



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION of PARKS and RECREATION  
BUREAU of TRAILS  
172 Pembroke Road Concord, New Hampshire 03301  
Phone: (603) 271-3254 Fax: (603) 271-3553 E-Mail: nhtrails@dnrcr.nh.gov  
Web: www.nhtrails.org

115

June 1, 2023

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to award Recreational Trails Program grants to the organizations listed on the attached sheet (vendor codes included) in the total amount of \$670,440.70 for the development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail related safety and educational projects effective upon Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in account, Nat'l Recreational Trails Fund, as follows:

03-035-035-351510-37770000-074-500585-Grants for Public Assistance and Relief	<u>FY 2023</u> \$670,440.70
---	--------------------------------

**EXPLANATION**

The Recreational Trails Program is funded by the Federal Highway Administration. The purpose of the program is to allocate funds to the States for the development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail related safety and educational projects.

The Attorney General's Office has reviewed and approved each grant as to form, substance and execution.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Wilson  
Director

Concurred,

Sarah L. Stewart  
Commissioner

### FY-23 (Project A) Recreational Trails Program Community Grants

Grant #	Sponsor/Applicant	Project Name	Town	Grant Amount	20% Match	Total Project cost
23-01	Milan Trail Huggers	Corridor A1 & Bog Brook Trail Maintenance	Dummer, Cambridge, Success & Berlin	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
23-02	Groveton Trailblazers	Trail 117 Mountain View Road Maintenance	Stark	\$13,000.00	\$3,250.00	\$16,250.00
23-04	PowderMill SMC	2023 Tucker Terra 1100E	New Durham	\$46,502.70	\$11,625.68	\$58,128.38
23-06	Town of Stewartstown	Creampoke Rd. Upgrade	Stewartstown	\$36,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$45,000.00
23-08	Friends of the Northern Rail Trail	Potato Road	Canaan	\$50,739.08	\$12,684.77	\$63,423.85
23-09		Rt 4 Overpass	Grafton	\$12,550.84	\$3,137.71	\$15,688.55
23-10	County of Cheshire	CRT Rehab Surry-Westmoreland	Surry & Westmoreland	\$28,671.12	\$7,167.78	\$35,838.90
23-11	Town of Swanzey	ART Rehab South End, CRT Mt. Huggins Drainage	Swanzey	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000.00
23-12	Town of Hopkinton	Kearsarge Ave. to Library	Hopkinton	\$73,432.80	\$18,358.20	\$91,791.00
23-13	Town of Walpole	Restoration on CRT	Walpole	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000.00
23-14	City of Lebanon	Rail Trail Bridge on NRT	Lebanon	\$11,209.76	\$2,802.44	\$14,012.20
23-18	Audubon Society of NH	All Persons Trail Phase 2	Concord	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
23-20	Randolph Mountain Club	Short Line Trail	Randolph/WMNF	\$38,334.40	\$9,583.60	\$47,918.00
23-21	Society for the Protection of NH Forests	Mt. Major Sustainability Upgrade Phase 2	Alton	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
23-25	Town of Hooksett	Hookset Riverwalk Trail Phase 4	Hooksett	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00

**Total for Community Projects:** \$670,440.70 \$167,610.18 \$838,050.88

### FY-23 (Project A) Recreational Trails Program Department Grants

Grant #	Sponsor/Applicant	Project Name	Town	Grant Amount	20% Match	Total Project cost
23-TB1	Trails Bureau	Administration	N/A	\$88,756.00	\$22,189.00	\$110,945.00
23-TB2	Trails Bureau	equipment purchasing		\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$6,250.00
23-TB3	Trails Bureau	Education Materials		\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$6,250.00
23-TB4	Trails Bureau	Mowing	State-wide, but primarily rail trail corridors.	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$37,500.00
23-TB5	Trails Bureau	Redecking		\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$37,500.00
23-TB6	Trails Bureau	Gravel		\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$37,500.00
23-TB7	Trails Bureau: D1	Jericho S.P. Maintenance	Berlin	\$74,450.00	\$18,612.50	\$93,062.50
23-TB8	Trails Bureau: D1	Rail Removal	Littleton	\$150,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$187,500.00
23-TB9	Trails Bureau: D3	Corridor 11 Reroute	Franconia	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$125,000.00
23-DP2	Division of Parks & Rec	Monadnock Deferred Maintenance	Jaffrey	\$33,680.00	\$8,420.00	\$42,100.00
23-DP3	Division of Parks & Rec	Crawford Notch Deferred Maintenance	Hart's Location	\$33,680.00	\$8,420.00	\$42,100.00
23-DP4	Division of Parks & Rec	Non-motorized trail re-decking	State-wide	\$4,258.30	\$1,064.58	\$5,322.88

