

Director's Report
STATE PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL
Division of Parks and Recreation
June 22, 2023
(Last report date was March 7, 2023)

STATE PARK SYSTEM FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

- **FY2023 Park System Comparative Statement** (sent separately) covering Week 49 from July 1, 2022 to June 8, 2023, has revenue at \$11,493,944, up by 6.2% from the previous period in FY22. Day-use, camping, Franconia Notch and State Park Plates are included in this revenue report. Cannon Mtn unaudited ops revenue is \$6.5M, down 15% from the previous period FY22 of \$7.6M. Hampton Parking Meters is \$2.2M, up by 12% from the previous period in FY22 of \$1.9M. Some of this increase is attributed to the \$1 increase in the meter rate.
- **FY2023 Retail Comparative Statement** (sent separately) covering Week 49 has revenue, excluding Mt Washington, at \$3.1M, up 16% from the previous period in FY22. Mt Washington revenue reached \$1.3M, down slightly 5.3% from the previous period in FY22. We are now reporting E-Commerce sales at \$17.9K in Week 49.
- **NH State Park Plate** As of May 31st, there were 17,771 State Park plates and 2,919 Moose plates registered. FY23 to date revenue is \$1,552,333. The total revenue earned in FY22 from State Park Plates closed at \$1,500,880.
- **Donations** FY23 to date (6/14/23), NHSP has received \$84,167 from 12,126 online donations. NHSP has rolled out donation pages for individual parks, and QR codes to these pages can be found throughout each park. We hope that this will encourage guests who may no longer carry cash to donate online with their credit cards.
- **E-Commerce, Season Passes & Gift Cards** NHSP has sold 14,879 items FY23 to date (6/14/23), with a total of \$242,172.82 in revenue. Of this, 2,647 items were season passes, accounting for \$245,596.00 in revenue. 630 gift cards have been sold in CY23, resulting in \$51,585 in revenue.

Pass Type	Qty Sold	Revenue
NH Resident Family	648	\$69,918.00
Individual	539	\$33,859.50
Non-Resident Family	188	\$22,927.50
Seacoast Parking	85	\$15,113.50

CANNON MOUNTAIN

- The first 10 weeks of the ski season were difficult with constant snowmaking at warm temperatures; revenue and skier counts were impacted. The ski area shone brightly from an operations perspective: we scored high marks with sell-outs on many weekends, offering a great experience.
- The new RFID system rollout was rocky but came around quickly. RFID card sales was our #2 revenue source behind ticket passes.
- Staffing challenges have had a massive impact upon our ops, revenue, and expense. Half a ski school staff meant that we had to cut half of our programs. Half a lift ops staff had us running at roughly 60-70% lift capacity.
- We persevered and received some snow late and made snow later and hosted both the Eastern HS Championships and the U18 Nationals to RAVE REVIEWS... and we stayed open until April 16th very easily... one of just 4 ski areas in NH remaining open that late.
- The Tram is 85 this summer! We'll host a celebration on July 7th. The House and Senate approved \$18M for a new aerial tramway. The division will cover the remaining cost from its \$25M initial budget request.

BUREAU OF HISTORIC SITES (BHS)

