

HALIFAX

Active Transportation Grants Program Overview and Awards Reporting

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**Active Transportation Advisory
Committee**
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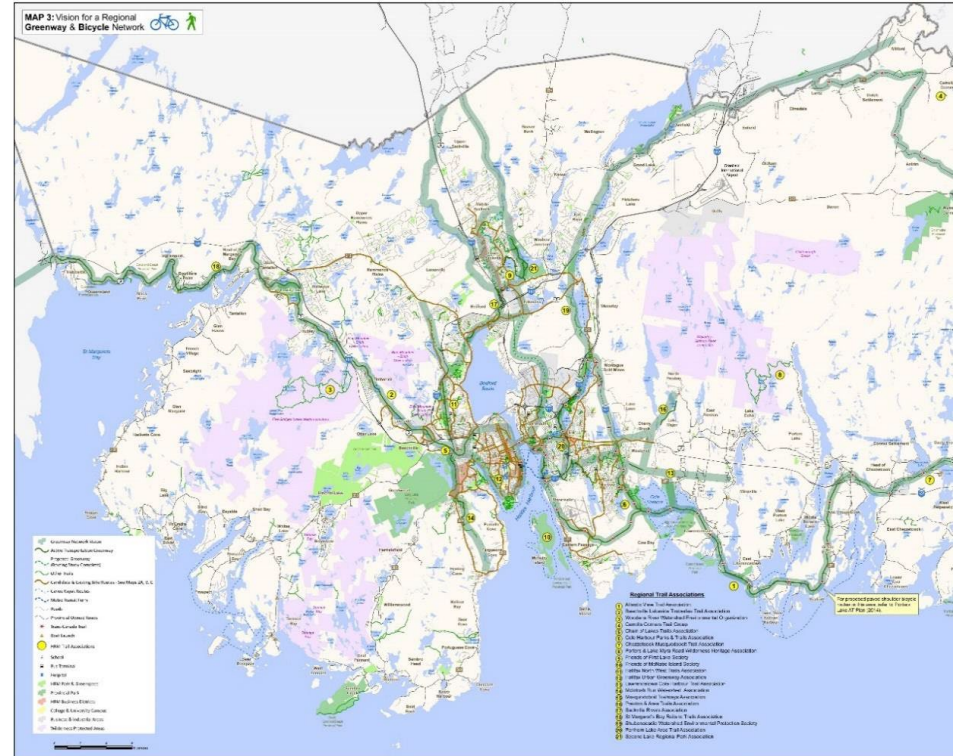
Agenda

AT Grants Program Overview

2024 – 2025 - 2026 Grants Awarded

2026 – 2027 AT Grants Timelines

Q&A session



Map 3- Vision for a Greenway and Bike Network

Active Transportation Grant Administration

Description and Authorities

- Administrative Order Number 2020-011-ADM Respecting HRM's Grant Programs for Active Transportation and Recreational Trails ([Administrative Order 2020-011-ADM](#)), adopted by Halifax Regional Council on September 30, 2019, sets the framework to award AT Grants Program to community associations supporting Active Transportation in HRM;
- **AT Grants Program** includes five separate grants: **Capital/ Recapitalization/Emergency Reinstatement/Education and Promotion** approved through the Capital Budget Process and **Maintenance and Operations** approved through the Operational Budget process;
- **AT Grants Program** online:
<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/cycling-walking/active-transportation-grants-program>

HRM Active Transportation (AT) Grants Program Streams

Annual budget about \$650,000 - \$1,000,000 as approved yearly by Regional Council

Grant Categories	Description
AT Capital Grant	Awarded to support new MUPs and their associated structures and amenities (planning, design, construction and related capital costs).
AT Re-capitalization Grant	Awarded to support projects that re-instate or upgrade MUPs and their associated structures and amenities (engineering studies/redesign, tendering packages and mandatory structural inspections and construction).
AT Maintenance and Operations Grant	Awarded to assist with the costs associated with maintaining existing MUPs and their associated infrastructure and amenities to an accessible and/or safe standard for public use; also supports organizational expenses associated with trail maintenance.
AT Education and Promotion Grants	Awarded to assist with the costs associated with the Municipality's Active Transportation objectives, including, but not limited to: safety programs, education/skills, training programs, community-based Active Transportation plans, etiquette programs, promotional/engagement/marketing programs, and transportation demand management programs.
AT Emergency Repairs Grants	Awarded to assist with the costs associated with emergency maintenance required as a result of natural disasters, vandalism, failure of structures on existing MUPs and their associated infrastructure and amenities; Applications are received as incidents occur and are awarded after Regional Council approves Capital Budget, as long as there are enough funds.

