



# ANNUAL TRAILS GRANTS CALENDAR

A supplement to the Vermont Trails & Greenways Winter 2002/2003 Newsletter

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
<b>VT DEPT FORESTS, PARKS &amp; RECREATION (FPR)</b>													
Recreation Trails Grants	Applic's Due		Prelim. Awards	Finalize Awards (Fed. Hwy. Approval)	Once federal approval received, work begins. Two years to complete.					Program Announcement			
Land & Water Conservation Fund		Applic's Due		Sponsors present projects to Ranking Committee	Prelim. Awards	May - July: Finalize Awards (NPS approval) Once federal approval received, work begins. Two years to complete.			Program Announcement				
Urban & Community Forestry	Offering ongoing technical assistance												
Vermont Watershed Grants										Applic's Due			
<b>VT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION (VTRANS)</b>													
Bicycle & Pedestrian: Technical assistance	No 2003 program												
Bicycle & Pedestrian: Construction				Applic's Due			Awards						
Transportation Enhancements	Awards					Program announcement			Letter of Intent		Applic's due		
Scenic Byways	Program announcement			Prelim. Applic's due to VTrans	Final applic's due to Fed. Highway								
Public Lands Highways	Program announcement			Preliminary applic's to VTrans			Final applic's to Fed. Highway					Awards	
<b>VERMONT YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS (VYCC)</b>													
Transportation Enhancement Projects		Prelim. awards		Awards	Work performed. (May-Sep)				Program announcement			Applic's due	
All other project proposals	Applic's Due		Awards		Work performed. (May-Sep)				Program announcement				
<b>NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)</b>													
Rivers & Trails Conservation Assistance	Technical assistance available year-round								Applic's due	Awards			

**IMPORTANT:** Funding schedules may change from year to year. It is important that you contact the program administrator.



**VT DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION**

## Vermont Recreation Trails Grants

The Recreation Trails Grant Program provides matching grants for (1) maintenance on existing trails; (2) restoration of areas damaged by use of trails; (3) development of trail-side and trail-head facilities; (4) provision of features which facilitate access to and use of trails by persons with disabilities; (5) construction of new trails on state, municipal or private lands where a recreational need for such construction is shown; (6) preparation of and printing of trail-related maps and other educational information and materials; (7) trail protection including fee simple or easement acquisition; and (8) purchase of hand tools for trail work. The program is administered by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation of the Agency of Natural Resources. This program helps to create and maintain trails and greenways in Vermont and contributes to the vision of an interconnected network upheld by individual communities and organizations providing access to outdoor recreational opportunities within 15 minutes of every person's home.

Applications from municipalities and non-profit organizations are being accepted for the **2003-2004** round of funding. Approximately **\$380,000** in matching funds were available last year and the Department of Forests, Parks, & Recreation anticipates at least as much for the current year. Funds require a minimum 20 percent sponsor match for all projects, except for mini-grants up to \$500, which require no local match. Applications must be received by **4:30 PM on Friday, January 31, 2003**. Contact Sherry Smecker, Recreation & Trails Grants Administrator, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, 103 South Main Street, Bldg. 10 South, Waterbury, VT 05671-0604, or call 802-241-3690. E-mail [ssmecker@fpr.anr.state.vt.us](mailto:ssmecker@fpr.anr.state.vt.us).

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### **Land and Water Conservation Fund**

The L&WCF program helps to create and maintain high quality recreation areas and facilities and contributes to the protection of outdoor recreation resources. Approximately **\$545,000** in federal matching funds were available for competitive grants last year and we anticipate at least as much for the current year. A minimum 50 percent local match will be required. Eligible applicants under this program include governmental entities. Eligible activities include acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Applications must be received no later than **4:30 PM on Friday, February 28, 2003** in order to be considered under this round of funding. For a grant application and grant guidelines please visit the web site at [www.state.vt.us/anr/fpr/recreation](http://www.state.vt.us/anr/fpr/recreation) and click on the Land & Water Conservation Fund program. Contact Sherry Smecker, L&WCF Grants Administrator, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, 103 South Main Street, Bldg. 10 South, Waterbury, VT 05671-0604, or call 802-241-3690; email [ssmecker@fpr.anr.state.vt.us](mailto:ssmecker@fpr.anr.state.vt.us).

### **Vermont Watershed Grants**

Funded by sales of Vermont's Conservation License Plates, mini-grants of \$200-\$1,000 and larger grants of \$1,000- \$5,000 are available for a wide range of water-related projects, including developing or enhancing recreational use and enjoyment. Late October deadline. Contact Vermont Watershed Grants at 802-241-3777 (VT Agency of Natural Resources, Water Quality Division, Building 10 North, 103 South Main St, Waterbury, VT 05671-0408), [Watershed@dec.anr.state.vt.us](mailto:Watershed@dec.anr.state.vt.us), [www.vtwaterquality.org/lakesgrants.htm](http://www.vtwaterquality.org/lakesgrants.htm).