- **Moose Plate.** BHS provided a Moose Plate grant to the Nansen Ski Club for the further development of the Nansen Ski Jump. Moose Plate grant will go toward projects on site including the addition of 3 Phase electric power, snow making capabilities, restoring the pedestrian stairway, adding deflection boards to the landing area and structural reinforcement to the steel towers. Governor and Council approved the \$250,000 grant on March 8, 2023.
- **ARPA Projects. Wentworth Coolidge Mansion** BHS has hired a consultant, Kleinfelder, to complete a conditions assessment with treatment recommendations for the property. The work scope also includes climate resiliency recommendations since the historic mansion is feet from tidal waters. Kleinfelder's recommendations will guide the work on site that BHS will put out to bid in 2024. Governor and Council approved the contract with Kleinfelder on May 17, 2023. Riverbend Masonry has been hired to rebuild one of the seawalls at the site, work will commence in the Fall of 2023. This project is FEMA funded.
- **Fort Constitution** BHS has hired a consultant, Aeon Preservation Services, to complete a Conditions Assessment with Treatment Recommendations at Fort Constitution. The work includes laser scanning the Fort's masonry to prepare a masonry repair work scope which will be put out to bid in 2024. Governor and Council approved the contract with Aeon on March 8, 2023.
- **Fort Stark** BHS and DPW have hired the low bidder, Triple Construction. The work scope includes closing door and window openings on Battery Hunter with 1" thick steel plates and building a new, paved parking area. The parking area also includes a septic tank for a future project of creating permanent bathrooms within the Visitor Center. Governor and Council date for the contract with Triple Construction is TBD.
- **Weeks State Park** BHS and DPW have partnered on the project and are awaiting proposals from architectural firms to design the renovations at the John Wingate Weeks Historic Site. The work scope is to rebuild the historic rear terrace on the lodge building, install an ADA lift and bathrooms, fix structural issues on the carriage house and repair stucco on both buildings. BHS and the Weeks State Park Association have hired HEB Engineering to assess masonry issues with the Fire Tower.
- **Bear Brook** BHS put a demolition work scope out to bid in June 2023 to remove the Nature Center from the Depot and 12 sleeping cabins from the Spruce Pond complex. The chimney of the Nature Center will be preserved. Work is targeted to take place in the Fall of 2023.

PARK OPERATIONS

CENTRAL REGION

- Recruitment efforts this year through our website, newspapers, and social media have been largely successful and most of our parks are fully staffed despite the competition offering better pay and benefits. The exception to this would be lifeguards but availability has been on the decline for several years.
- Our staff org chart is in better shape this year as we have added bench strength with assistant managers and lead positions to better manage our parks and help guests.
- We are very fortunate to report all of our park managers have returned except one and we were able to promote within. Dawn Fafard is the new manager at Wellington.
- We finally fixed the roadway into Ahern with the help of the Trails Bureau.

SEACOAST REGION

- New parking meter system launched and in operation allowing customers to pay by phone (or at the machine) and receive alerts when their time is going to expire, should they choose.
- Parking meters increased to \$3.00/hour.
- Lifeguards are on post and so far, have had 20 new recruits. Had a higher number of returning guards this year, we believe as a result of the pay increase.

- Water Safety day scheduled for July 27th at the Hampton Beach Seashell
- Lifeguard competitions August 3rd at Hampton beach.
- 4 students have joined us from South Dakota 's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (3 more working across the street). This recruitment effort is in partnership with the Hampton Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and a non-profit called "One Spirit". All 4 employees are working night shift for the Hampton Maintenance crew.
- Also, on the maintenance crew we have welcomed 5 j1 students.
- Events have been in full swing despite the questionable summer weather, including World ocean Day at the Seacoast Science Center (Chumley had a great day) and currently, the Sand Sculpting classic at Hampton Beach.

SOUTH REGION

- Dave Richardson and Christy Pacuk Presented their capstone project at the CPM LEAD Symposium 6/13/23.
- Successfully cleaned 255 campsites and miles of park roads of trees and debris from the March snowstorm (staff from across the region and from HQ helped)
- Earth Day/Spring Clean-up Day at Bear Brook 4/22/23
- Pisgah State Park in partnership with Friends of Pisgah celebrated National Trails Day with the opening of the Habitat Trail
- 2nd Forest Career Day held at Bear Brook in partnership with NHTOA.
- New wood storage containers at Pawtuckaway and Greenfield, easier for customers to get wood and almost zero staff time is spend moving wood.
- Pawtuckaway ARPA project (guessing someone else will be expanding on this)

MOUNT WASHINGTON

- opened for the 2023 season on May 26th. Through June 14th, the Park has welcomed over 27,000 guests.
- Capital Improvement Project for the replacement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and installation of the new year-round water system construction to begin again onsite the week of June 19th. Both projects are estimated to be completed by the end of the operating season.
- Newly made and updated hiking trail signs have been installed around the summit for the 4 hiking trails that enter into the State Park (which includes the Appalachian Trail)
- Public Wi-Fi made available by the Park to all guests expected to be installed and running prior to the end of June.
- Mount Washington State Park staff worked through and continued daily operations and maintenance of the summit through the mountain's snowiest June on record (8.4" of snow with added icing, sleet, and below freezing temperatures through much of the month).
- new 14 new cafeteria tables were delivered, brought to the summit by staff, and assembled. The response from the public has been positive, replacing the aging and deteriorating tables and chairs that were previously in place.

