

**Director's Report**  
**STATE PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Division of Parks and Recreation**  
**June 13, 2022**  
(Last report date was September 16, 2021)

**STATE PARK SYSTEM FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

- **FY2022 Park System Comparative Statement** (sent separately) covering Week 48 from July 1, 2021 to June 2, 2022, has revenue at \$10,534,719, up slightly by 0.7% from \$10,458,425 in the previous period in FY21. Day-use, camping, Franconia Notch and State Park Plates are included in this revenue report. Cannon Mtn unaudited ski ops and retail revenue is \$8.9M, up 3% from the previous period FY21 of \$8.7M. Hampton Parking Meters is \$2M, up 23% from the previous period in FY21 of \$1.6M.
- **FY2022 Retail Comparative Statement** (sent separately) covering Week 48 has revenue, excluding Mt Washington, at \$2.5M, up 59% from the previous period in FY21 of \$1.6M. Mt Washington revenue reached \$1M, up 89% from the previous period in FY21 of \$740K. We are now reporting E-Commerce sales at \$22K in Week 48.
- **Parks Forecast Report** (sent separately)
- **NH State Park Plate** As of 05/09/22, there were 17,685 plates registered. FY22 to date revenue is \$1.2M. The total revenue earned in FY21 from State Park Plates topped \$1 million, closing at \$1.3M.
- **Donations** Parks closed CY21 with \$67,361.44 from 9,466 online donations. We received \$58,439.44 from 7,999 online donations for FY 22 to date. Of those donations, \$17,304.50 was given in CY22 as of 5/20/22.
- **E-Commerce & Season Passes** Parks closed CY21 having sold 3,609 items through our online store, resulting in \$243,716.89 in revenue. Of that, \$210,855.50 is revenue from season passes (2,087 sold). The holiday season proved to be one of the most successful to date, with 1,314 items sold from Nov 1-Dec 31, 2021. This is an increase of more than 160% from 2020. In CY22, Parks sold 991 products so far, with \$79,034.61 in revenue. Of that, \$76,998.50 is the result of 781 season passes sold.
- **Gift Cards** 1,379 Gift Cards were sold in CY21, with a total value of \$74,042. In FY22 to date, Parks sold 1,105 gift cards (a \$37,555 value). We look forward to promoting our three new gift card styles, featuring beautiful scenes from within the park system.

**PARK OPERATIONS**

SOUTH REGION

- All of the South Region beach parks had a great turn out over the **Memorial Day weekend**. Camping has also been strong. We began opening the hiking parks as early as late-March to welcome visitors who are ready to get outdoors.
- We had better luck with **hiring** with strong advertising, holding in-person and virtual job fairs, using Facebook and ads on the radio.
- **Pawtuckaway** Bathroom 4 renovation is under way and will be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Bear Brook** Bear Hill and Catamount Equestrian camping expansion plans are in development, subject to sufficient funding. The Bear Brook Management Plan is complete.
- **Bear Brook** is the host site for the Division of Historical Resources' SCRAP (State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program), two 2-week sessions in June and July when archaeologists and volunteers will conduct

fieldwork to find artifacts in accordance with standards set by the National Park Service.

- **Clough** an ice cream cart will be piloted at the park.
- The Eversource project to replace the power line and make other improvements at **Miller** is in the home stretch.
- **NH National Guard** constructed five dishwashing stations at three of Greenfield's campground bathrooms.
- Floor repairs were done this past winter by DNCR's DD&M crew at **Greenfield's** restrooms in the day-use area, group camping area, small loop, and Big Loop #1 and #2.
- A new 5-year lease was signed with the Forest Society with new emphasis on **Monadnock** trail maintenance. The lease also allows for revenue collection at other parking lots.

#### CENTRAL REGION

- Logan Thorner was promoted from Monadnock Assistant Manager to **Assistant Central Region Supervisor**.
- The **Ellacoya RV Campground** bathhouse is complete!
- The fire at **Crawford Notch** near the Frankenstein cliff closed the trail at the time of this writing.
- The **reclassification of park jobs** has been helpful with recruitment of new hires and rehires.
- We have a new manager at **Wellington State Park**.

#### SEACOAST REGION

- Seacoast Parks partnered with the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce on a pilot program to hire Oglala Lakota tribe members from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota; five tribal members to work at **Hampton Beach** and six members to work at other area businesses.
- On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new playground at **Odiorne Point**.
- **Odiorne** has a contracted food truck! This is the first time Parks is offering this food service option and so far, it's going really well.
- Seacoast Parks hosted a **Hampton Beach community meeting** on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Hampton South Beach RV Campground** is open and full of happy campers with the new 50-amp service.
- **Hampton Main Beach** cleaning service contractor started over Memorial Day weekend.

