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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

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September 4, 2014

Mr. Anthony Sabidussi
Transportation Planner
Federal Highway Administration
New Jersey Division
840 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 310
West Trenton, New Jersey 08628-1019

Dear Mr. Sabidussi:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is pleased to request obligation of the \$393,719.00 apportionment that was made available for motorized trail projects under the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 - Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2010 (Extension Act), title IV of Public Law 111-147, as amended by the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2010, Part II, title II of Pub. L. 111-322, and the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011, Pub. L. 112-5.

The funds subject to this request had been previously obligated by the Federal Highway Administration (Federal Project Number: NRT-M0T1(969)), and subsequently de-obligated due to inactivity.

At this time the State of New Jersey is requesting obligation of these funds for one motorized trail project. Enclosed is a description of this project for your consideration. This project will be conditionally approved pending review and authorization by the State Historic Preservation Office and Natural Areas Program.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact New Jersey Trails Program Coordinator John Flynn at (609) 984-0628 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rich Boornazian
Assistant Commissioner for
Natural and Historic Resources

Enclosures

c: John Flynn

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

2013 RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Applicant:		NJDEP – Natural and Historic Resources			
Project Name:		Restoring Motorized Recreation Opportunities In The New Jersey Pine Barrens			
Contact person:		Terry Schmidt			
Address		501 E. State St.			
City	Trenton	State	NJ	ZIP	08625
Telephone		609-984-1423			
Email		Terry.schmidt@dep.nj.gov			
Employer FID number		21-6000928-00			
Applicant Type: (check all that apply)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State Agency		
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal Government		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonprofit Organization				
Project location:					
Municipality	Multiple	Tax block/lot	Multiple		
County	Multiple	US Congressional District	Multiple		
Land classification: (check all that apply)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private with easement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private anticipating easement/lease
Target dates for implementation:		Project start date		October 1, 2014	
		Project completion date			
Project cost: (maximum grant for non-motorized projects is \$24,000)					
Itemized Cost	State Grant \$	Match		Note: Total of all matches must be a Minimum 20% of the Total project cost	
		Cash/ Supplies/ Services	Labor	TOTALS	
Labor:	\$116,000.00		\$123,500.00	\$239,500.00	
Volunteer Labor:				\$0.00	
Materials:	\$240,000.00			\$240,000.00	
Informational Signs:	10000			\$10,000.00	
Equipment Rental:	\$115,000.00			\$115,000.00	
Tool Purchase:	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00	
Other (specify):	\$8,000.00			\$8,000.00	
Fuel & Maintenance	\$494,000.00	\$0.00	\$123,500.00	\$617,500.00 Total Project Cost	
	Total Grant Amount Requested	\$123,500.00 Total Match Amount		Match is 20% of total	

Project description: (MAX 500 words – press F1 for help)

There are 1000+ miles of primitive roadways within the New Jersey Pine Barrens. Driving these roads has long been a favored recreational pursuit for both residents and visitors of New Jersey. Unfortunately, deferred maintenance and the intentional destructive activities of some users has resulted in widespread damage to the road system including large water filled dips, damage to culverts and impairment to bridges.

Many Pine Barrens roads have thus become impassable for most vehicles, resulting in lost motorized recreational opportunities. The poor condition of the road system is also limiting access to non-motorized recreational activities that require access to trailheads, river access points, and other passive endeavors. More importantly, the compromised road conditions have detrimentally impacted the ability for emergency response vehicles and personnel to respond to situations such as injured/lost visitors, forest fires and emergency evacuations of camping areas

The State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection is proposing in this initial application, to use RTP funding in the amount of \$494,000 to begin restoring portions of the existing road system in the Pine Barrens and to facilitate the implementation of a road maintenance program. We propose to initiate a multi-phase/multi-year program beginning with Phase 1 in Wharton State Forest. The monies from the grant will enable the Division of Parks and Forestry to develop a regularly scheduled maintenance program for this area within the Pine Barrens that encompasses 600+ miles of primitive roadways. The program's implementation will result in the Division having a much-needed tool that will assist in providing access for all forms of recreational trail use. The proposed uses for RTP funding are outlined in the budget table below and include: equipment purchases including a dump truck, salary to provide for hourly employees, material purchases such as gravel, culvert pipe and gates; and printing costs to provide for road mapping and interpretive information.