BUREAU OF TRAILS (BOT)

- The Bureau of Trails is celebrating its 50th year of managing NH's trail system since the program's inception in 1973, which began as the Bureau of Off Highway Vehicles and then later changed to the Bureau of Trails in 1992 to better reflect all users, including non-motorized.
- BOT recently hired two equipment operators for vacant positions within District 1 in North Country: Jeff Parker and Hunter Roy. Both are avid outdoorsmen and are excited to work on the trails that they frequently recreate on, beginning on June 16th.

- The NH Department of Transportation completed the NH Rail Trails Plan in August of 2022, which highlights the state’s existing rail trail infrastructure, multiple trail user types, as well as funding deficiencies and recommendations. The NH Rail Trails Plan can be found online at: <https://www.nh.gov/dot//org/aerorailtransit/railandtransit/documents/2022-rail-trails-plan-web.pdf>
- **OHRV registrations and report:**
 - As of March 2, 2023, 40,822 OHRVs were registered in NH, of which 24,497 are resident registrations, and 16,325 were non-resident registrations.
 - The OHRV season opened on May 23, 2023, and we are expecting a busy season ahead.
- **Snowmobile registrations and report:**
 - As of March 20, 2023, 37,572 snowmobiles were registered in NH, of which 23,142 are resident registrations, and 14,430 were non-resident registrations. This is a 17% decrease from the 2022 riding season mostly because of poor snow conditions for much of the winter.
- **Recreational Trail Program (RTP):**
 - Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Community RTP contracts are on the agenda for the June 14 meeting of Governor & Council, representing \$670,440.70 that will be directly funding the development and maintenance of recreational trails throughout the state.
 - BOT hosted several informational RTP workshops at both DNCR HQ as well as the Lancaster office, providing necessary background and program updates for organizations that are submitting FY 2024 RTP applications. Turnout was particularly high and extra sessions will likely be added next year to accommodate the growing interest in the program.
 - The June 16th application deadline for FY 2024 Community RTP applications is quickly approaching, and the applications are steadily rolling in. For those interested the deadline for Department project applications is July 28th, feel free to reach out to Jay Scarborough with any questions or submissions.
 - In April, Deputy Chief Alexis Rudko, RTP Coordinator Jay Scarborough and Non-motorized Coordinator Andrew Pacuk attended the International Trails Summit in Reno, Nevada hosted by American Trails and the Professional Trail Builders Association. This conference focuses on RTP programs across the country and reviews federal grant management requirements.
- **Grant-In-Aid (GIA) Program:**
 - In the spring of 2023, the GIA program, with recommendations from the GIA Advisory Committees, awarded the snowmobile clubs \$1,799,876.43 and the OHRV clubs \$1,153,685.84 for summer trail construction/improvement projects throughout the state.
 - Lisa Meffert has officially retired from state service and Alexis Rudko has been covering the GIA program for the spring grant round. Our hope is to post this position in the next month or so to find a qualified replacement for this important BOT position.
 - All GIA reimbursements for the 2022-2023 winter grooming & 2022 summer construction season have been processed.
 - This summer, BOT will be updating and improving the GIA forms and applications to assist clubs in making the grant process more simplified.
- **Legislative items:**
 - HB 1188 5-year Study Committee: The last committee meeting was held on June 2, 2023, at DNCR Regional Office in Lancaster and there was review and discussion of SB160 relative to the use of OHRVs on designated trails and requiring a permit to operate certain OHRVs from before sunrise and after sunset, as well as the Montana plate issue. Also, the committee discussed SB256 establishing a safety program for OHRV’s.

STATE PARKS RETAIL PROGRAMS

- Total annual sales for the 2022 season were \$2.2 million for campgrounds and beaches and \$1.4 million for our gift shops. Mt. Washington retail grossed \$1.6 million. Total retail sales for the season were \$5.2 million.
- Over 600,000 items were sold during the season.
- Retail transferred 765k in profit to the parks fund for fiscal year 2023.
- Firewood generated \$446k in revenue, selling 74,000 bundles of firewood.
- Boat rentals generated 340K in revenue. The current fleet has 336 watercraft and were rented 10,068 times last season. The average is \$34 per rental and \$1,011 per watercraft per season.
- State Parks retail is currently up 16% in revenue over last season and is projected to generate more revenue for fiscal year close than any year prior.

ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS

DAY-USE & CAMPING RESERVATION SYSTEM

- **Day Use Reservations.** 33,302 Day use reservations have been made so far this calendar year, resulting in \$509,433 in revenue and 53,574 visitors. Day use reservations continue to prove a valuable asset to our system, offering an option for customers to pre-pay for their entrance, as well as a way for staff to anticipate busy days ahead of time.
- **Camping Reservations.** CY23 to date (6/14/23) we have welcomed 8,124 reservations into our parks, encompassing 54,632 campers, not including primitive camping transactions conducted through the iron ranger. We anticipate a very busy season this year, weather permitting. Our primitive season was delayed this year due to tree and facility damage from fall and winter storms. NHSP has generated \$1,830,868 in camping revenue so far this season.

SEACOAST PARKING ENTERPRISE SYSTEM

On April 1, we rolled out 42 new multi-space pay stations along the seacoast that allow visitors to pay for parking using coins, cash, or credit cards. Additionally, we have added the option of paying using a mobile app on their phone which allows the visitor to add time to their visit without having to go back to the pay station. Additionally, the fiscal committee approved a rate increase from May 1 through September 30 from \$2 per hour to \$3 per hour. (You have my numbers for the parking). We look forward to the weather clearing up and many people coming to the beach this summer!

The below information is for Memorial Day weekend and the YTD through 5/29/23:

Date	# of Purchases	Purchase Amount	% Change 2022 - 2023
May 27 -29, 2023	12,957	\$106,112.40	65%
May 28 - 30, 2022	11,124	\$64,214.70	
May 29 - 31, 2021	4,705	\$17,883.47	
May 30 - 31, 2020*			
Year to date			
April 1 – May 14, 2023	77,064	\$407,015.11	17%
April 1 – May 14, 2022	85,431	\$348,576.31	
April 1 – May 24, 2021	40,726	\$396,940.65	
April 1 – May 14, 2020*			

*2020 was during COVID and didn't start collecting until June.

**It is important to note that the hourly rate increased to \$3.00 on 5/1 instead of the \$2.00 in previous years.

DESIGN, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) PROJECTS (Updates available from the [Parks website.](#))

- FIVE appropriations:
 - DNCR (Div Forests & Lands / Div Parks & Recreation) \$22,570,000
 - Historic Sites \$4,045,000
 - Bureau of Trails \$4,000,000
 - Park Operations Trash Compactor Truck \$175,000
 - Roads and Parking Lots \$1,000,000 (Greenfield, Rye Harbor)

Projects with Funding re-directed:

- Mt. Washington Sewage treatment
- Mt. Washington Sherman Adams Building Improvements
- Ellacoya RV Park Electrical Upgrade
- Coleman Lodges Renovations
- Bear Brook Bear Hill Revitalization
- Bear Brook Catamount Pond horse camping
- Jericho RV Dump Station (part of the campground expansion)

Completed Projects

- Hampton RV Park Electrical Upgrade
- Ragged Neck Toilet Building Renovation

Projects Under Design

- Greenfield Utilities
- Mollidgewock Campground Expansion: visitor services building
- Pawtuckaway Campground Expansion: 25-30 improved campsites
- Jericho Campground Expansion: 25-30 premium campsites

Projects Waiting to be Bid

- Cannon Sewer Pipeline

Projects Waiting for G&C Approval

- Fort Stark Improvements
- Roofing and Repairs (Nursery Irrigation System)

Projects Under Construction

- Mt. Washington Water and Sewage Systems
- Franconia Notch Highway Signs

Capital Projects

- 2024-2025 Budget
 - Roofing & Repair, \$1,200,000
 - Forest and Lands Facilities, \$2,800,000
 - Trails Bureau Equipment, \$1,000,000
 - Mount Washington Summit Infrastructure & Ecology Study, \$1,000,000
 - Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Road Repair and Paving, \$1,750,000
- Tramway Replacement
 - RFQ issued and DNCR is contracted for design and engineering, tower inspection completed.
 - \$18,000,000 appropriated

SCA (Student Conservation Assn) NH CORPS

- Program year 2023 began at the end of March.
- 9 Discover the Power of Parks Rangers to present [programming](#) at 14 parks June - October.
- 15 Conservation Projects statewide!

