

Morris County Trail Construction Grant Program - Advisory Committee



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**** Thank you Isobel Olcott, a founding member of the Advisory Committee, who will be retiring from the Trails Program at the end of this year.**

2025 SUMMARY



12 Municipalities Submitted Letters of Intent Requesting \$ 1,720,742.80

- 7 Design & Permitting, 3 Major Construction, 2 Minor Construction
 - 4 were ineligible or missed deadline.

8 Applications Requesting \$1,240,945.81

- Recommended for Funding - 6 Design & 2 Construction Applicants

Review Process

- Pre-Application Meetings held with all applicants either on-site or virtually.
- Consulting Engineers participated in all aspects of the grant cycle.
- Initial Applications were submitted by June 6th
- Technical Reviews were completed by the Consulting Engineers
- Technical review meetings were held with each applicant
- All applicants had the opportunity to revise material and submit their final applications by August 15th.

Program Changes approved by County Commissioners

- Rules were completely reformatted to follow the timeline and steps of the grant process.
- Design & Permitting Grants were extended to 3-years from 2-years due to DEP Delays.

Implementation of Monday.Com - Project Management Software

- Created transparency parties can securely see status and material for their grants.
- Materials can easily be uploaded and viewed regardless of file size
- Increased grantee reporting
- Dashboards and reports are available to Committee Members.

2025 Funding Recommendations



2025 Morris County Trail Construction Grant Program

Advisory Committee Recommendations

Applicant	Category	Project Name	Miles	Project Cost	Match	Funds Requested	Status
Jefferson	Major Construction	Compton Gobel Trail Extension	1.25	\$ 323,950.01	\$ 64,790.00	\$ 287,085.01	Eligible
Long Hill	Major Construction	Central Park Loop Trail	1.18	\$ 598,576.00	\$ 119,715.20	\$ 478,860.80	Eligible
Dover	Design & Permitting	Dover Mountain Trail	0.85	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	Eligible
Florham Park	Design & Permitting	Spring Garden Lake Nature Trail	0.56	\$97,500.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 78,000.00	Eligible
Hanover	Design & Permitting	Forest Way Greenway Trail	1.59	\$150,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$120,000.00	Eligible
Madison	Design & Permitting	Summerhill Park Trail Additions	0.87	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 44,800.00	Eligible
Netcong	Design & Permitting	Netcong Greenway Trail	0.70	\$ 136,650.00	\$ 27,330.00	\$ 109,320.00	Eligible
Rockaway Township	Design & Permitting	Egbert Lake Greenway	0.80	\$ 78,600.00	\$ 15,720.00	\$ 62,880.00	Eligible
Totals			7.80	\$ 1,511,276.01	\$ 303,255.20	\$ 1,240,945.81	2-Construction 6-Design & Permitting

2025 FUNDING AVAILABLE \$2,200,000.00

Design & Permitting

Hanover Township

Forest Way Greenway Trail - Design & Permitting



- 1.59 Miles: Boardwalk, Gravel & Stone Dust
- Trail will connect with current trails to Morris Plains, Retail along Hanover and Ridgedale Avenues, and Patriots Path along the Whippany River.
- Costs:

Design	\$ 150,000.00
Match	\$ 30,000.00
Grant	\$ 120,000.00
- Prior grants:
 - 2017 Bee Meadow Nature Trail
 - 2018 Bee Meadow Phase 2
 - 2019 Bee Meadow Phase 3
 - 2020 Bee Meadow Phase 4



Netcong

Morris Canal Greenway Trail - Design & Permitting



- 0.70 Miles: Concrete, Boardwalk, Gravel/Stone Dust, Porous Pavement
- Connects the Netcong Train Station to the town's parks and other destinations in walking and biking distance via the Morris Canal Greenway Trail.
- Encompasses Street sidewalks, wooded trail construction and a boardwalk along the Musconetcong Lake to Arbolino Park
- Costs:
 - Design \$ 136,650.00
 - Match \$ 27,330.00
 - Grant \$ 109,320.00
- Prior grants:
 - 2019 Arbolino Park Bridge