Project purpose: (check all that apply)

Trail project linkage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Links to population center <input type="checkbox"/> Links to other trails <input type="checkbox"/> Links to other trails and population centers <input type="checkbox"/> Links to trails in the New Jersey trails system <i>(Press F1 for a link to the NJ Trails Plan)</i>
Length of trail or trail system affected	<input type="checkbox"/> less than ½ mile <input type="checkbox"/> ½ - 3 miles <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 5 miles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 or more miles
Partnerships involved or included in project	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 partnership <input type="checkbox"/> 2 partnerships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> 4 partnerships <i>(organizations, volunteer groups, agency partners, etc.)</i>
Trail creation and designation	<input type="checkbox"/> Creates a new trail or section of trail <input type="checkbox"/> Improves an unofficial trail and includes it in agency's official

	trail system <input type="checkbox"/> Improves an unofficial trail, includes in agency's official trail system, and creates new section
Designation to the NJ Trails System	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail(s) in the project connect to NJ Trails System or trails <input type="checkbox"/> Trail(s) in the project are part of the NJ Trails System
Multiple uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bicycling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country skiing <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic
Municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> Urbanized area <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Aid Community (<i>Press F1 for link to complete list</i>)
Trail links	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project area links to some cultural/historical features <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project area located in significant viewshed
Disabled access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Some accessibility improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Entire project area is ADA accessible
Innovativeness	<input type="checkbox"/> Innovative use/design/development
Trail restoration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project provides for the restoration of an existing trail
Previous awards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project did NOT receive a Recreational Trails Program Grant in the prior fiscal year
Importance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project is necessary for erosion control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project is necessary for maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Project is necessary for endangered/threatened species protection
Improvements provided by project	<input type="checkbox"/> Signage improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation improvement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ease of entry improvement
Compatibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Project is detrimental to surrounding land use <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project is compatible with the landscape and surrounding land/trail use
Applicant prior performance	<input type="checkbox"/> Prior approved project cancelled <input type="checkbox"/> Prior approved project completed
Resource sharing/ regional impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project allows for sharing of resources/equipment between a number of sites or entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project has a regional impact

Blue trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Project is physically contiguous to a lake, canal, navigable river, marine or other coastal waterbody and provides direct access		
New applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant has never applied for a Recreational Trails Program grant before		
Length of trail uses: <i>(Include all uses that apply with the length of trail miles affected, to the nearest 1/2 mile.)</i>			
Hiking		Skating	
Bicycling		Cross-country skiing	
Equestrian		Motorized recreation	
Fitness		Aquatic activity	
Disabled-mobility /sensory	<i>(Press F1 for help)</i>		
Attachments: (check all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project map / Illustration	<input type="checkbox"/>	IRS non-profit status letter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof site open to public	<input type="checkbox"/>	Permits required

PLEASE NOTE

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2013



U.S. Department
of Transportation
Federal Highway
Administration

New Jersey Division

September 11, 2014

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In Reply Refer To:
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Federal FY 11 Recreational Trails Program

Mr. Rich Boornazian
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Natural and Historic Resources
Department of Environmental Protection
MAILCODE 501-03A
P.O. Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Mr. Boornazian:

We have received your September 4, 2014 request to obligate some of the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) funds under the National Recreational Trails Act. We are pleased to approve the obligation of \$393,719.00 for the program. These funds are being used for a single motorized recreation project. These funds had been previously approved in my letter dated August 16, 2011 (Federal Project Number: NRT-MOT1(969)), and subsequently deobligated due to inactivity.

As you are aware, any project requiring coordination with the New Jersey Office of Historic Preservation and/or requiring NJDEP permits will be conditionally approved pending the applicant obtaining the necessary permits/authorizations before work begins on the project.

Enclosed is the project agreement form with our signature for the authorization of \$393,719.00 of the FY11 funds. Please return one signed original for our records.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection may be reimbursed directly by Federal Highway Administration for this approved obligation. We will notify the New Jersey Department of Transportation of this transaction for their information. If you have any questions, please call me at (609) 637-4221.

Sincerely yours,

Tony Sabidussi
Environmental Specialist

Enclosure

Cc: John Flynn, Trails Coordinator, State Trails Program (NJDEP)
Leah Montgomery, FHWA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Recreational Trails Act Program Project Agreement

State of New Jersey

The United States of America represented by the Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), United States Department of Transportation and the State named above (hereinafter referred to as the State), mutually agree to perform the work covered by this agreement in accordance with the Symms National Recreational Trails Program Sec. 1112 § 206.

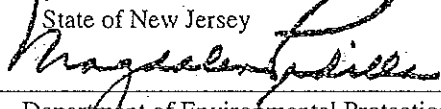
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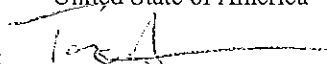
Approp. Code: L94E
Project Description:

Trails Projects - This funding will be used to cover part of 1 motorized trail project in the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's submittal. An agreement to fund 47 trails projects was previously executed. The Administrative Expenses agreement was previously executed (93%).

Federal Project Number: NRT-M0T1(969)

Project Costs: \$393,719.00

State of New Jersey
By: 
Department of Environmental Protection

United State of America
By: 
Federal Highway Administration
United States Department of Transportation

Date: 9/24/14

Date: 9/11/14