh Trail. Funds will be primarily used on a quarter mile section of ADA-accessible trail that has degraded over time and is no longer truly accessible. The goal of the project will be to restore the trail section to its former accessible state and make the trail available to all who visit.	Maintenance	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$50,000.00	\$12,500.00

Williamstown	Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation	Trail Realignment of the Berlin Pass Trail's Lower Section	Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation proposes to realign the lower section (1000 feet) of the Berlin Pass Trail, which in its current state follows a badly eroded former roadbed dating to the 1700s. The work involves 970 feet of new trail construction at a sustainable grade, three switchbacks, two rock staircases, six step-stones, and a 30-foot boardwalk.	Construction	Non-Motorized/Diverse	\$32,861.00	\$8,317.60
Yarmouth	Town of Yarmouth	Higgins Crowell Road Shared-Use Path	The proposed project will provide a shared use path on Higgins Crowell Road in West Yarmouth. This path will create critical connections to the proposed Cape Cod Rail Trail (CCRT) Phase III, Town recreation bike trails (to be upgraded during the CCRT Phase III Project) and sidewalks, two public schools and Town of Yarmouth Sandy Pond Recreation area. The proposed path will be approximately 10-feet wide, 7,700-linear feet long, and have an asphalt surface.	Construction	Shared-Use Path	\$150,000	\$37,500