2024- 2025- 2026 Re- Capitalization Projects - Results

Thank you to all volunteers and funding partners - NS Province and Trans Canada Trails



Atlantic View Trail-
Atlantic View Trail Association
Reinstatement project



Blueberry Run -
Marine Riders Trail Association
Reinstatement Project

2024- 2025- 2026 Re- Capitalization Projects - Results

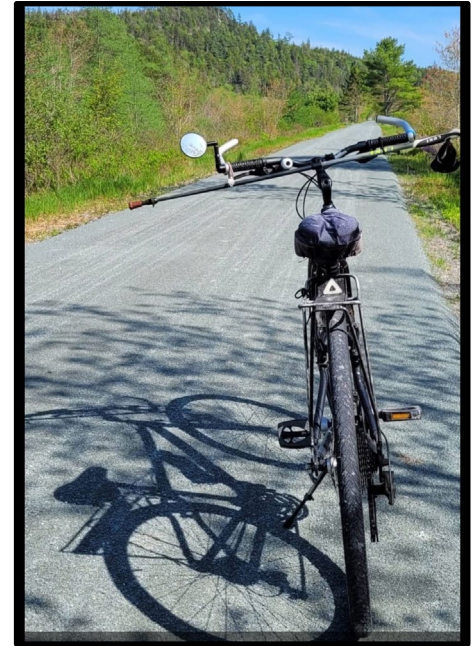
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First Lake Glen Sleunwhite Trail
Friends of First Lake Society
Bridge Replacement



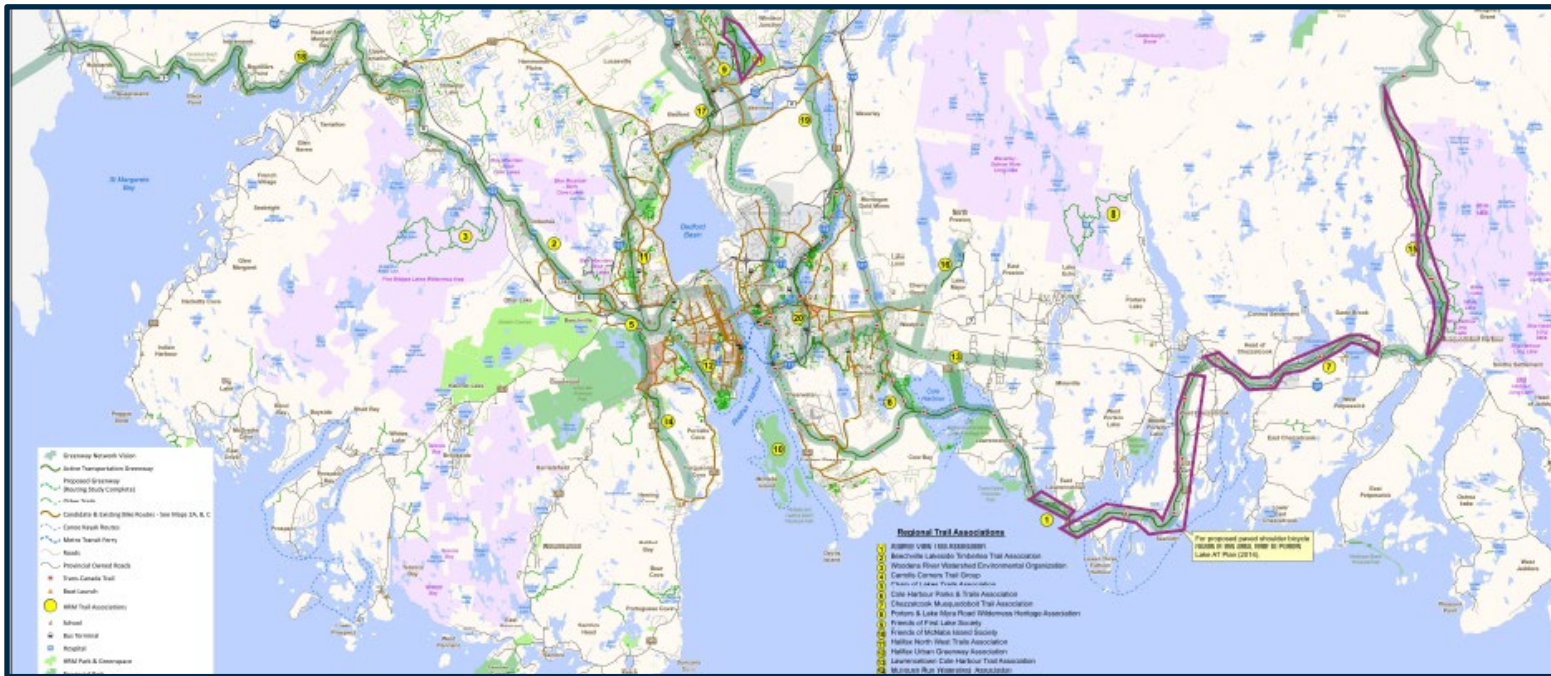
Gaetz Brook Greenway
SATA Trails Society
Embankment Stabilization