#### MOUNT WASHINGTON

- **Mount Washington State Park** finished the 2021 season with about 359,000 visitors for the season and \$1.7 million in retail sales.
- The Mount Washington Commission is currently developing a new **Master Plan** for the State Park. This effort was re-started following the facilitated sessions held by the **Harvard Negotiation and Mediation Clinical Program (HNMCP)** "[t]o help the diverse stakeholders work toward a shared vision for the summit embodied in a master plan." DNCR's counsel, **Michael Haley**, a graduate of Harvard Law School, assisted the MWC in its application to the HNMCP. Public Information Sessions on the master plan are scheduled this summer.
- A replacement of the State Park's **Wastewater Treatment and Sewage Plant**, along with installation of a new water system, are due to begin construction this year. Both projects will take at least 2 years to complete, with an anticipated end date in the Fall of 2023.
- The **Service Road** to the summit was re-paved in a collaborative project between Mount Washington State Park and the Mount Washington Auto Road last Fall.
- Interior renovations continue to be carried out in **The Tip Top House** by Mount Washington State Park maintenance staff. The oldest surviving structure at the summit of Mount Washington, dating back to 1853, this is the most improvement work undertaken in the building in over 30 years. Park Staff anticipate completing

renovations this season and the building will be re-opened to the public at a date yet to be determined, due to the need for extensive electrical upgrades.

- The first fatality of 2022 occurred on May 14. A hiker from Needham, MA died due to cardiac arrest, less than 100 yards from the summit. Park Staff were first responders and provided lifesaving efforts until care could be transferred to Gorham EMS. This is the 166th fatality in the mountain's history.
- **Benjamin Schott** was hired to the position of Janitorial Services Supervisor. Ben previously worked for the Gorham Public School system, as well as previously with the Appalachian Mountain Club.
- Manager Patrick Hummel spoke at the screening of "**Infinite Storm**" at Red River Theatre on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **BUREAU OF HISTORIC SITES (BHS)**

- **BHS Director Andrew Cushing** left the bureau on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and plans to return to the NH Preservation Alliance.
- **Franklin Pierce Homestead** parlor's 1824 Dufour wallpaper was conserved by the Northeast Document Conservation Center in May. For weeks, trained specialists re-adhered the paper, infill painted, and treated for past silverfish damage.
- A years-long restoration project in the **Wentworth Coolidge Mansion's** billiards room was recently completed. This work included hanging custom reproduction flocked wallpaper, returning the woodwork to their original color, and various plaster repairs. The room now looks as it would have in the 1750s.
- At the **Robert Frost Farm**, the front yard was restored, including removal of a picket fence added in the 1960s, removal of invasive Norway maples, replanting of sugar maples, repointing of the brickwork, and window re-glazing. Inside, a bulging wall in the dining room plaster was repaired.
- **Daniel Webster's Birthplace** saw six of its windows restored.
- Reprofilng of the landing hills at the **Nansen Ski Jump** was completed in time for January, when the site's first ski jumping competition since the 1980s occurred. This work involved a matching grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission, administered by the Nansen Ski Club, the site's friend group.

## **BUREAU OF TRAILS (BOT)**

- On April 8th, 2022, **Alexis Rudko** started as new Deputy Chief of Trails Bureau (a newly created position).
- All districts have projects being done on the rail trails in 2022, some of which include:
  - Two additional miles of rails were pulled off the recently abandoned segment of the **Ammonoosuc Rail Trail** in Littleton in fall of 2021 with the majority of funds coming from a Recreational Trails Program grant. Match for this project will be provided via donation from the Cross NH Adventure Trail (xNHAT). The Bureau is planning to pull the last two miles of rail off this segment in fall 2023.
  - The first two miles of pulled rails on the **Ammonoosuc Rail Trail** new segment will see new gates installed this summer using Recreational Trails Program funds with match from Cross NH Adventure Trail (xNHAT).
  - The **Rockingham Recreational Rail Trail** (Freemont Branch) has started to have all gates replaced with newer "swing-style" gates. Ditch line cleaning, grading and gravelling will also occur on this trail this summer. Funding for this project is a combination of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant and Recreational Trails Program grant.
  - The **Ammonoosuc Rail Trail** had a major washout repaired with a bioengineered design. This design is preferred to preserve the natural habitat.
  - The **Northern Rail Trail** will have 3 tunnels paved this year to keep trail level for all users.