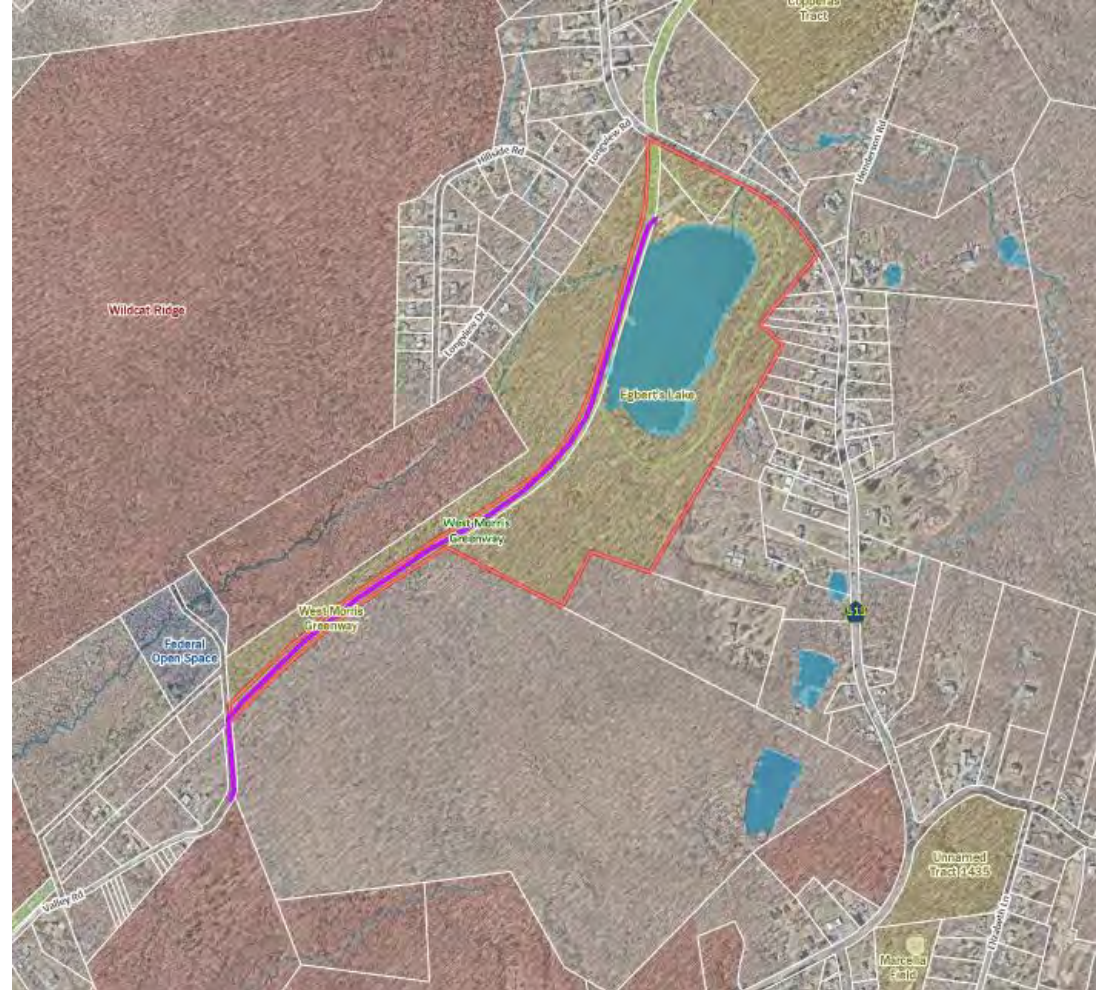
Rockaway Township

Egbert Lake Greenway- Design & Permitting



- 0.80 Miles: Gravel & Stone Dust.
- The greenway will directly connect to the existing recreational path encircling Egbert's Lake, offering residents an alternative to Green Pond Road. This new segment also represents a critical first step towards realizing a larger regional trail network (West Morris Greenway).
- Costs:

Design	\$ 78,600.00
Match	\$ 15,720.00
Grant	\$ 62,880.00
- Prior grants:
 - None

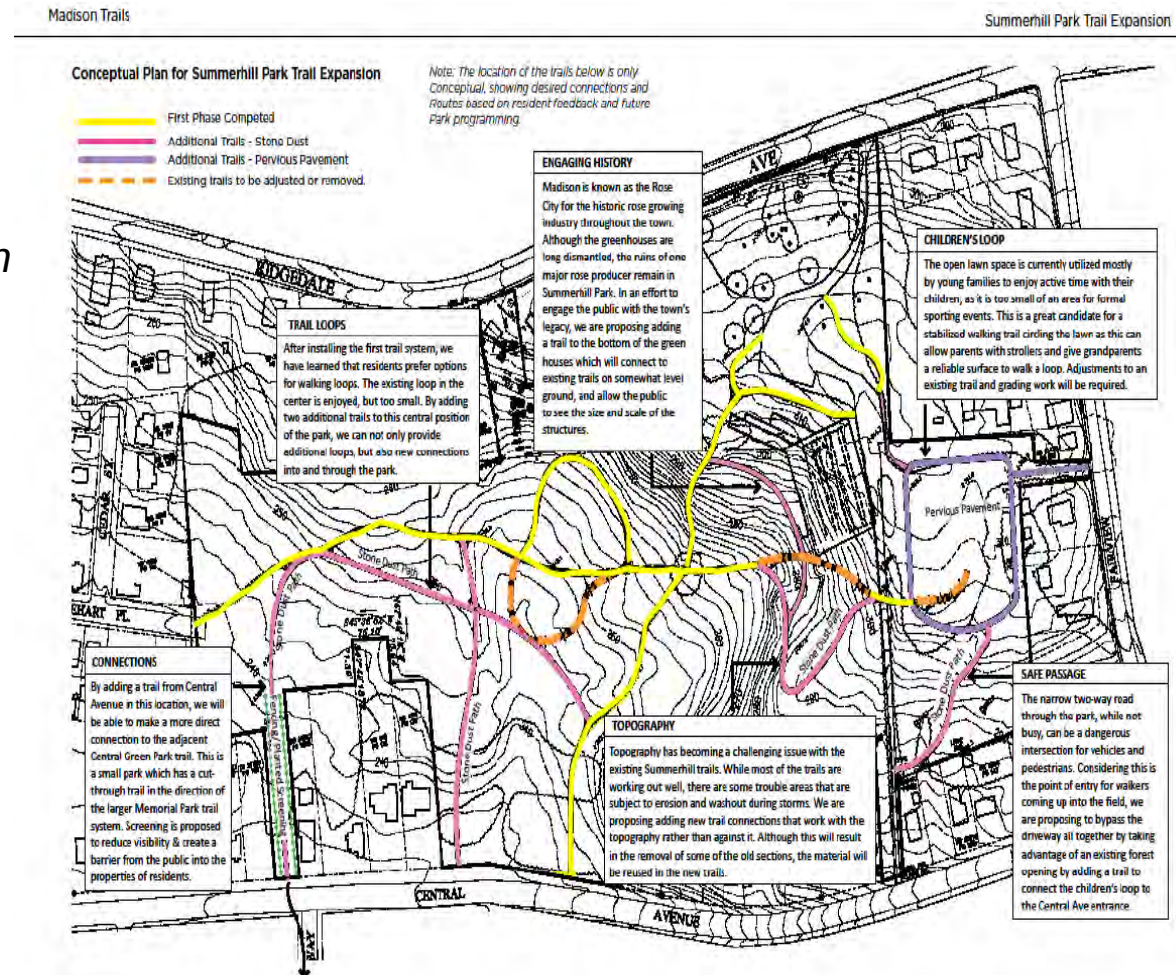


Madison

Summerhill Park Phase 2 - Design & Permitting



- 0.87 Miles: Stone Dust & Porous Pavement
- Expands trail the network in Summerhill Park with connections to Memorial Park and Central Green Park.
- Incorporates the only greenhouse remains from the historic rose industry of the 1880's
- Costs:
 - Design \$ 56,000.00
 - Match \$ 11,200.00
 - Grant \$ 44,800.00
- Prior grants:
 - 2017 Summerhill Park
 - 2018 Rec Center Accessible Tr.
 - 2021 Memorial Park 1
 - 2023 Memorial Park 3



Dover

Dover Mountain Trail-Design & Permitting

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- 0.85 Miles: Wood Chips & Stone Dust