Musquodoboit Trailway-
Musquodoboit Trailway Association
Trail Reinstatement

Capital/ Re-capitalization Projects

Map 3- Vision for a Greenway and Bike Network



2024-2025 Capital/ Re- Capitalization Grants Awarded (1)*

Total Awarded: \$544,930.00

AT Facility	Capital Project	Trail Association Recipient	Grant Approved	Project Status
Gaetz Brook Greenway	Regulatory Safety Signage and Installation	SATA Trails Society	\$10,847.00	Completed
AT Facility	Re-Capitalization Project	Trail Association Recipient	Grant Approved	Project Status
Musquodoboit Trailway	Vegetation removal, Drainage, Resurfacing	Musquodoboit Trailways Association	\$89,675	Completed
Glen Slauenwhite Trail	Vegetation removal, Surface Renewal, Safety Railings 4.1KM	Friends of First Lake Society	\$160,000	Delayed

* as per Regional Council Budget approval

2024-2025 Re- Capitalization Grants Awarded (2)

Total Awarded: \$544,930.00

Active Transportation Facility	Re-Capitalization Project	Trail Association Recipient	Grant Approved	Project Status
Atlantic View Trail	Reinstate trail width, regrade, resurface	Atlantic View Trail Association	\$53,760	Completed
Atlantic View Trail	Mandatory Bridge Inspections	Atlantic View Trail Association	\$11,176	Completed
Blueberry Run Trail	Phase 2- Trail base reinstatement and resurfacing – Bellfontaine Rd to Les Collins Ave; Station Rd-Stella Dr	Marine Riders Trail Association	\$200,000	Completed
Gaetz Brook Greenway	Engineering design and tender-Embankment Erosion Control Mitigation	SATA Trails Society	\$8,625	Completed
Musquodoboit Trailway	Vegetation removal, Drainage, Resurfacing	Musquodoboit Trailways Association	\$89,675	Completed

2025-2026 Capital/ Recapitalization Grants Awarded

Total Awarded: \$333,487.00

AT Facility	Capital Project	Trail Association Recipient	Grant Approved
Atlantic View Trail	Install Amenities (Benches, Picnic Table, Bike Racks, Vault Toilet)	Atlantic View Trail Association	\$32,500
Gaetz Brook Greenway	Bridge improvements	SATA Trails Society	\$5,412
AT Facility	Re-Capitalization Projects	Trail Association Recipient	Grant Approved
Blueberry Run Trail	Trail base reinstatement and resurfacing - Bellefontaine Rd to Rutter Court	Marine Riders Trail Association	\$150,000
Musquodoboit Trailway	Vegetation removal, Drainage, Resurfacing; Replace amenities - Benches	Musquodoboit Trailways Association	\$116,809
Musquodoboit Trailway	Bridges and Culverts Inspections	Musquodoboit Trailways Association	\$3,766
Glen Slauenwhite Trail	Replace bridge superstructure and decking	Friends of First Lake Society	\$25,000