- **Snowmobile registrations and report:**
  - FY 22 snowmobile registrations numbers were 20,943 resident member and 7,648 resident non-member. Non-resident snowmobiles were 11,721 member and 5,014 non-member. **The total number of registrations was 45,326.** This is a 2,124 decrease from the FY 21 registration year that totaled 47,450.
- **OHRV registrations and report:**
  - OHRV season is scheduled to open May 23rd.
  - For the '21-'22 season, **44,667 ATVs were registered** which is a 2,019 increase of the previous '20-'21 season which registered 42,648.
- **Grant-In-Aid (GIA) Program:**
  - The 2022 summer applications have been received and are being reviewed. The GIA advisory committee meetings for both OHRV and Snowmobile applications was held on 5/26/22, where over \$1M was allocated for OHRV projects and \$1.8M was allocated to snowmobile projects.
  - 2021 summer contracts and winter grooming contracts will end on May 31, 2022.
- **Recreational Trail Program (RTP):**
  - Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 community are completed except one which is scheduled to be completed by August 31, 2022. Department projects are ongoing with project costs being incurred. Projects are scheduled to be completed by the end of this calendar year.
    - Two non-motorized parking lots were built in **Pawtuckaway State Park** using RTP funds and Trails bureau staff labor. One additional parking lot is scheduled to be built by the end of this year.
  - Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 has not yet been approved from the Federal Highway Administration through the NH Department of Transportation, but the request has been submitted. There are 23 community led projects that are tentatively scheduled to start after Governor and Executive Council approval.
  - FFY 2023 community applications are due on June 17th. Department applications are due on July 29th. The RTP workshops will be held on May 18th and May 25th to assist applicants with applying for the grant.

**STATE PARKS RETAIL PROGRAMS** Refer to the Retail Comparative Statement data, reported above.

- NH State Parks generated **\$1 million in net profit** from its retail sales.
- State campgrounds sold and process **78,402 bundles of firewood**.
- State beaches **rented watercraft 10,068 times and generated \$334,101** from the rental fleet of 295 watercraft.
- State campgrounds sold **30,000 bags of ice and generated \$75,000** in revenue from those sales.
- State Parks entered into an agreement at **Odiorne Point** with their first food truck vendor ever contracted directly by the agency.
- **Supply chains and pricing** have been volatile and continue to be the primary focus.

## **ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS**

### DAY-USE & CAMPING RESERVATION SYSTEM

- **Day Use Reservations.** FY21 was the first full fiscal year that day use reservations were available, and visitors enjoyed the convenience of the reservation system as well as the guarantee of entrance to the park. This has also helped the staff by reducing traffic at the tollbooths as well as time spent processing transactions in person. Day use reservations grossed almost \$7.6 million from 292,236 reservation transactions in FY21.
  - CY21, visitors made 166,109 day-use reservations, resulting in almost \$5 million in revenue.
  - CY22 to date (5/20/22), visitors have made 10,408 reservations, with \$165,000 in revenue.
- **Camping Reservations.** CY21 ended with \$4.68 million in camping reservation revenue, from 63,922 reservation transactions. We closed the year with 141,130 camping visitors, not including primitive camping transactions conducted through the iron ranger. At this time, CY22 to date (5/20/22) camping reservations have generated \$1.44 million from nearly 18k transactions. Trends have shown that our customers tend to book their reservations either 11 months ahead (the beginning of the booking window) or in the weeks before their arrival, so we are eager to see an increase in reservations as the season progresses.

### SEACOAST PARKING ENTERPRISE SYSTEM

An RFP was issued in February combining the metered parking and enforcement aspects of the parking enterprise system. We plan to present the contract to the Governor and Executive Council for approval in late August. The new system will enhance the guest experience by offering a pay-by-phone option. The system will remind guests when time is about to expire allowing them to renew their time if they choose. The solution also offers enhanced enforcement options such as License Plate Recognition that will allow the meter patrol officer to scan a license plate and have it uploaded into the system automatically. This will increase accuracy and the ability to obtain owner information and collect on outstanding violations.