- Access for residents and businesses in a heavily populated area of town, with a possibility of future connection to Hedden County Park.
- Great Vistas overlooking a large portion of the County.
- Costs:
 - Design \$ 75,000.00
 - Match \$ 15,000.00
 - Grant \$ 60,000.00
- Prior grants:
 - None

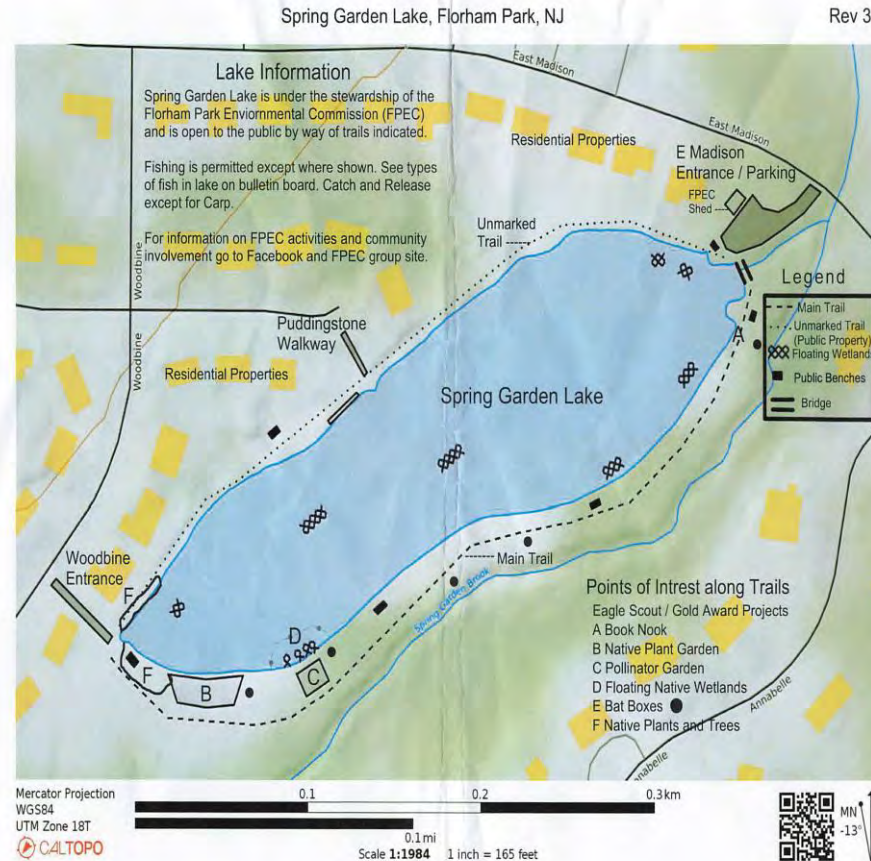


Florham Park

Spring Garden Lake Nature Trail - Design & Permitting

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- .56 Miles: Stone Dust and Boardwalk.
- Trail is within walking distance of many single and multi-family residences.
- Costs:
 - Design \$ 97,500.00
 - Match \$ 19,500.00
 - Grant \$ 78,000.00
- Prior grants:
 - 2016 - Stobaeus Park Trail
 - 2018 - Stobaeus Park Trail Extension



