

# Rhode Island Trail Advisory Committee Trail Improvement Grant Program

## **Application Process:**

The Rhode Island Trails Advisory Committee will be evaluating each application received for funding from the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21), which authorized the Recreation Trails Program. The primary goal of the committee is to encourage the development and maintenance of recreation trails and trail related projects.

## **Who is eligible to apply?**

The applicant must be an agency of the State of Rhode Island, a municipality of the State of Rhode Island, an Indian Tribe, or an organization incorporated pursuant to Chapter 7-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, organization meeting the definition of "charitable trust" set out in section 18-9-4 of the General Laws of Rhode Island.

## **How to Apply:**

Application forms will be available after May 1, 2005 from the:

Rhode Island Trails Advisory Committee  
R.I. Department of Environmental Management  
Division of Planning & Development  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767

Or from the DEM Website:

[http://www.state.ri.us/dem/programs/bpoladm/plandev/pdf/tr\\_app.pdf](http://www.state.ri.us/dem/programs/bpoladm/plandev/pdf/tr_app.pdf)

Complete the application form and submit an originally signed form and 6 copies by noon, June 30, 2005 to the Rhode Island Trails Advisory Committee at the address shown above. Applications received after the filing deadline will not be considered for funding during this round and will be returned to the applicant. Such applications may be resubmitted during subsequent rounds.

Please answer, as completely as possible, all questions on the application form. Please remember to have the form signed by the authorized local governmental official. If you have any questions, please call Richard Tierney at DEM at 222-2776 extension 4310.

## ***Special Note:***

Projects are subject to an eligibility review for environmental and historic impacts by DEM, Rhode Island Department of Transportation and the Rhode Island

Historical Preservation Commission prior to funding approval. If the project review determines a significant environmental or historic impact, the project may not be funded.

### **How the decision is made:**

Each application will be evaluated and scored based on the scoring criteria. Once the Sub-Committee has reviewed and scored all of the applications, the Trail Advisory Committee by a majority vote will recommend to the Director of the Department of Environmental Management applications for grant awards. The Director shall review the Committee's recommendations and notify the successful applicants. If the Director does not award a specific grant as recommended by the Trail Advisory Committee, the Director shall notify the Committee of that decision in writing, giving reasons for the decision.

Each successful application must submit certification that all other necessary funds are available.

### **Proposed Funding Round for Trail Improvement Grants 2005:**

- Limit \$50,000 per award
- 80% of project cost grant funds / 20% of project cost *local cash or inkind match*

DEM WEBSITE for Greenways Grants:

[http://www.state.ri.us/dem/programs/bpoladm/plandev/pdf/gw\\_app.pdf](http://www.state.ri.us/dem/programs/bpoladm/plandev/pdf/gw_app.pdf)

Or Contact:

*Rhode Island Greenways Council*  
~~*Department of Environmental Management*~~  
*Division of Planning and Development*  
*235 Promenade Street*  
*Providence, RI 02908-5767*

### **Proposed Application and Award Schedule**

#### **2005 Grant Round:**

- **May 1 - June 30**      **Application Period**
- **July 1 - August 31**      **Application Review / Scoring**
- **October 2005**      **Grant Awards Announcement**