### **Seacoast Park Enforcement Statistics by Calendar Year, as of 05/27/2022**

|  | 2016                 | 2017                 | 2018                 | 2019                 | 2020*                | 2021                 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Revenue Collected</b>                                     |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Revenue collected  | \$ 218,094.49        | \$ 260,526.00        | \$ 253,612.00        | \$ 186,383.00        | \$ 277,698.25        | \$ 470,437.00        |
| <b>Citation Information</b>                                  |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Citations Issued   | 8,335                | 9,188                | 9,039                | 7,745                | 10,185               | 18,266               |
| Total fines issued   | \$ 210,507.00        | \$ 231,282.00        | \$ 229,157.00        | \$ 195,082.00        | \$ 274,365.00        | \$ 469,203.00        |
| Total Late Fees Assessed                                     | \$ 183,600.00        | \$ 219,600.00        | \$ 218,625.00        | \$ 161,200.00        | \$ 226,025.00        | \$ 364,978.00        |
| <b>Total Fines and Fees<sup>1</sup></b>                      | <b>\$ 394,107.00</b> | <b>\$ 450,882.00</b> | <b>\$ 447,782.00</b> | <b>\$ 356,282.00</b> | <b>\$ 500,390.00</b> | <b>\$ 834,181.00</b> |
| <b>Appeals/Voids</b>   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Citations Voided onsite**                                    | 271                  | 578                  | 582                  | 834                  | 648                  | 1,028                |
| Appeals Accepted   | 1,066                | 729                  | 615                  | 461                  | 694                  | 1,172                |
| Appeals Denied   | 261                  | 308                  | 335                  | 319                  | 616                  | 862                  |
| Value of voided citations                                    | \$ 7,175.00          | \$ 14,756.00         | \$ 15,804.00         | \$ 21,480.00         | \$ 17,258.00         | \$ 25,295.00         |
| Value of appeals accepted                                    | \$ 31,948.51         | \$ 24,274.00         | \$ 22,473.00         | \$ 16,075.00         | \$ 28,401.00         | \$ 36,226.00         |
| <b>Total value of Voids and Appeals Accepted<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>\$ 39,123.51</b>  | <b>\$ 39,030.00</b>  | <b>\$ 38,277.00</b>  | <b>\$ 37,555.00</b>  | <b>\$ 45,659.00</b>  | <b>\$ 61,521.00</b>  |
| <b>Net Citation Info</b>                                     |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Total Net Citations <sup>3</sup>                             | 6,998                | 7,881                | 7,842                | 6,450                | 8,843                | 16,066               |
| Total Value Net Citations <sup>4</sup>                       | \$ 354,983.49        | \$ 411,852.00        | \$ 409,505.00        | \$ 318,727.00        | \$ 454,731.00        | \$ 772,660.00        |
| <b>Unpaid Citations</b>                                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Total Current Outstanding <sup>5</sup>                       | \$ 136,889.00        | \$ 151,326.00        | \$ 155,893.00        | \$ 132,344.00        | \$ 177,032.75        | \$ 302,223.00        |

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| Value of Citations w/owner (Collectable)   | \$ 110,088.00        | \$ 106,725.00        | \$ 107,901.00        | \$ 74,317.00         | \$ 86,822.00         | \$ 211,212.00        |
| Value of Citations w/no owner (uncollectable)  | \$ 26,801.00         | \$ 44,601.00         | \$ 47,992.00         | \$ 58,027.00         | \$ 90,210.75         | \$ 91,011.00         |
| Average revenue that would have been collected if violators had paid the meter based on current average time purchased (total tickets issued * 5 (2.5 hours * \$2/hr.) | \$ 41,675.00         | \$ 45,940.00         | \$ 45,195.00         | \$ 38,725.00         | \$ 50,925.00         | \$ 91,330.00         |
| <b>Net Gain<sup>6</sup></b>  | <b>\$ 176,419.49</b> | <b>\$ 214,586.00</b> | <b>\$ 208,417.00</b> | <b>\$ 147,658.00</b> | <b>\$ 226,773.25</b> | <b>\$ 379,107.00</b> |

\* 2020 operating season started 6/15 due to COVID and included reduced available parking the majority of the season

\*\* Voids onsite are due to patrons walking in with evidence they were not in violation

<sup>1</sup> Total Fines and Late Fees assessed on all citations

<sup>2</sup> Value of Voids and Appeals Accepted including fines and late fees assessed (will be deleted from Total Fines and Fees assessed to determine Net Citation information)

<sup>3</sup> Total Net Citations = Citations Issued minus Citations Voided onsite and Appeals Accepted

<sup>4</sup> Total Value Net Citations = Total Fines and Fees minus Total value of Voids and Appeals Accepted

<sup>5</sup> Total Current Outstanding = Total Value Net Citations minus Revenue Collected

<sup>6</sup> Net Gain = Revenue Collected minus Average Revenue if violators had paid the meter