### **Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program**

For 2003, this program provides a variety of technical assistance for communities, including local trainings/workshops, educational brochures, technical assistance from regional staff, and the Town Green newsletter. Their grant program, "Trees for Local Communities", has been suspended for one year but when resumed will provide funds for developing and implementing local urban and community forestry programs. Contact the program at 802-241-3678, or visit [www.vtcommunityforestry.org](http://www.vtcommunityforestry.org).



## **VT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION (VTRANS)**



### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Program**

The VT Agency of Transportation (VTrans) works with the states, 11 regional planning commissions and the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization each year to identify bicycle and pedestrian facility projects (multi-use paths, sidewalks, and rail-trails) that can be funded through the Local Transportation Facilities Program. A 10 percent local match is required. Early April deadline.

**Project Construction:** \$2M is available in 2003 for design, acquisition of right-of-way and construction of approved bike and pedestrian projects. Projects must have completed a conceptual alignment analysis or equivalent feasibility study.

Contact Amy Bell, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, or Jon Kaplan, Asst. Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, VTrans, National Life Bldg, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001, 802-828-5799 or 802-828-0059 or visit [www.aot.state.vt.us/projdev/Sections/LTF/LTF.htm](http://www.aot.state.vt.us/projdev/Sections/LTF/LTF.htm), or email [Amy.Bell@state.vt.us](mailto:Amy.Bell@state.vt.us) or [Jon.Kaplan@state.vt.us](mailto:Jon.Kaplan@state.vt.us).

### **Enhancements Program**

Funding is available for transportation enhancements including: provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites, scenic or historic highway programs, landscaping and other scenic beautification, historic preservation, rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation, buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroads and canals), preservation of abandoned railway corridors and conversion to bicycle trails, control and removal of outdoor advertising, archeological planning and research, mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff, reduction of vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining wildlife habitat connectivity, tourist and welcome centers, and transportation museums, safety and education for pedestrians and bicyclists. Coordination with your Regional Planning Agency is strongly encouraged. September letter of intent, November deadline. Contact Sandy Aja at the VT Agency of Transportation, 802-828-2544 (VT AOT, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001), [www.aot.state.vt.us/projdev/sections/LTF/Enhancements%20Program/EnhancementsMainPage.htm](http://www.aot.state.vt.us/projdev/sections/LTF/Enhancements%20Program/EnhancementsMainPage.htm).

### **Public Lands Highways**

Funding for projects that are on, adjacent to, or providing access to federal public lands (e.g. Green Mountain National Forest, Army Corps, National Park Service). In Vermont, PLH funding has been used for the West River Trail, protection of scenic properties along highways, and visitor improvements at Quechee Gorge. April application deadline. Contact Scott Fortney at 802-828-0057, [Scott.Fortney@state.vt.us](mailto:Scott.Fortney@state.vt.us) (VT Agency of Transportation, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633).

### **Scenic Byways Program**

For projects including acquisition, development and planning along designated scenic byways. May application deadline. Contact Warren Vail, 802-828-0451, [warren.vail@state.vt.us](mailto:warren.vail@state.vt.us), VOAT, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT, 05633.

## **VERMONT YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS**

Since 1985 VYCC, a non-profit organization, has coordinated trail crew work with VT youths in a variety of conservation projects including trail building and wildlife habitat enhancement projects. VYCC provides crew leaders, transportation, trail tools, and crews of 10-12 people. Communities can either hire a trail crew through the Cost Sharing program or apply for a crew funded through VTrans' transportation enhancements projects. Deadline for transportation enhancement projects is December 1, all other projects January 15. Contact Paul Schmidt at 802-241-3904 (92 So. Main St., Waterbury, VT 05676), [www.vycc.org](http://www.vycc.org), [vyccpaul@aol.com](mailto:vyccpaul@aol.com)



## **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RIVERS & TRAILS PROGRAM**



Rivers & Trails helps plan and implement local trail, greenway and river protection projects. The program provides NPS staff assistance to work cooperatively with local trail groups, conservation organizations, and regional and state agencies on greenways, rail-trails, and river corridors. Rivers & Trails is not a grants program, but we tailor assistance activities to meet a community's needs. These may include developing a vision and action plan for the project, building the capacity of the organization, trail planning and implementation, publications, finding project funding, and workshops. Project assistance can range from a one-time "consultation" to a three-year involvement. Request letter due September 1. Contact Jennifer Waite, VT Projects Director, NPS Rivers & Trails, 54 Elm St., Woodstock, VT 05091, 802-457-3368 ext 21, [jennifer\\_waite@nps.gov](mailto:jennifer_waite@nps.gov), [www.ncrc.nps.gov/programs/rtca](http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/programs/rtca).