**Total for Department Projects:** \$584,824.30 \$146,206.08 \$731,030.38

**Total for Projects Z:** \$1,255,265.00 \$313,816.25 \$1,569,081.25

## Fiscal Year 2023 (Project A) Projects

Grant #	Grantee	Project Name	Town	Project Description
23-01	Milan Trail Huggers	Corridor A1 & Bog Brook Trail Maintenance	Dummer, Cambridge, Success & Berlin	Project is to <b>perform maintenance</b> on Corridor A1 ATV trail in <b>Dummer/Cambridge/Success &amp; Berlin</b> . To access A1 with fully-loaded dump truck, Bog Brook Trail must be updated to accomodate heavy equipment. Project is in 5 parts. (1) @ west end of Bog Brook: replace 19'x16' bridge deck on existing bridge over unnamed stream. (2) @ middle of Bog Brook trail replace 36"x30' metal culvert w/ HDPE double wall culvert. Digging to replace culvert only. (3) On Corridor A1 @ east end of Black Mt. Path, brush 3.55 miles of trail, widen 2,750' of trail from 10' to 15' (trees cut, stumps pulled and buried), replace 2 15"x20' culverts, install/compact clay/gravel mix to widened section of trail. Rework 0.21 miles of steep trail to repair ruts, install/compact clay/gravel mix. (4) On Corridor A1, brush 6.63 miles of trail to expose ditchlines. Saplings cut to expose ditchlines. (5) On Corridor A1 along Success Pond Road: replace 36"x30' culvert, add/compact gravel to road around culvert to build/crown road. Add/compact clay/gravel to 1 mile of Success Pond Road where intersects A1 corridor. <b>RTP funds:</b> equipment rentals via service contract (excavator, dozer, dumper, roller, grader), materials (lumber, hardware, culverts, seed/hay, clay gravel mix). <b>MATCH:</b> volunteer labor, cash via GIA, & NHOHVA cash loan.
23-02	Groveton Trailblazers	Trail 117 Mountain View Road Maintenance	Stark	Project is to <b>reroute</b> 0.51 miles of the PT117 in <b>Stark</b> from its current location to a new location to not interfere with new subdivision being built. New trail will cut trees and be 15' wide. 1 gate to be moved but not replaced. 1 bridge to install: 14'x14' all wooden stringers/abutment spanning small intermittent brook. Bridge materials partially using GIA. <b>RTP funds:</b> excavators, materials: lumber for bridge, hardware, hay. <b>Match:</b> volunteer labor, <b>GIA</b> .
23-04	Powder Mill SMC	2023 Tucker Terra 1100E	New Durham	Club wants to purchase a new 2023 Tucker Terra 1100E snow groomer to replace one of the two currently owned. <b>RTP Funds:</b> partial tucker purchase. <b>MATCH:</b> GIA, club cash.
23-06	Town of Stewartstown	Creampoke Road Upgrade	Stewartstown	Project is to complete phase 3 of Creampoke Road upgrades in <b>Stewartstown</b> . Phase 3 includes hiring a service contractor to <b>remove trees</b> and <b>pull stumps</b> from town's ROW (50' wide), remove overburden, <b>widen road</b> , clean ditchlines, add gravel & compact for a total linear 1700'. <b>RTP Funds:</b> materials (gravel), service contract (excavator work, dump trucks), land survey of ROW boundaries. <b>MATCH:</b> cash, skilled labor.
23-08	Friends of the Northern Rail Trail	Potato Road	Canaan	Project is to <b>resurface</b> 5000' of the Northern Rail Trail in <b>Canaan</b> from Potato road to north side of Indian River bridge by hiring a service contractor. Project will include: sub grade 5000' of existing trail, install 735 cubic yards of stone dust to 4" depth & compact the surface. This section has recieved complaints from bicyclists about larger, looser gravel. <b>RTP Funds:</b> partial service contract (equipment, labor & gravel), <b>MATCH:</b> cash from service contract.
23-09		Rt 4 Overpass	Grafton	Project is to <b>resurface</b> 1000' of the Northern Rail Trail in <b>Grafton</b> from Rt 4 overpass near Tunnel Road by hiring a service contractor. Project will include: sub grade 1000' of existing trail, install 145 cubic yards of stone dust to 4" depth & compact the surface. This section has a narrow riding surface of 2-3 feet becuae of loose gravel. Trail has eroded under the Rt 4 overpass. Project is close to riverbank but will remain entirely above the top of the bank and no excavation will fill in the bank. <b>RTP Funds:</b> partial service contract (equipment, labor & gravel), <b>MATCH:</b> cash from service contract.
23-10	County of Cheshire	CRT Rehab Surry-Westmoreland	Surry & Westmoreland	Project is <b>maintenance</b> to 7.25 miles of Cheshire Rail Trail through <b>Surry &amp; Westmoreland</b> . 1 culvert to be reset and cleaned, mow sides of trail with flail mover, ditch line cleaning, <b>tree removal</b> in "Summit Cut" area w/ <b>brush clearing</b> . Summit Cut is granite ledge which will need a tree service to perform work. Some gravel to install where low. <b>RTP Funds:</b> equipment rentals, culvert, gravel, partial service contract with tree service, equipment fuel. <b>MATCH:</b> volunteer labor, cash
23-11	Town of Swanzey	ART Rehab South End, CRT Mt. Huggins Drainage	Swanzey	Project is to perform <b>drainage ditchline cleaning and mowing</b> on 4 miles of the Ashuelot Rail Trail in <b>Swanzey</b> and the Cheshire Rail Trail near Mt. Higgings Drive in Swanzey needs a 15"x40' <b>culvert replaced</b> (need DOT approval with DOT culvert specs). Swanzey DPW will provide free labor to operate machine rentals. <b>RTP Funds:</b> Equipment rentals (excavators, mower, dump truck, chipper), Materials (culvert, gravel, fill). <b>Match:</b> town DPW skilled labor operating machines.