## DESIGN, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) PROJECTS

- **Mt Washington** Sewage Treatment Plant & Water System Upgrade
  - On site construction to start in June, 2022.
  - ARP Funding allotted: \$1,020,000. Other sources of funding will be:
    - Capital Budget appropriation of 2020 \$1,684,558.
    - LWCF matching funds 870,859.
    - Total construction funding for this project \$3,575,417.
- **Mt Washington** Sherman Adams Building improvements
  - In-house production of bid documents in 2022.
  - ARP funding allotted: \$1,475,000
- **Cannon Mt** Station sewage pipeline
  - Underwood Engineers under contract for design options
  - ARP funding allotted: \$1,200,000. Current cost estimates are in the \$3M range.
- **Park Utility** upgrades
  - Water and electrical systems design for **Ellacoya RV Park, Greenfield and Jericho**
  - ARP funding allotted: \$830,000
- **Coleman Lodges** main building renovation
  - Alba Architects in the design development phase
  - ARP funding allotted: \$800,000
- **Fort Stark** general improvements
  - Parking lot design completed; Toilet building feasibility in progress
  - ARP funding allotted: \$615,000
- **Roofing and Repairs**
  - 22 potential roofing and repair projects, including Cannon Mt Station

- ARP funding allotted: \$1,550,000
- **Franconia Notch** highway signs
  - RFP is being drafted
  - ARP funding allotted: \$100,000
- **Ragged Neck** upgrades
  - Interior renovation of toilet building completed in April, 2022.
  - ARP funding allotted: \$250,000
- **Hampton RV Park** electrical upgrade
  - RV electrical hookups upgrade to 800amps, three phase completed in May, 2022.
  - ARP funding allotted: \$347,000
- Campground Expansion Projects feasibility studies
  - **Jericho, Mollidgewock, Crawford, Pawtuckaway, Bear Brook Bear Hill & Catamount Pond**
  - ARP funding allotted: \$9,010,000

#### CAPTIAL & OPERATIONAL PROJECTS.

- **Ellacoya State Park**, Toilet Building Renovation – Substantially complete. A couple of electrical punch list items still to be completed. All inspections have passed.
- **Milan Hill State Park** – Contractor mobilized May 17; Pre-Con meeting held on May 18 with a scheduled completion date of 8/22/22.
- **Franconia Notch State Park**, Cannon Summit Station Sprinkler Project – Work delayed, revised completion date of August 31.
- **Pawtuckaway State Park**, Toilet Building #4 – Work on-going, anticipated completion date in the second or third week of June.

#### CONSULTANT SERVICE

- **Pawtuckaway State Park**: Historic District Area Form complete, park has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
- **Fire Towers** Historic Individual Inventory Form and Management Plan: Consultant is Public Archaeology Laboratory. Assessing 15 fire tower sites. This assessment will inform a management plan for them.
- **Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion** State Historic Site, Seawall Repair: Archaeology survey in progress for seawall repairs (FEMA project). Repair scheduled to start in September and be complete by April 15, 2023.

#### SCA (Student Conservation Assn) NH CORPS

- Program Update
  - The Programmatic Agreement for project year 2022, was approved by Governor and Executive Council on March 9, 2022.
  - Program Year modifications due to AmeriCorps funding being redirected to covid response programs, April – October (not January-October).
  - Will not be teaching in schools per the request of education partners who are trying to make up learning losses due to the pandemic. SCA is offering virtual lessons and field trips this spring to education partners and hope to do the same in the fall.
  - SCA received a 3-year AmeriCorps grant for program years 2023, 2024 and 2025. New programmatic agreement will be developed to be approved this summer.

- Program Year 2022 started in April with 27 AmeriCorps members arriving.
  - 9 Interpretive Rangers
  - 18 Conservation Services crew members
- Kate Banyas joined the staff as Education Services Coordinator
- 15 Conservation Project hitches scheduled statewide; of note 3 hitches at **Monadnock State Park** and 2 hitches at **Crawford Notch State Park** to address deferred trail maintenance funded by the Recreational Trails Program. Projects include spring cleanup, camping shelter building, kiosk construction, and trail work.
- The **Discover the Power of Parks** interpretive programs will be offered at 10 parks starting 6/17. Schedule and program descriptions at, <https://www.nhstateparks.org/news-events/discover-the-power-of-parks>.

## COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICE

### VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

- Volunteers donated an estimated **\$610,518.00 in volunteer time** on state lands in 2021.
- [2021 Volunteer Program Annual Report](#) was published and available on the NH State Parks website.
- Department entered into a long-term Volunteer Agreement with the **Weeks State Park Association** and the **Wentworth-Coolidge Commission**, two volunteer groups who previously were not in an agreement with the Department for over 10 years.
- **Two chainsaw training classes** were held free of charge for DNCR Volunteers, DNCR Volunteers can request approval to use a chainsaw to cut down debris on state land.
- Department led **volunteer trail clean-up days** were held at Bear Brook State Park, Pisgah State Park, and Blue Job State Forest.
- **Bear Brook State Park Trail Cooperative** and **Pisgah State Park Trail Cooperative** meetings were held to coordinate trail work in each park between state staff and volunteer groups.