CLHWF Public Access and Recreation Management Plan 2023-2024

- The Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Citizens Committee recommended adoption of a one-year plan to stay in compliance with the easement while a 5-year plan is developed. The CLH landowner signed the one-year plan on 6/14/23. The plan has been delayed due to the pandemic which required Division staff to focus on operations with the unprecedented numbers of people visiting the parks in addition to the appropriation of ARPA funds.

BUREAU OF COMMUNITY RECREATION

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM The volunteer program has been steadily growing since 2010 and is in good shape to continue the momentum. In 2022 we saw 18 long-term volunteer groups renew their agreements while adding another 7 groups to the roster. DNCR volunteers provide a variety of services throughout the state including grounds maintenance, trail work, GPS data collection, invasive species removal, search and rescue, and so much more. Some of the notable accomplishments follow:

- **Volunteer Jed Piatt** organized 3 volunteer workdays in the climbing areas at Pawtuckaway State Park. A total of 20 volunteers cleared debris at Round Pond lot and Shaw trail. A new information kiosk was built and installed and is ready for updated recreation info for climbers.
- **Friends of Fort Stark** held a volunteer day every Wednesday at historic Fort Stark. Work included grounds maintenance, maintaining displays inside the museum/visitor center, mending holes cut in the fencing around the bunkers, painting over graffiti, and opening and closing the gate to the parking lot.
- **Volunteers at Miller State Park** helped to paint buildings and plant native plant species in an ongoing effort to beautify the summit. The culmination of these years long efforts were celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Senator Sununu and Commissioner Stewart of the Division of Natural and Cultural Resources.
- **World Trail Network** entered into a volunteer group agreement to complete realignments and reconstructions of the Old Bridal Path within Franconia Notch State Park. Through a private funder and the Charitable Foundation, the WTN will bring close to \$300,000 of in-kind trail work to a well-deserved sections of what some considered one of the most hiked trails in the state. Work will take place over the 2023/2024 summer/fall season.

At this time DNCR has more than 25 active individual volunteers, 34 long term groups under agreement, and hosts scores of single-day volunteers under the supervision of park staff and partnering agencies, orgs, and groups. These folks are instrumental in tackling tasks ranging from beach cleanups to technical trail maintenance and play an integral role in the beauty and safety of NH State Parks.

For 2023, volunteer groups and individuals have already contributed 454 hours of service. As the weather improves and folks begin to send in work reports we expect to volunteer involvement continue to grow.

Andy Crowley joined the Bureau of Community Recreation as the new volunteer program manager in April and has been working to connect with the various groups and ensure their continued success. Andy Crowley is a consummate conservationist and has previously worked with the NH Outdoor Council, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, Conservation Trail Services, and the US Navy among others.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND Established by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, LWCF is a federal financial assistance program to the States via the US Department of the Interior, National Park Service for the acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation lands and facilities. The program is managed for the

State of New Hampshire by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation. Funds apportioned to the States may be sub-granted to local units of government. Financial assistance through approved grant awards is provided on a reimbursement basis. Project sponsors must contribute a least 50% matching share of a total project cost and value.

To participate in the program States must revise and maintain a five-year Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and designate a State Liaison Officer (SLO) by Governor or by statute.

- Current SCORP, 2019-2023
- SLO: Sarah Stewart, Commissioner, DNCR
- Alternate SLO: Brian Wilson, Director, DNCR-Parks and Recreation
- Alternate SLO: Eric Feldbaum, Community Recreation Specialist, DNCR-Parks and Recreation

Apportionment Types:

LW	<u>Land and Water Conservation Fund</u> State and Local Assistance Program regular formula apportionment.
GM	<u>Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act</u> , Section 105, designates 12.5% of the proceeds from leases in Areas 181, 181 South and the 2002-2007 planning areas to be dispensed to the States in accordance with Section 6 of the LWCF Act.
SR	<u>Special Reapportionment Account</u> , unspent funds from previously closed or terminated projects. Not available until regular (LWCF) apportionment of the same federal fiscal year is fully obligated.