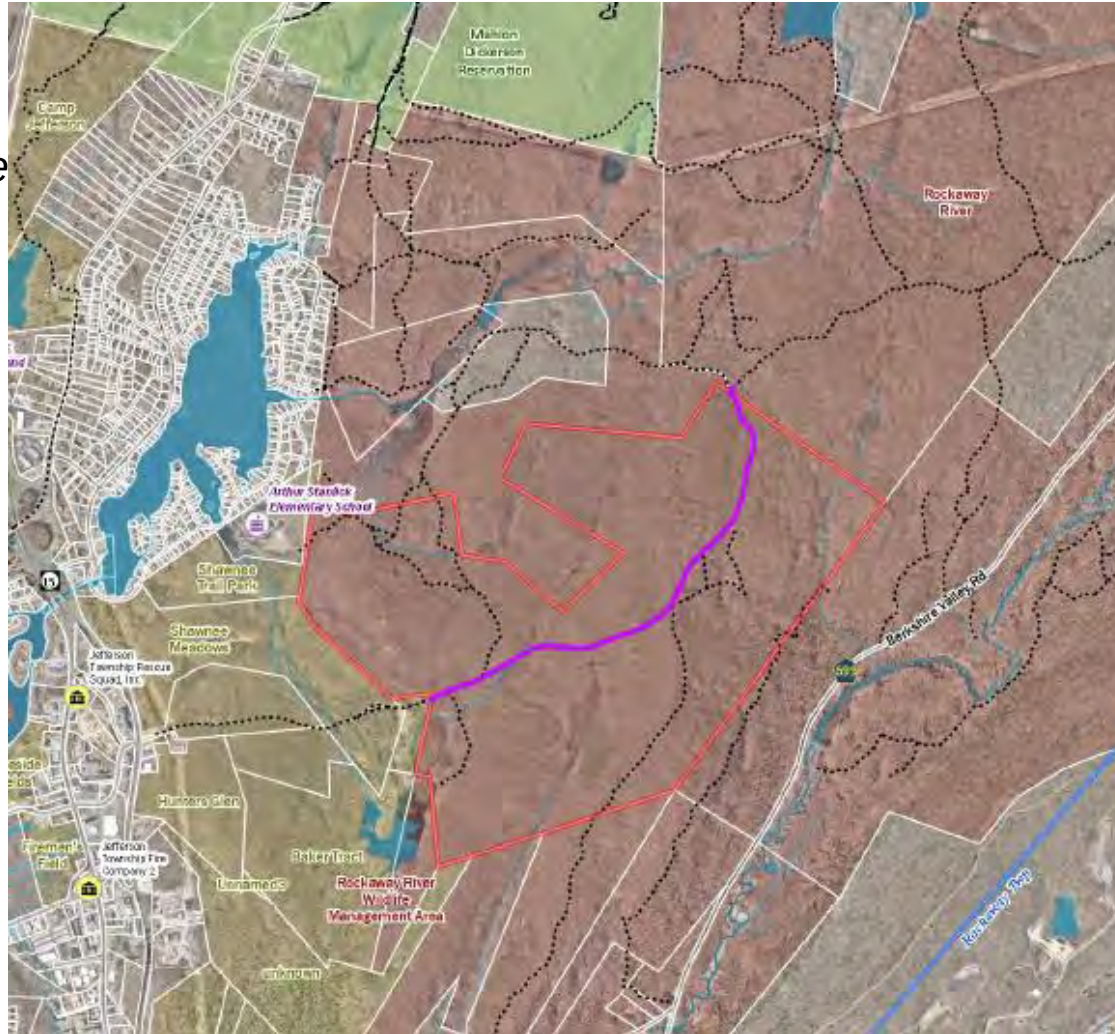
Construction

Jefferson

Compton Gobel Trail Extension - Construction

- 1.25 Miles: Gravel & Stone Dust.
- Alignment is a continuation of an existing trail and will create more than 2.5 miles of trail
- Connects with Lands and trails of NJ Fish & Wildlife properties.
- Future connection to Mahlon Dickerson Reservation.
- Costs:

Construction	\$ 323,950.00
Match	\$ 64,790.00
Credit (In-Kind)	\$ 27,925.00
Grant	\$ 287,085.01
- Prior grants:
 - 2017 Liffy Island Bridge



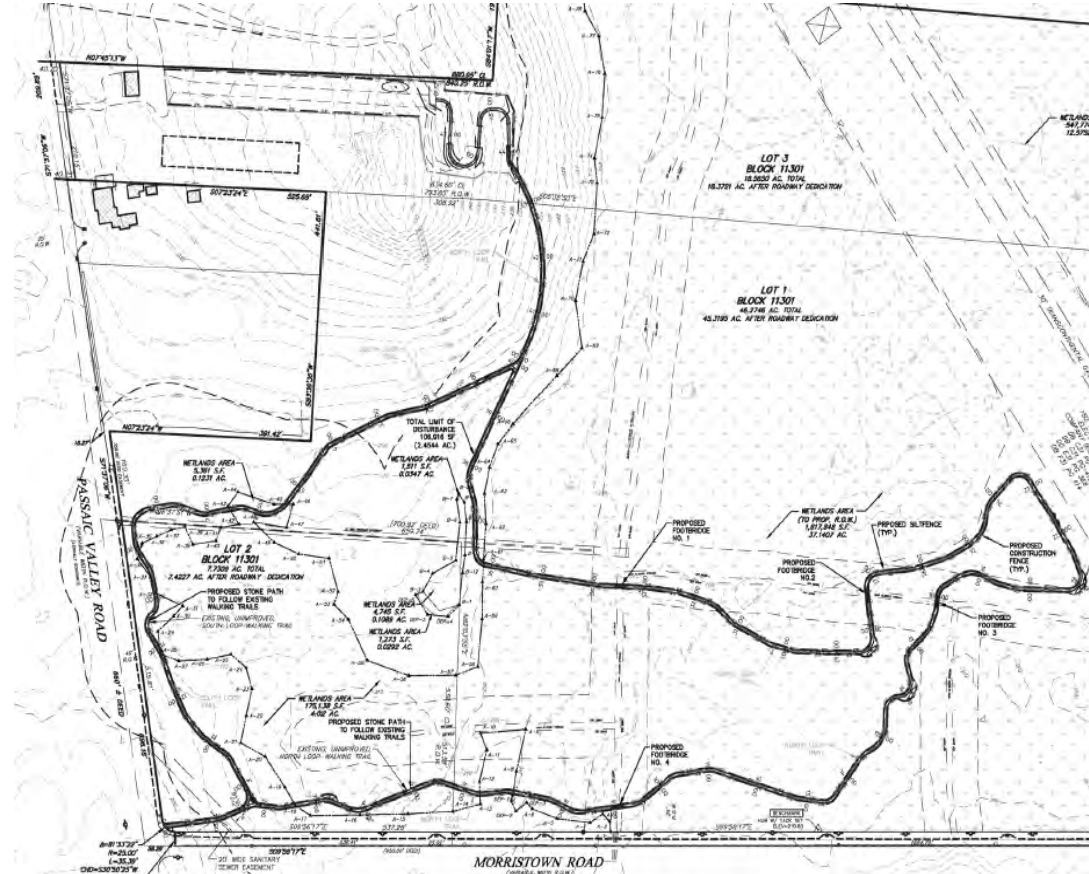
Long Hill

Central Park Loop Trail - Construction

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- 1.18 Miles: Stone Dust & Boardwalk.
- Access to previously inaccessible wooded wetland habitats within environmentally sensitive lands.
- Connects with local businesses, Municipal Complex and Kantor Memorial Park. Woodland trail connecting neighborhoods to recreational amenities, community gardens, and Patriot's Path.
- Costs:

Construction	\$ 589,576.00
Match	\$ 119,715.20
Grant	\$ 478,860.80
- Prior grants:
 - 2016 Kantor Park - Returned
 - 2018 Kantor Park - Completed
 - 2022 Central Park Design Grant.