### 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: *Philip Bryce, Director, DNCR-Parks and Recreation*
- Alternate SLO: *Eric Feldbaum, Community Recreation Specialist, DNCR-Parks and Recreation*

### Apportionment Types:

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| <b>LW</b> | <u>Land and Water Conservation Fund</u> State and Local Assistance Program regular formula apportionment.  |
| <b>GM</b> | <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. |

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| <b>SR</b> | <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. |
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**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        | \$823,335.65          |
| LW FY:2021             | 9/30/2023  | \$2,056,481.00        | \$2,056,481.00        |
| GM FY:2021             | 9/30/2023  | \$769,818.00          | \$769,818.00          |
| SR FY:2021             | 9/30/2022  | \$47,715.60           | \$47,715.60           |
| LW FY:2022 (PENDING)   | 9/30/2024  | \$0.00                | \$0.00                |
| GM FY:2022 (PENDING)   | 9/30/2024  | \$0.00                | \$0.00                |
| <b>TOTALS:</b>         |            | <b>\$4,024,447.60</b> | <b>\$3,723,269.25</b> |

**Local Grant Round-33, Anticipated Timeline:**

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| March 7, 2022   | Grant Round-33 Released/Intent-to-Apply period OPEN                        |
| April 29, 2022  | Intent-to-Apply period CLOSED*   |
| May-July 2022   | Onsite pre-application inspections   |
| August 2022   | Invitations to apply/Applications sent to eligible sponsors/projects       |
| December 2022   | Applications due   |
| January 2023  | Applications reviewed, scored, selected                                    |
| February 2023   | Notices of project selections sent to applicants                           |
| April 2023  | Send completed draft federal applications to NPS for preliminary review    |
| June-July 2023  | Federal application submission period open                                 |
| July-September 2023   | NPS final review and approval of applications                              |
| October 1, 2023   | Start date of approved project grants (3-year agreement through 9/30/2026) |
| *25 intents-to-apply for projects received from 21 municipalities; Approximately \$6.4 million in potential requests. |  |

State sponsored projects are not subject to the selection process and timeline detailed above. The current policy of the State is to retain 40% of program apportionment amounts for state projects, and to sub-grant out the remaining 60% of program apportionments for local projects.

**Proposals Currently with NPS for Preliminary Reviews, Pending Approval (for Oct 1, 2022 Start)**

| PROJECT  | NAME  | SPONSOR                    | SCOPE   | REQUEST             |
|----------|---|----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 33-00739 | Oxbow Recreation Area                           | Town of Holderness         | Acquisition of approximately 339 acres                          | <b>\$284,083.80</b> |
| 33-00745 | White Lake SP Area 1 Toilet Building Renovation | State of NH-DNCR           | Campground toilet building renovation                           | <b>\$272,772.50</b> |
| 33-00746 | Gregg Lake Beach III                            | Town of Antrim             | Bathroom renovation, park improvements                          | <b>\$165,165.00</b> |
| 33-00747 | Gorham Common II                                | Town of Gorham             | New accessible playground, bathroom accessibility enhancements  | <b>\$83,963.88</b>  |
| 33-00748 | Storrs Hill Ski Area II                         | City of Lebanon            | Ski area lodge renovations                                      | <b>\$400,400.00</b> |
| 33-00749 | Discovery Park                                  | Town of Goshen             | Creation of new park and trail with natural playground features | <b>\$74,688.61</b>  |
| 33-00750 | Fernald Park                                    | Town of Farmington         | New playground and park improvements                            | <b>\$62,562.50</b>  |
| 33-00751 | Timberlane Public Track                         | Timberlane School District | Replacement of track and jumping sports facilities              | <b>\$211,148.43</b> |

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| 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           |
| <b>10 PROPOSALS TOTAL:</b> |                               |                          |                           | <b>\$1,665,929.75</b> |