Current Program Apportionments and Available Balances (by Federal Fiscal Year):

Apportionment Accounts	Expiration	Amount	Available
GM FY:2009-2017	None	\$122,193.00	\$25,919.00
LW FY:2020	9/30/2022*	\$1,028,240.00	\$6,000.00
LW FY:2021	9/30/2023	\$2,056,481.00	\$2,056,481.00
GM FY:2021	9/30/2023	\$769,818.00	\$232,355.64
LW FY:2022	9/30/2024	\$1,827,766.00	\$1,827,766.00
GM FY:2022	9/30/2024	\$779,005.00	\$779,005.00
SR FY:2022	9/30/2023	\$11,362.61	\$11,362.61
LW FY:2023 (PENDING)	9/30/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00
GM FY:2023 (PENDING)	9/30/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00
SR FY:2023 (PENDING)	9/30/2024	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS:		\$6,594,865.61	\$4,938,889.25

*Available balance due to NPS accounting error. NPS will reopen.

The current policy for the approximate distribution of fund assistance between state and local projects is for the state to retain 40% and to provide the remaining 60% to sub-grantees. This is maintained as a long-range plan over time. A specific granting year may have a higher percentage awarded to either the state or local recipients. Sub-grants to local units of government are awarded through a competitive selection application and review process. Selected proposals are then submitted to the NPS by the state. Because the state is the official grantee, applications for state projects are submitted directly to the NPS in the absence of a scoring system. Regardless, the submittal of all project applications must be concurred by the Commissioner/SLO.

Local Grant Round-34:

The Division has received twenty-four Intents-to-Apply from eighteen municipalities. The total amount of potential estimated grant requests is \$6,762,531.00. Bureau of Community Recreation staff will conduct pre-application inspections through the summer season. Invitations to apply will be released between August-September 2023. Successful proposals will be given a grant start date of October 1, 2024.

Local Grant Round-33:

The following proposals are currently being reviewed by the NPS for eligibility. The federal program window for formal application submittals should open by the end of June 2023. Approved projects will be given a grant start date of October 1, 2023. These amounts will be obligated from the available apportionment balances detailed above.

PROJECT	NAME	SPONSOR	SCOPE	REQUEST
33-00756	Cochecho River Park-II	City of Dover	Development of the new Cochecho River Park, on the lower section of the river	\$500,000.00
33-00757	Hedgehog Park-III	Town of Salem	Various improvements including redevelopment of shelter pavilion, accessible trail, and picnic areas	\$204,055.00
33-00758	Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area-II	Town of Chester	Replacement of causeway bridge connecting beach and trails area to main parking	\$240,625.00
33-00759	Canal Street Riverfront Park	City of Concord	Development of the new Canal Street Riverfront Park in Penacook Village	\$500,000.00
33-00760	White Park-III	City of Concord	Replacement of the large playground	\$400,000.00
33-00761	Patricia T Russell Park-II	City of Keene	Development of a newly acquired adjacent lot into a poured concrete skatepark	\$225,000.00
33-00734.1	Patricia T Russell Park	City of Keene	Amendment to project #33-00734 to increase award due to cost overruns.	\$500,000.00
TOTAL:				\$2,569,680.00

Pending State Projects:

The following project is currently being reviewed by the NPS for eligibility. If and when approved by the NPS it will be given a start date of October 1, 2023. This amount will be obligated from the available apportionment balances detailed above.

PROJECT	NAME	SPONSOR	SCOPE	REQUEST
33-00754	Hampton Beach State Park South-II	State of NH DNCR	Renovation of the bathroom facilities at the South Beach day-use area	\$277,777.50

Current Open/Active LWCF Grant Projects:

PROJECT	NAME	SPONSOR	SCOPE	FED GRANT
33-00716	Mill City Park at Franklin Falls	City of Franklin	Purchase of 2.2 acres, development of trails, restrooms, parking, picnic area, and pavilion	\$200,200.00
33-00718	Riverfront Park	Town of Lincoln	Construction of a skate park, parking, bike-ped trails, river access, and utilities	\$200,200.00
33-00719	New Boston Rail Trail Rehabilitation	Town of New Boston	Installation of surface material, new/fixed drainage, grading, benches, kiosks	\$100,100.00
33-00720	Plaistow Athletic and Recreation Complex	Town of Plaistow	Development of a trail network on Town lands	\$51,551.50
33-00721	Littleton Riverfront Commons	Town of Littleton	Purchase of 7.5 acres, construction of parking, events area, pathway, landscaping	\$200,200.00
33-00723	Moeckel Pond Dam Reconstruction	Town of Windham	Reconstruction of historic mill site dam, car-top boat, and parking	\$150,150.00
33-00724	Jules Bisson Park-II	City of Somersworth	Construction of a playground, picnic shelter, and accessibility enhancements	\$45,000.00
33-00725	Kearsarge Mtn Reservation-VIII	State of NH DNCR	Development of two pit-toilets and parking lot paving, and two pit-toilets at Winslow State Park.	\$231,481.25
33-00729	Remich Park Improvements	Town of Littleton	Demolition and reconstruction of service building (concession, bathrooms, storage), field drainage improvements, resurfacing of perimeter pathway, replacement of playground	\$200,200.00

33-00730	Northwood Playground	Town of Northwood	Construction of a new playground, athletic fields site work, fencing	\$88,898.81
33-00731	West Swanzey AA Memorial Park	Town of Swanzey	Construction of picnic pavilion, half-size basketball court, Ashuelot River car-top boat access, landscaping	\$46,956.91
33-00732	Rockingham Recreational Trail-II	State of NH DNCR	(Fremont Branch) Replacement of control gates, bridge re-decking, trail resurfacing	\$128,938.81
33-00733	Daniell Park Improvements	City of Franklin	Demolition and reconstruction of bathroom facility, installation of accessible ramp between parking area and lower fields	\$45,045.00
33-00734	Patricia T. Russell Park	City of Keene	Park enhancements, parking, field space, play features, landscaping, parking	\$400,400.00
33-00735	Mascoma Lakeside Park	Town of Enfield	Parking, accessible routes	\$125,125.00
33-00736	Colonel Town Enhancements	Town of Lancaster	Playground replacement	\$180,180.00
33-00737	Merrimack River Greenway-II	City of Concord	Construction of Bicycle-Pedestrian path	\$275,275.00
33-00738	Trestle View and Winnepesaukee River Whitewater Parks	City of Franklin	Development of whitewater structures, and riverbank terrace seating	\$400,400.00
33-00740	Big River Recreation Area	Town of Barnstead	Improvements to ice-rink, and development of a natural playground area	\$75,075.00
33-00741	Littleton Riverfront Commons-II	Town of Littleton	Development of park land acquired under project 33-00721	\$200,200.00
33-00742	Mount Washington SP Sewerage	State of NH-DNCR	Upgrade to capacity and modernization of sewerage system	\$1,045,134.09
33-00743	NH SCORP 2024-2028	State of NH-DNCR	Five-year plan revision (LWCF requirement)	\$69,144.08
33-00744	Odiorne Point SP Playground 2021	State of NH-DNCR	Replacement of playground facilities	\$95,045.45
33-00745	White Lake SP Area 1 Toilet Building Renovation	State of NH-DNCR	Campground toilet building renovation	\$272,772.50
33-00746	Gregg Lake Beach III	Town of Antrim	Bathroom renovation, park improvements	\$165,165.00
33-00747	Gorham Common II	Town of Gorham	New accessible playground, bathroom accessibility enhancements	\$83,963.88
33-00748	Storrs Hill Ski Area II	City of Lebanon	Ski area lodge renovations and ski jump redevelopment	\$400,400.00
33-00749	Discovery Park	Town of Goshen	Creation of new park and trail with natural playground features	\$74,688.61
33-00750	Fernald Park	Town of Farmington	New playground and park improvements	\$62,562.50
33-00751	Timberlane Public Track	Timberlane School District	Replacement of track and jumping sports facilities	\$211,148.43
33-00752	Piermont Community Playground	Piermont School District	Replacement of playground	\$68,068.00
33-00753	Stepping Stones Playground	Town of Kingston	Replacement of playground	\$43,077.03
32 OPEN GRANTS (26 Local,6 State) TOTAL:				\$5,936,746.85

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grants Program:

Nationally competitive program run by the NPS for eligible state and local government projects within US Census urban areas. Although this is a program under the LWCF, funds are not allocated from the states' regular apportionments. The State of NH submitted one proposal on behalf of the City of Manchester. Notice of selections should be provided by October 2023.