Grant Program Statistics

Trail Construction Grant Program - Grants

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Year	Total Grants Awarded	Total Grants Returned	Total Grants Completed	Total Grants In-Progress
2016	13	6	7	0
2017	6	1	5	0
2018	6	0	6	0
2019	6	0	6	0
2020	3	1	1	1
2021	10	1	4	5
2022	8	1	3	4
2023	2	0	1	1
2024	7	0	0	7
Totals	61	10	33	18

Trail Construction Grant Program Statistics - Miles



Grant Year	Awarded Construction Miles	Returned Construction Grant Miles	Construction Miles Built Less Than Awarded	Construction Miles In-Progress Not Built	Total Miles Constructed	Awarded Design Miles	Returned Design Grant Miles	Design Miles Designed Less Than Awarded	Design Miles In-Progress Not Designed	Total Miles Designed
2016	7.05	3.49	0	0	3.56	Design Grants Introduced in 2021				
2017	3.93	0.17	0.38	0	3.38					
2018	3.09	0	0	0	3.09					
2019	2.77	0	0	0	2.77					
2020	2.83	0.95	0	1.46	0.42					
2021	2.02	0	0	0.78	1.24	4.35	0.81	0	3.1	0.44
2022	1.33	0	0.61	0.3	0.42	3.5	0.55	0	1.61	1.34
2023	0.87	0	0	0.6	0.27	0	0	0	0	0
2024	2.97	0	0	2.97	0	3.47	0	0	3.47	0
2025 (Recommended)	2.43	0	0	2.43	0	5.37	0	0	5.37	0
Total	29.29	4.61	0.99	8.54	15.15	16.69	1.36	0	13.55	1.78

** Awarded Construction Miles = 29.29 miles

** In-Progress Construction Miles = 8.54 miles

** Constructed Miles "On-the-Ground" = 15.15 miles

** Three (3) Design Grants Completed & now in Construction

Trail Construction Grant Program Statistics - Funds



Grant Year	Total Grant Funds Requested	Total Grant Funds Awarded	Total Returned Grants Unused	Reduced Grant Reimbursement	Reimbursed Funds YTD	Encumbered Not Yet Reimbursed
2016	\$ 1,013,478.22	\$ 660,998.22	\$ 205,319.72	\$ 8,247.71	\$ 447,430.79	\$ -
2017	\$ 1,155,923.57	\$ 578,899.57	\$ 63,984.37	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 466,915.20	\$ -
2018	\$ 797,713.35	\$ 797,713.35	\$ -	\$ 67,664.15	\$ 730,049.20	\$ -
2019	\$ 827,412.73	\$ 827,412.73	\$ -	\$ 100,139.82	\$ 727,272.91	\$ -
2020	\$ 1,382,874.53	\$ 619,058.53	\$ 239,820.40	\$ 56,963.97	\$ 167,876.03	\$ 154,398.13
2021	\$ 1,173,788.07	\$ 926,498.08	\$ 34,081.08	\$ 84,058.26	\$ 528,248.74	\$ 280,110.00
2022	\$ 644,564.80	\$ 528,264.80	\$ 7,760.00	\$ 89,805.60	\$ 293,791.20	\$ 136,908.00
2023	\$ 1,458,021.84	\$ 304,041.84	\$ -	\$ 32,793.24	\$ 102,045.60	\$ 169,203.00
2024	\$ 1,389,029.14	\$ 1,313,509.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,313,509.14
2025 (Recommended)	\$ 1,240,945.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Total	\$ 11,083,752.06	\$ 6,556,396.26	\$ 550,965.57	\$ 487,672.75	\$ 3,463,629.67	\$ 2,054,128.27