**Current Open/Active LWCF Grant Projects:**

| PROJECT  | NAME                                    | SPONSOR                | SCOPE  | FED GRANT    |
|----------|---|------------------------|--|--------------|
| 33-00705 | Hartford Brook Ballfields               | Town of Deerfield      | Improvements to playfield, parking, and support facilities   | \$25,000.00  |
| 33-00706 | Nissitissit River Park                  | Town of Brookline      | Development of accessible trail, and acquisition abutting rail trail   | \$50,050.00  |
| 33-00715 | Ellacoya State Park-II                  | State of NH DNCR       | Construction of a new playground, and renovation of campground bathrooms   | \$265,330.90 |
| 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 | PARC Trail Network                      | 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 Rejuvenation          | City of Somersworth    | Construction of a playground, picnic shelter, and accessibility enhancements   | \$45,000.00  |
| 33-00725 | Winslow SP Toilet Building              | State of NH DNCR       | Renovation of exiting toilet building with accessibility enhancements, new well drilled, and new septic system and leach field   | \$231,481.25 |
| 33-00726 | Kraines Meadow Park Improvements        | Town of Moultonborough | Construction of a picnic shelter with concession area and composting toilets   | \$62,562.50  |
| 33-00727 | Pawtuckaway SP Toilet Building          | State of NH DNCR       | Renovation and expansion of an existing campground toilet building   | \$218,318.10 |
| 33-00728 | Bear Brook SP-Bear Hill Toilet Building | State of NH DNCR       | Renovation of an existing toilet building at the historic Bear Hill Camps  | \$222,096.87 |
| 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  |

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| 33-00734   | Patricia T. Russell Park                              | City of Keene     | Park enhancements, parking, field space, play features, landscaping, parking | <b>\$400,400.00</b>   |
| 33-00735   | Mascoma Lakeside Park                                 | Town of Enfield   | Parking, accessible routes   | <b>\$125,125.00</b>   |
| 33-00736   | Colonel Town Enhancements                             | Town of Lancaster | Playground replacement   | <b>\$180,180.00</b>   |
| 33-00737   | Merrimack River Greenway-II                           | City of Concord   | Construction of Bicycle-Pedestrian path                                      | <b>\$275,275.00</b>   |
| 33-00738   | Trestle View and Winnepesaukee River Whitewater Parks | City of Franklin  | Development of whitewater structures, and riverbank terrace seating          | <b>\$400,400.00</b>   |
| 33-00740   | Big River Recreation Area                             | Town of Barnstead | Improvements to ice-rink, and development of a natural playground area       | <b>\$75,075.00</b>    |
| 33-00741   | Littleton Riverfront Commons-II                       | Town of Littleton | Development of park land acquired under project 33-00721                     | <b>\$200,200.00</b>   |
| 33-00742   | Mount Washington SP Sewerage                          | State of NH-DNCR  | Upgrade to capacity and modernization of sewerage system                     | <b>\$1,045,134.09</b> |
| 33-00743   | NH SCORP 2024-2028                                    | State of NH-DNCR  | Five-year revision (LWCF requirement)  | <b>\$69,144.08</b>    |
| 33-00744   | Odiorne Point SP Playground 2021                      | State of NH-DNCR  | Replacement of playground facilities   | <b>\$95,045.45</b>    |
| <b>29 OPEN GRANTS (21 Local, 8 State) TOTAL:</b> |   |                   |  | <b>\$5,398,259.27</b> |

## DIVISION ADMINISTRATION

RIGHT TO KNOW / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, as of June 2, 2022.

| FY   | # REQUESTS | # ACTIVE | HOURS* |
|------|------------|----------|--------|
| FY20 | 34         | 0        | 90     |
| FY21 | 35         | 0        | 105    |
| FY22 | 36         | 7        | 91     |

\* RTK Coordinator hours only, excludes staff hours.

## AGREEMENTS.

- Lease with the **Society for the Protection of NH Forests** for Parks' management and operation of SPNHF-owned lands abutting Monadnock State Park, approved by G&C on 03/09/2022, Item #68.
- Programmatic Service Agreement with the **Student Conservation Association** for their use of Spruce Pond Camp, Bear Brook State Park and support of their Interpretive Program and Conservation Crew Program, approved by G&C on 03/09/2022, Item #71A.
- Amendment to the Educational & Interpretive Center Management Contract with the **Seacoast Science Center** for their capital renovation and expansion of the Science Center at Odiorne Point State Park, approved by G&C on 01/26/2022, Item #64.
- Management & Occupancy Agreement with the **White Mountain Attractions Assn.** for their use and operation in the DNCR-owned building in Lincoln, approved by G&C on 11/22/2021, Item #72.

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT PROGRAM (SUP)

During last quarter of 2021, over 30 events were scheduled in state parks or on state trails. This year to-date 2022, over 100 permit requests have been submitted including filming, guiding and special use permits which can cover events such as road races, triathlons, fundraisers, fishing tournaments, and sporting competitions, to name a few.

Notable recent Events include:

- Filming requests for the **Weekends with Yankee** segment on WGBH, requests for promotional videos for NH Division of Travel and Tourism, as well as television commercials.
- In early May, the **NH Timberland Owners Association** hosted a first-ever NH Forest Career Field Day at Bear Brook State Park. Over 200 students participated with 30 vendors and organizations showcasing demonstrations and information on future career opportunities.
- In May, Bear Brook State Park was the site for a **multi-agency national Weapons of Mass Destruction render safe exercise**. Director Bryce attended the training as did Bear Brook Park staff and NH Division of Forest & Lands personnel.

New upcoming events include **mountain bike clinics** at Bear Brook State Park, **Race the Cog**, and a celebration of the **Town of Nottingham's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** with a town picnic at Pawtuckaway State Park.

#### LIBRARY PASS PROGRAM

To date, NH State Parks Library Pass program has issued 66 passes through May 31, which is consistent with the number of passes issued in 2021.

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER AND MARKETING REPORT**

- Public Information Officer **Brent Wucher** recently left his position to pursue a career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

#### PRESS RELEASES:

##### **4/4/2022 – RTP Grant Applications available for 2023**

The New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant applications for 2023 are now available. RTP is a competitive grant program that offers funding for quality public trail projects throughout New Hampshire.

##### **3/7/2022 – Federal Grant Money available for Recreational Projects**

The New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation announces Grant Round 33 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is now open.

##### **2/7/2022 – Public Information and Comment Session on Future Improvements to the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway**

The Division of Parks and Recreation is hosting a public information and comment session on what the future holds for the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway in Franconia Notch State Park at 6 p.m. on February 18, 2022, at the Peabody Lodge, Cannon Mountain Ski Area, Franconia Notch State Park.

##### **1/28/2022 Annett Wayside Area Temporarily Closed**

Red Pine Scale at varying levels was found throughout Annett State Forest in 2021, including at Annett Wayside and off the Fire Lane near the Hubbard Pond dam. Trees are marked for removal in a commercial timber sale which began operations in January 2022. Harvesting at the Wayside will begin in the week of January 28th. Access to the Wayside will be closed to the public during operations.

#### PIO's PICKS FOR FAVORITE MEDIA COVERAGE:

##### **Hampton Beach needs workers: Lakota tribe members may be the answer, 03/30/2022**

<https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.seacoastonline.com/story/news/local/2022/03/30/hampton-beach-nh-recruits-native-americans-south-dakota-jobs/7188385001/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTAwMjkyNDY5OTEOTlxNTY5NzYyGjExOWM5OWIxMGYyZjVmMWY6Y29tOmVuOjVt&u sg=AFQjCNE8U9JdT4k HSUFfkAxnDKhrX4qhQ>

A summer class that involves digging in the dirt (very carefully), 03/28/2022

<https://www.concordmonitor.com/archaeology-new-hampshire-nh-anthropology-45641162>

106-acre Bemis Fire burns in Hart's Location, 05/16/2022

[https://www.conwaydailysun.com/news/local/106-acre-bemis-fire-burns-in-harts-location/article\\_5a3f0658-d50d-11ec-9b44-e70826e7eaab.html](https://www.conwaydailysun.com/news/local/106-acre-bemis-fire-burns-in-harts-location/article_5a3f0658-d50d-11ec-9b44-e70826e7eaab.html)

**IN APPRECIATION ~~**

*"Dear Mr Bryce, Thank you so very much for taking the time to write to my daughters... What a great surprise it was for them to receive the package in the mail. They were both unbelievably excited! Being incarcerated you truly realize thoughtful gestures – and no matter their size they can make the BIGGEST difference in the world..."*

*Joshua Harwood, March 28, 2022*

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*"I just wanted to reach out and let you know that our neighbors at great Boars Head young and old had a great summer and fall with the fantastic access to the beach. The [beach ramp] work that was done made it so easy for folks with bad hips and knees to make it safely down to the ocean for first time in years..."*

*Mike Franzoso, Oct 29, 2021*

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*"Thank you Patrick [Hummel] so much for taking care of me, and going out of your way to do it. I feel much better now; "That ice really helped." I love the mountain, it's my favorite in the country... A few hours later I wouldn't of even known I got hurt. You did a miracles work."*

*Sammy (Age 10), Oct 12, 2021*

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**REPORTS PROVIDED SEPARATELY:**

- Parks & Retail Comparative Statements FY2022
- Parks Forecast Report
- Parks Legislative Report, 2022 Session

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