23-12	Town of Hopkinton	Kearsarge Ave. to Library	Hopkinton	Project is to use old RR corridor to <b>create a 1400' universally-accessible connection</b> from the schools to the library and town fields in <b>Hopkinton</b> . Service contractors will be used for majority of project to <b>cut trees</b> , add fill, level out surface and <b>install</b> one 20'x15" plastic <b>culvert</b> . Some DPW labor and some volunteer labor to clean up. <b>Gate will be installed</b> at Kearsarge Ave to control access. <b>RTP Funds:</b> service contract to build trail. <b>MATCH:</b> service contract for tree clearing, materials (gravel, stone dust, culvert, STEEL gate, posts), volunteer labor & own work force. SPN permit.
23-13	Town of Walpole	Restoration on CRT	Walpole	Project is to <b>address drainage issues and reclaim an old parking area</b> on the 7 mile stretch of the Cheshire Rail Trail in <b>Walpole</b> . There are 5 total drainage sites to address and at each site, drainage ditches will be cleaned and have trail crowned with gravel and compacted. Total length of ditch cleaning is less then half a mile for all sites combined. Specific additional drainage tasks wil occur at (D1): add 24" culvert ~ 50' before the washout behind the vet clinic, (D2): 6' wide by 2' deep drop pool dug and lined with crushed stone (drop will break momentum of seasonal stream that washes onto trail surface and will direct water to drainage ditch), (D3): pile of rocks fallen from cliff will be removed from drainage ditch, (D4): an existing surface drainage channel will be repaired and lined with crushed stone between outlet of an existing culvert under Rt 12 and a box culvert under rail trail. (P1): reclaim an old parking area on the side of River Road S. Hand tools and volunteer labor will be used for reclaiming parking area by removing saplings. <b>RTP Funds:</b> equipment rental (brush hogger), service contract (equipment, labor, materials: culvert, gravel). <b>MATCH:</b> volunteer labor, cash from town.
23-14	City of Lebanon	Rail Trail Bridge on NRT	Lebanon	Project is to <b>replace decking and railings</b> on bridge #134.50 on the Northern Rail Trail near the <b>Lebanon/Enfield border</b> . No stringer or abutment work. Bridge is 12' wide x 93' and spans the Mascoma River. City will dispose of materials at city dump. <b>RTP Funds:</b> service contract for JC Builders (under \$10K), materials (lumber & hardware). <b>MATCH:</b> city owned equipment (dump truck, F-250 4x4 truck) and 2 city laborers, volunteer labor.
23-18	Audubon Society of NH	All Persons Trail Phase 2	Concord	Project is in 2 phases: Phase 1 is to build a rough out of a universal trail at at the McLane Audubon center in <b>Concord</b> in summer of 2022. In 2023, Phase 2 will be to <b>upgrade this same trail to be universally accesible</b> . Project will be completely contracted out. Several donations expected for the match portion of project. Project phase 2 tasks include: excavate 6-8" down for 2000' of trail, add rough stone, add 3/4" gravel, add stone dust, crown and compact trail. Where needed, add geotextile fabric. Replace a basic "boardwalk" (35'x3.5') over depression with longer/wider wooden structure. <b>RTP Funds:</b> partial payment to contractor. <b>MATCH:</b> Cash for contractor, volunteer time, Audubon staff time.
23-20	Randolph Mountain Club	Short Line Trail	Randolph/WMNF	Project is to <b>address erosional problems</b> on ~ 104' of the Short Line Trail in the WMNF (just south of Randolph). Tasks include building cross drains, stairs, retaining walls and step stones. All constructed with rock found on site. <b>RTP Funds:</b> RMC own force labor. <b>MATCH:</b> RMC field supervisor labor, volunteers.
23-21	Society for the Protection of NH forests	Mt. Major Sustainability Upgrade Phase 2	Alton	Project is to <b>reroute</b> 1,927' of the Main Trail that goes up Mt. Major in <b>Alton</b> .The existing trail was a "fall line" trail and has deteriorated to a point were repairs are no longer reasonable to protect the environment. The new trail section can be built sustainably to accomodate the large volume of hikers. The new trail will be 6' wide and use grade reversals, crushed stone surface, stone steps, cribbing, gargoyles, etc. Contractor will use equipment such as: mini-excavator, tracked crawler, tracked skid steer, loader, ditch witch, roller, compactor. Trail will be built to create a "wandering through the forest" feel using a "rolling contour" design and will try to keep a 10% slope and not exceed 15-20% slope. Closure of the existing trail will occur after this project is complete and seperate from this request. <b>RTP Funds:</b> partial pro crew contract. <b>MATCH:</b> SPNHF staff time, cash.