2026-2027 Active Transportation Capital/ Re-Capitalizations Grants Timelines

August 19, 2025	• HRM issues a 'Call for Proposals' for fiscal year ahead with a Proposal Submission Deadline
October 6, 2025	• Capital Grants Funding Proposal submission deadline
October - November, 2025	• Capital Grants Funding Proposal Reviews by HRM Staff • Request any supplementary info from applicants as needed for evaluations
November 2025	• Submit recommendations to HRM Management and Finance
December 2025	• Submit recommendations to the Regional Council for approval as part of the Capital Budget – Supplementary Sheets
March – May 2026	• HRM Regional Council approves the Capital Budget
After Capital Budget in 2026	• Awarding documents are signed by Grant Recipients and HRM

Active Transportation Maintenance and Operations Grants Awarded

2024-2025 Total Awarded: \$107,410.00

2025-2026 Total Awarded: \$95,305.00

Active Transportation Corridor	Trail Association Recipient	Awarded in 2024-2025	Awarded in 2025-2026
Atlantic View Trail	Atlantic View Trail Association	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
Mastodon Trail	Carrolls Corner Community Centre	\$4,460.00	\$4,410.00
Cole Harbour Heritage Trail Salt Marsh Trail	Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association	\$17,500.00	\$13,860.00
Glen Slaunwhite Trail	Friends of First Lake Society	\$12,000.00	\$5,000.00
Shearwater Flyer Blueberry Run	Marine Riders Trail Association	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
Musquodoboit Trailway	Musquodoboit Trailways Association	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00
Gaetz Brook Greenway	SATA Trails Society	\$6,800.00	\$5,675.00
Sackville Lakes Provincial Park – AT Corridor	Sackville Lakes Parks & Trails Association	\$2,950.00	\$6,660.00
Bedford – Sackville Connector, Fort Sackville Walkway	Sackville Rivers Association	\$10,500.00	\$15,000.00
St. Margarets Bay Area Rails to Trails	St. Margarets Bay Area Rails to Trails Association	\$15,000.00	\$17,000.00
Shubenacadie Canal System of trails outside the Shubenacadie Park	Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Protection Society	\$13,000.00	\$9,500.00

2026-2027 AT Maintenance and Operations Grant Timelines

February 2,2026	HRM issues a 'Call for Proposals' for Maintenance projects and organizational expenses between June 2026 and March 31, 2027
March 27,2026	Maintenance Proposal Submission Deadline
March – April,2026	Maintenance Proposals evaluations by a Staff Committee in HRM
Mid-April – May,2026	HRM Council approves the operational budget for maintenance of AT Facilities projects
May – June,2026	HRM Staff finalizes awards and signs awarding documents with successful grant recipients

HRM's Active Transportation Grants

Education and Promotion Grants

Project types:

- **Small Community project grant under \$1,000:** smaller projects (localized) in one or more communities in HRM
- **Large Community project grant of \$1,001 - \$5,000** (up to 50% of the project costs): larger project or event (requiring significant logistics efforts) meant to reach a broader audience from multiple communities within HRM;
- **Major project grant over \$5,001** (up to 50% of the project costs): large project with significant logistics, partnerships, and duration efforts with an intended reach across the municipality

Projects may include:

- Safety and skills training programs
- AT promotions and marketing programs
- AT education and engagement
- Transportation Demand Management programs
- AT related events

Active Transportation Education and Promotion Projects (1)

**Bike Hub
Winter Cycling
Workshop**
*Biking in Nova Scotia's
winter is possible... & fun!*

**Saturday, February
15th, 2025**
*Rescheduled once more
due to weather!*
10:30am - 2:30pm

With help from


Learn about:

- ABCs for winter cycling
- Appropriate gear
- Bike maintenance and storage
- Clothing
- *Demo on DIY studded tires!*
- Riding techniques
- Personal experiences

Workshop by Donation - Register Below!

