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Dear Municipal Clerk:

Please see the attached NJDEP Press Release concerning the announcement of Recreational Trails Awards.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Randazzo at 609-633-7700.

Sincerely,

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CHRISTIE ADMINISTRATION APPROVES NEARLY \$2.2 MILLION IN TRAIL GRANTS

(13/P9) TRENTON – The Christie Administration has approved nearly \$2.2 million in grants for projects that will develop and improve passive and motorized trails across the state, Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Martin announced today.

Among the passive recreational trail projects funded are a scenic hiking trail on Pennsauken's Petty's Island, creation of an interior trail system at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, a trails connector project linking trails and sites in Morris and Sussex counties, and improvements that will make a portion of the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park in Mercer County accessible to people with disabilities.

"The Christie Administration is committed to providing ample opportunities for the public to enjoy the great outdoors in New Jersey," Commissioner Martin said. "These grants, made possible by the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program, will fund great recreational trail projects in a wide range of places, from our cities to our suburbs to our woodlands."

The goal of the federal Recreational Trails Program is to improve access to open space, enhance environmental resources, create urban and suburban corridors, and provide additional hiking, biking, horseback riding, and off-highway vehicle opportunities. The grants are administered by the DEP's Green Acres Program.

The grant recipients were recommended for funding by the New Jersey Trails Council and approved by the Federal Highway Administration. The Trails Council is comprised of representatives from hiking, mountain biking, motorized trail use, canoeing/kayaking and horseback riding interest groups, as well as several general trail advocates and state government representatives.

Passive recreational trail projects receiving funding include:

- \$24,000 to the town of Newton in Sussex County for completion of a critical link of the Sussex Branch Trail that will enable the relocation of the trail from its current on-road alignment to a publicly owned off-road location;
- \$24,000 to Liberty State Park in Hudson County for interior trail development for passive recreation purposes;
- \$24,000 to the Student Conservation Association to repair and improve six miles of trails at Mills Reservation in Essex County;
- \$24,000 to the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust for trail development on Petty's Island, located in the Delaware River along Pennsauken and Camden. The 4.5-mile trail will include interactive wayside exhibits.

- \$24,000 to Mount Olive Township for a cooperative project with the Borough of Stanhope and the DEP's Division of Parks and Forestry to improve trail connections between the municipalities, the Morris Canal Towpath, the Sussex Branch Trail, the Highlands Trail, Lake Musconetcong, and the Netcong Train Station.
- \$10,756 to assist the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife in opening a new section of the Cape Island Wildlife Management Area in Lower Township for public use. Funds will be used to extend a road to a parking area and develop a 1,000-foot trail link to an existing 3.6-mile trail network that was developed by nearby schools. Funds will also be used for additional trail signage.
- \$16,000 to Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park in Mercer County for the purchase of materials and rental of equipment to construct an access to improve access for people with disabilities to a two-mile section park trail in the vicinity of the Port Mercer Canal House.

The Federal Highway Administration provides financial assistance to states for developing and maintaining trails and trail facilities. The funds come from the Federal Highway Trust Fund, and come from a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from non-highway recreational fuel use. Funding is contingent upon congressional authorization or extension of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Surface Transportation Bill.

Since the program's inception in 1993, New Jersey has awarded more than \$14.5 million to federal, state, county, and local governments, as well as nonprofit groups. Of the funding available each year, 30 percent is allocated for non-motorized trail projects, 30 percent to motorized trail projects, and 40 percent for diversified use trail projects. Recipients are required to provide a 20 percent matching share for each project.

Applications for the next round of competitive federal grants are now being accepted by the DEP for consideration for funding in 2013 to develop, maintain, improve trails and operate trails throughout New Jersey. The deadline to apply to the DEP is February 15.

The funds can be used to improve access to open space, enhance environmental resources, create urban and suburban corridors and provide additional hiking, biking, horseback riding, and off-highway vehicle opportunities.

Federal, state, county and local governments and nonprofit groups are eligible for the federal funds. To learn more about the state's vision, goals and action plan for recreational and motorized trail development or to apply for a 2013 grant, visit www.trails.nj.gov

GRANT RECIPIENTS

The following is a complete list of approved recreational trail grants. For project details, contact the grant recipient.

Atlantic County:

Galloway Township, Seaview Trail development \$24,000

Bergen County:

New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, Inc., park maps and brochures program, \$24,000

Palisades Interstate Park Commission, rehabilitation of New Jersey Palisades Shore Trail, \$24,000

Bergen County, Overpeck County Park hiking trail/bike path extension, \$24,000

Burlington County:

Wharton State Forest, pedestrian bridge replacement, \$24,000
Bass River State Forest, trail maintenance tools and equipment, \$17,000

Camden County:

New Jersey Youth Corps of Camden, the Work Group and Project HEAL Trails, improvements to trails and development of new trails, \$24,000
New Jersey Natural Lands Trust, Petty's Island trail construction, \$24,000
Cooper's Ferry Partnership, North Camden Waterfront Trail development, \$24,000
Cherry Hill Township, Cherry Hill Trails Program, development of trails, \$24,000

Cape May County:

Division of Fish and Wildlife, Cape Island Wildlife Management Area connector trail construction, \$10,756

Cumberland County:

Cumberland County, Maurice River Trail development, \$24,000
Field of Dreams Trail Park, Inc., Field of Dreams Off-Highway Vehicle Park development, \$1,055,703 (funds come from several prior grant cycles)

Essex County:

Student Conservation Association, Mills Reservation Conservation crew support \$24,000

Hudson County:

North Bergen Township, North Bergen Waterfront Park development, \$24,000
Liberty State Park, Trail Development in interior of Liberty State Park, \$24,000

Hunterdon County:

Student Conservation Association, Hunterdon County 2013 Trail Crew, \$24,000
Student Conservation Association, Voorhees State Park and Round Valley Recreation Area 2013 trail crew support, \$24,000
Kingwood Township, Horseshoe Bend Park trail restoration, \$20,981

Mercer County:

Jersey Off Road Bicycle Association, equipment purchase, \$24,000
Jersey Off Road Bicycle Association, trail construction and maintenance equipment, \$23,100
Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park, trail equipment, \$2,000
Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park, access improvements for Port Mercer, \$16,000

Middlesex County:

Carteret Borough, Carteret River Walk development, \$24,000

Monmouth County:

Upper Freehold Township, Municipal Complex recreational trail connection to Monmouth County Union Transportation Trail, \$5,804
Allaire State Park, trail maintenance, \$5,000
The Motocross Center of Tinton Falls, Inc., Motocross Center of Tinton Falls development, \$500,000

Morris County:

Mount Olive Township, Mt. Olive-Stanhope Joint Trail connections, \$24,000

Ocean County:

New Jersey Beach Buggy Association, Island Beach State Park dune and access maintenance, \$16,500

Passaic County:

New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, Highlands Trail-Long Pond Ironworks Bridge replacement, \$24,000

Salem County:

Parvin State Park Appreciation Committee, Inc., Parvin State Park trailhead improvements, \$24,000

Sussex County:

The Heritage and Agriculture Association, Inc., Lusscroft Farm Trail restoration project, \$13,927
Newton Town, Rehabilitation of the Sussex Branch Trail, \$24,000

Warren County:

Worthington State Forest, Douglas Trail maintenance and restoration, \$14,300
Ridge and Valley Conservancy, Gnome Hollow Trailhead and Trail improvement, \$5,500

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