23-25	Town of Hooksett	Hooksett Riverwalk Trail Phase 4	Hooksett	Project is to <b>create a better trail</b> (somewhat "new") on an existing grass trail along the Merrimack River in <b>Hooksett</b> . This will be part of Hooksett's Riverwalk system and on the old RR bed. Project will <b>excavate</b> 2,740'x12'x1' to remove topsoil and add gravel to create a stable level trail. Project includes a 24'x12' wooden bridge with concrete abutments on an offshoot trail that leads to an active corn field. 1 culvert in project area but will not be disturbed. <b>RTP Funds:</b> partial service contract. <b>MATCH:</b> cash
Department of Natural And Cultural Resources Projects				
23-TB1	Trails Bureau	Administration	N/A	Administration of RTP: salary & benefits for RTP coordinator, travel for NOHVAA, ISC, STAM & USFS meetings, miscellaneous adminstration costs.
23-TB2	Trails Bureau	Equipment Purchasing		Purchasing equipment for trail maintenance.
23-TB3	Trails Bureau	Education Materials		Printed materials for education.
23-TB4	Trails Bureau	Mowing	State-wide, but primarily rail trail corridors.	Mowing the DNCR rail & rec trails throughout the season as needed. Mowing of vegetation and ditch line cleaning/reestablishing ditches of existing trails:
23-TB5	Trails Bureau	Redecking		Redecking various bridges across NH DNCR lands. Replacement of bridge decking, stringers, railings and hardware on existing bridges where needed. Installation
23-TB6	Trails Bureau	Gravel		Gravel for erosion control on rail lines and DNCR properties.
23-TB7	Trails Bureau: D1	Rail Removal	Littleton	Continuation of removal of rails & ties on Ammonoosuc Rail Line from Industrial Rd in Littleton to (close to) Wing Rd in Bethlehem.
23-TB8	Trails Bureau: D1	Jericho S.P. Maintenance	Berlin	Jericho Mountain State Park in Berlin general ATV trail maintenance. Gravel installation, ditch line cleaning, reset culverts and erosion control to existing roads.
23-TB9	Trails Bureau: D3	Corridor 11 Reroute	Franconia	Corridor 11 reroute continuation built for snowmobile use primarily with incidental other uses allowed.
23-DP2	Division of Parks & Rec	Monadnock Deferred Maintenance	Jaffrey	General trail maintenance by hiring qualified youth crews for Mt. Monadnock State Park.
23-DP3	Division of Parks & Rec	Crawford Notch Deferred Maintenance	Hart's Location	General trail maintenance by hiring qualified youth crews Crawford Notch State Park.
23-DP4	Division of Parks & Rec	Non-motorized trail re-decking	State-wide	Redecking various non-motorized trail bridges across NH DNCR lands. Replacement of bridge decking, stringers, railings and hardware on existing bridges where needed. Installation and replacement of trail sign posts statewide as needed.