PROJECT	NAME	SPONSOR	SCOPE	REQUEST
Pending	Sheehan Basquill Park	City of Manchester		\$4,004,000.00

Administrative Funding:

Federal legislation for 7%
Stewardship Specialist
GIS Database

Promotional Events attended.

- NH Camping and RV Show, March 31st-April 2nd.
- Discover Wild NH Day, April 15- Gave out over 1,500 smores with 8,000+ in attendance.
- NH Farm and Forest Expo, May 5th-6th

DIVISION ADMINISTRATION

MARKETING.

- Parks Marketing had a successful first year with the new marketing contract and **Drive Brand Studio**. We were able to drive increased revenue around the holidays for the online store, greatly increase employment opportunity awareness with an aggressive online hiring campaign and successfully promote less utilized park properties through the **Find Your New Point of View** campaign.
- We're currently working on filling in gaps in our **photo library** to enhance the Point of View Campaign moving into the next FY.

AGREEMENTS.

- **Blue Ocean Society** contract for the use of a portion of the Hampton Beach Seashell Complex for the operation of a marine education center to provide visitors educational and interpretive services. *IN PROCESS*.
- **Mt Washington Auto Road** agreement for the use of summit parking lots at Mount Washington State Park, expires June 30, 2023. *IN PROCESS*.
- **Centerplate Sodexo** concessionaire contract for food and beverage services at FNSP/Cannon Mountain, expires on May 16, 2024.
- **AMC** lease for use and operation of Lonesome Lake Hut, expires on June 30, 2024. *IN PROCESS*.
- **Mount Washington Observatory** lease for use of museum and weather observatory space at the summit of Mt Washington, expires September 30, 2024.

LIBRARY PASS PROGRAM

This program began in 2013 and is intended to provide NH residents an opportunity to visit many of our parks by obtaining the pass from their local library. It cost \$105 and allows 2 adults (12+) and up to four dependents to enter most parks (except the Tram, Flume, Hampton Beach South and Wallis Sands) access to the park for no additional fee. It is not valid for camping or the metered parking on the seacoast. To date, we have sold 68 passes to 64 communities across the state with 10 of the communities buying the pass for the first time.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT PROGRAM (SUP)

To date, 87 permits have been written for events that take place in State Parks or on the rail trails. This includes events for triathlons, 5k runs, surfing lessons, filming permits, research projects, and more. Some of the events are for fundraising efforts while others are meant to raise a profit for the event coordinators. Some upcoming events that may be of interest include:

Event	Location	Dates	Description
Swim with a Mission	Wellington State Park	7/14/23	Fundraising activity for Swim with a mission. It includes a swim race with Navy SEALs. There are also activities that take place off-site.
Overland Summer Camps	Several locations throughout the State	6/24 – 8/2	Overland Summer Camps provide an opportunity for their campers to come to many parks for camping and hiking adventures. This event is intended to make a profit.
Swimming lessons	White Lake and Wadleigh	July	This event is intended to offer swim lessons to the local children. There is a small fee to take the lessons meant to cover the expenses of the program.
Seafood Festival	Hampton Beach State Park	9/8 – 9/10	This is a fundraising activity for the Hampton Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. The event includes food and drink, arts and crafts and entertainment and is visited by nearly 100,000 people over the weekend.
Southern NH Flying Eagles Annual Float Fly	Greenfield	9/15 – 9/17	The event is designed to promote the hobby of flying model aircrafts and promoting safe operations of the aircrafts. During the event the members of the club are to fly their model aircraft from the water of Otter Lake. Some offer spectators the opportunity to give it a try too.
Reach the Beach	From Bretton Woods to Hampton Beach	9/16 – 9/17	This is a road race starting at Bretton Woods and ends at Hampton Beach State Park. It goes through Crawford Notch State Park, Echo Lake State Park (North Conway), White Lake State Park, Bear Brook State Park, and Hampton Beach State Park.

REPORTS PROVIDED SEPARATELY:

- Parks & Retail Comparative Statements, Week 49
- Parks Legislative Report, 2023 Session

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