 **The DEANERY PROJECT**
751 West Ship Harbour Road | Lower Ship Harbour
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<https://thedeaneryproject.com/>



Cycling Nova Scotia
Safer Trail Ahead on Chain of
Lakes Trail



DalTRAC (Transportation Collaboratory)
Share the Road webinar at Super Nova Camp

Active Transportation Education and Promotion Projects (2)



Lucasville Greenway Society
Annual Walk on Lucasville Rd
and Fun Day at the
Wallace Lucas Community Centre



SATA Trails Society
Halloween Trick or Treat Walk
the Gaetz Brook Greenway



Halifax Cycling Coalition
Kidical Mass
Gaetz Brook Greenway

AT Education and Promotion Grants Awarded (1)

2024-2025 Total Awarded:\$49,795

2025-2026 Total Awarded:\$37,500

Organization	Project	Awarded 2024-2025	Awarded 2025-2026
BLT Rails to Trails Association	Share the BLT! Promoting safe trail use for cyclists on the BLT Rails to Trails; providing free bike bells and etiquette materials	\$1,000	\$1,000
Cole Harbour Park and Trails Association	Trail Safety: 1. St John's Ambulance Emergency First Aid/ CPR Training for new Trail Stewards and safety equipment; install bike bells on bikes on Salt Marsh Trail and Heritage Trail;	\$1,000	\$1,000
DalTRAC (Transportation Collaboratory)	Share the Road Campaign – safety rules education and promotion campaign in HRM	\$5,000	\$5,000
The Deanery Project	Bike HuB Reanimation: Promotion, Education & Bike repair skill sharing in Eastern Shore, including to school-aged youth; in 2025- bike repair supplies	\$5,000	\$1,000
Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission	Open Streets Dartmouth: explore a walkable and cyclable downtown	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Dartmouth Ice Festival Open Street: open street event to increase awareness of downtown Dartmouth as a walkable and cyclable district	-	\$5,000

AT Education and Promotion Grants Awarded (2)

Organization	Project	2024-2025 Awards	2025-2026 Awards
Ecology Action Centre	Upskilling Workshop Shifting Gears & African Nova Scotia Workshops: create a supportive environment where everyone can fully participate, gain confidence from new skills and practice, and enjoy the benefits of cycling.	\$2,030	-
	Multilingual Share the Road vehicle magnets/ stickers promoting the 1m space for cyclists.	-	\$2,500
Halifax Cycling Coalition	Cycling Experiences Program 2024 is a series of workshops and group bike rides.	\$8,965	
	HCC Cycling Programs : Kidical Mass, Urban Cycling 101, Bike Maintenance workshop, Community Outreach, Community Rides, I Light HFX; in 2025 - 2026 also: Bike Brigade, Bike Party, Theft Reduction	\$6,350	\$10,000
North End Business Association	Agricola Holiday Open Street: reimagining city streets as vibrant, inclusive spaces for active movement, healthy community, and social connection.	\$5,000	\$5,000
SATA Trails Society	Halloween Trick or Treat Walk the Gaetz Brook Greenway for all ages and mobilities: Increase public awareness of AT benefits as a travel mode	\$1,000	\$1,000

AT Education and Promotion Grants Awarded (3)

Organization	Project	2024-2025 Awards	2025-2026 Awards
Lucasville Greenway Society	2024 4th Annual LGS Walk and Fun Day Event : awareness for the need of a safe AT facility in Lucasville Community	\$1,000	-
Walk and Roll Safety Halifax Association	Age-Friendly Walking School Bus Project	\$6,450	-
Cycling Nova Scotia	Safer Trails Ahead – donated bike bell and promoted use; locations: Chain of Lakes Trail, St Margate's Bay Area RT, and MacDonald Bridgewalk	\$1,000	-

2026-2027 AT Education and Promotion Grants Timelines

Spring – Summer Intake Timelines for projects starting after May 15,2026

February 16, 2026	HRM launches the Spring - Summer AT Education and Promotion Grants
March 9, 2026	Optional for applicants: Q&A session to clarify application and terms
April 13, 2026	Submission deadline for Spring - Summer AT Education &Promotion Grants
Mid-April – May 2026	Proposals review and approval by HRM Staff
After 2026-2027 Capital Budget approval	Award recipients will sign awarding documents, deliver the projects awarded and report outcomes

Fall – Winter Intake Timelines project start October 15,2026

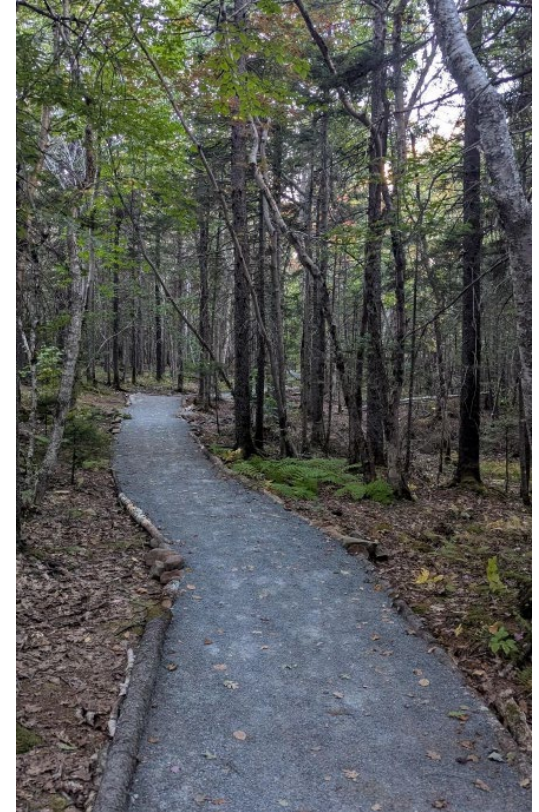
August 10,2026	HRM launched the Fall-Winter AT Education and Promotion Grants
August 24,2026	Optional for applicants: Q&A session to clarify application and terms
September 27,2026	Submission deadline for Fall- Winter AT Education &Promotion Grants
End of Sept - October 2026	Proposals review and approval by HRM Staff
October 15,2026 – March 31,2027	Award recipients will sign awarding documents, deliver the projects awarded and report outcomes

Recreational Trails Grants Program

- Administrative Order Number 2020-011-ADM Respecting HRM's Grant Programs for Active Transportation and Recreational Trails ([Administrative Order 2020-011-ADM](#)) also sets the framework to award Recreational Trails (RT) Grants Program
- **RT Grants Program** include three separate grants: **Capital/ Recapitalization/ Maintenance and Operations**
- **RT Grants Program** online:
<https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/parks-trails-gardens/recreational-trails-grants-program>

Recreational Trails Grants Program
Capital/ Recapitalization Grants
2024-2025 Total Awarded: \$70,000
No awards in 2025-2026

AT Facility	Capital Projects	Trail Association Recipient	Grant Approved
Looping Trail – spur of the Carroll's Corner Mastodon Trail	Trail construction - project completed	Carroll's Corner Community Centre	\$5,000
Acadia Park in Lower Sackville	Trail construction – not started	Acadia Recreation Club Society	\$55,000
Canal Trail- spur of Atlantic View Trail	Trail design completed	Atlantic View Trail Association	\$10,000



Looping Trail – spur of the Carroll's Corner Mastodon Trail

2024-2026 Recreational Trails Maintenance and Operations Grants

2024-2025 Total Awarded: \$49,000

2025-2026 Total Awarded: \$51,500

Recreational Trail(s)	Trail Association Recipient	2024-2025 Awards	2025-2026 Awards
Cole Harbour Heritage Park (not including the AT Heritage Trail)	Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association	\$10,000	\$10,500
Crowbar Lake Trail	Crowbar Lake Wilderness Association	\$4,000	\$4,000
First Lake Greenway (South Side) Trail - Recreational	Friends of First Lake Society	\$2,000	\$2,500
The Old Coach Road Trail Park, Mainland Common Park	Halifax North - West Trail Association	\$5,000	\$5,000
McIntosh Run Singletrack Trails	McIntosh Run Watershed Association	\$3,000	-
Musquodoboit Wilderness Trails of the Trailway	Musquodoboit Trailways Association	\$5,000	\$8,500
Recreational Trails of Sackville Lakes Park	Second Lake Park and Trails Association	\$10,000	\$9,000
The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail	Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization	\$10,000	\$12,000

Thank you. Questions?

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Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission