

Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation: Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) - Public Health Expenses on State Lands

Project	Description	District	Management Unit	Town	FPR	VYCC
Trails, Parking & Roads Providing Recreational Access						
New Discovery Park Entrance and Off Season/Winter Access to Groton Forest Trails	This past spring we saw a significant increase in off season use due to COVID throughout Groton State Forest. This off-season parking area was heavily impacted by increased use. The entry off of VT Route 232 into New Discovery State Park was in need of repair and redefinition to control stormwater from rutting out the park road.	St Johnsbury	Groton State Forest	Marshfield	\$ 20,000	
Mt Ascutney Mountain Road Bridge Maintenance	Bridge maintenance necessary to preserve recreational access and effectively distribute visitors to different trail heads in the area	Springfield	Mt Ascutney State Park	Ascutney	\$ 10,700	
West River Trail Maintenance	Reports of recreational use of Jamaica State Park during the early months of the pandemic indicated a significant increase in daily use. Trail maintenance repaired damage incurred due to heavy use during mud season.	Springfield	Jamaica State Park	Jamaica	\$ 34,000	
Wells River-Montpelier Rail Trail Maintenance	Repaired damage resulting from high use during spring mud season and the Stay Home, Stay Safe order. Maintenance included resurfacing as needed, grading, gates to manage traffic and repairs to a major wash out on the trail. This project included the addition of gates and repairs on the Cross Vermont Trail in the town of Ryegate.	St Johnsbury	Groton State Forest	Groton, Marshfield, Peacham, Ryegate and Newbury	\$ 151,000	
South End of Lake Willoughby Waste Management and Monitoring Support	Installed and maintained (4) seasonal portolets in accordance with CDC guidance; increased Fish & Wildlife warden patrols for safety.	St Johnsbury	Willoughby State Forest	Westmore	\$ 25,000	
Waterbury Dam Boat Launch Overflow Parking	The Waterbury Dam Boat Launch was improved in 2019 to allow for more structured parking and to reduce erosion. The location has seen a steady increase in use and is also a gateway for boaters to access the remote camp sites on the reservoir. A new overflow parking area was established specifically for visitors who are visiting remote campsites. The site required a new gate, guardrail and gravel.	Barre	Mt. Mansfield State Forest	Waterbury	\$ 50,000	
State Lands Trailhead Kiosk Project	During the COVID-19 pandemic it has been more important than ever to relay important safety messages. A lack of trailhead kiosks on popular State Lands recreation access areas made it difficult to effectively relay key stewardship messages to users. Project funds supported the construction and installation of holding structures, sign designs, support and fabrication of interpretive signage using State Lands standardized templates. Trailhead kiosks were installed in District 2 (1), District 4 (14) and District 5 (5).	Statewide	Mt Mansfield SF, CC Putnam State Forest, Aitken SF	Waterbury, Stowe, Elmore, Worcester, Middlesex, Mendon	\$ 60,000	\$ 16,000
Russell Hill Shelter Roof Repair & Privy Replacement	Improvements to this highly accessible shelter ensured it was safe for public use during the pandemic, and ready to accommodate an increase in visitor use.	Rutland	Coolidge West State Forest	Shrewsbury	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,000
Repair State Forest Highways	Four (4) parcels saw damage as gates were breached during lockdown with no monitoring. Repair of public access required gravel and grader.	Springfield	Downer SF, Dorand SF, Mollie Beattie SF, Okemo SF	Sharon, Grafton, Rockingham, Ludlow	\$ 68,000	
East Road & Eddy Brook Maintenance	Maintenance to popular hiking/VAST access into two state forests. Increased ATV activity damaged road and required waterbar maintenance and gravel. Project included culvert replacement on Eddy Brook Road/VAST trail.	Rutland	Aitken State Forest, Coolidge West State Forest	Mendon	\$ 41,000	
Willoughby State Forest CCC Road Repairs	Repaired damage caused by heavy use this spring.	St Johnsbury	Willoughby State Forest	Westmore	\$ 50,000	

Owl's Head Parking Area Expansion	Increased parking capacity at the Owl's Head trail head and shelter area by building a new parking area for approximately 16 cars. The use of the area during March and April and until park opening received unprecedented use with hikers and day visitors. The parking area could not accommodate the number of visitors. The new parking area allows for safer access to the area and reduces/eliminates roadside parking.	Barre	New Discovery State Park	Groton	\$ 40,000	
LR Jones Parking Lot Expansion	Increased parking capacity at the Spruce Mtn. trail head by building a new parking area for approximately 15 cars. The area received unprecedented use by hikers during the COVID pandemic. The parking area could not accommodate the number of visitors. The new parking area reduced problems with people parking on private land and along the town roadway. It also allows for better safety and access to the area.	Barre	Groton State Forest	Plainfield	\$ 25,000	
Mt. Philo Trailhead Steward	Trail maintenance addressed high use during spring mud season and Stay Home, Stay Safe order. Trail steward presence for information and education on new trail etiquette developed for recreating during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Rutland	Mt. Philo State Park	Charlotte	\$ 1,500	\$ 16,000
Mt. Philo Summit Trail and House Rock	House Rock, Summit trail and ADA access improvements to facilitate safe outdoor recreational use at this popular location that has seen increased usage during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Rutland	Mt. Philo State Park	Charlotte	\$ 63,000	
Said Road Access Improvement and Maintenance	Access road maintenance needed to address high use and access to Glen Lake for hiking, kayaking, canoeing. Gravel road and parking (45 loads).	Rutland	Bomoseen State Park	Bomoseen	\$ 26,000	
CCC Road Repairs - Black Swamp	Road stabilization and repairs	Rutland	Coolidge West State Forest	Shrewsbury	\$ 10,000	
Camels Hump, Dowsville Parking and Road Improvement	Providing safe, reliable access for outside recreation opportunities is paramount at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This road work complements a new parking area to provide recreation access on State land. There was no parking area, making access to this resource challenging.	Essex	Camels Hump	Duxbury	\$ 63,000	
Elmore Mt. Trailhead Clivus Toilet Installation	In 2018 the Elmore Mountain trailhead parking area was improved to accommodate increased use of the trail network. Given the increase of use this is an ideal location for a clivus toilet to be installed. The pandemic increased trailhead use before the annual port-a-potty could be placed, which resulted in human waste around the trailhead.	Barre	Elmore State Park	Elmore	\$ 60,000	
Zack Woods Roadway and Gate Improvements to Remo	The number of campers and day users has increased drastically. During the 4 weeks that park was open, there were 95 campers that park staff have counted. This does not include day visitors or campers not counted. The staff report lots of human waste that they have not seen prior to the pandemic.	Barre	Zack Woods State Park	Wolcott	\$ 25,000	
Elmore Day Use Parking Area Improvements	The day use gate was left open during mud season to park opening to accommodate the increased number of day users and hikers that were out during the start of the pandemic. The gate would have been otherwise closed during this time. There was some damage to the parking area during this time. By adding more gravel, the gate could be left open longer during the shoulder seasons for greater capacity and accessibility for parking.	Barre	Elmore State Park	Elmore	\$ 40,000	

CC Putnam State Forest Trailhead Parking and Access In	During the spring of 2020 increased use of all CC Putnam State Forest recreation access areas was observed. The following locations require varying degrees of work ranging from expanded parking opportunities to the re-establishment of erosion control devices: Pinnacle Meadows Trail, Stowe Pinnacle Trail, Moss Glen Falls Trail, Brownsville Trail Network, Waterbury Trail, Middlesex Trail, Worcester Trail, and Green Crow access.	Barre	CC Putnam State Forest	Worcester	\$ 75,000	
Moss Glen Falls Puncheon Project	Trail maintenance to repair damage resulting from high use during spring mud season and the Stay Home, Stay Safe order.	Springfield and Rutland	Moss Glen Falls	Stowe	\$ 10,000	\$ 32,000
Brighton State Park Day Use Parking Area Improvement	Maintenance to day use parking area from heavy spring use.	Barre	Brighton State Park	Island Pond	\$ 20,000	
Camel's Hump View Trail	This trail has seen higher use due to COVID-19 and provides an option for accessible, socially distanced recreation. Crews will prepare the current trail tread for and install surepac on the first 1/2 mile of the one mile long Camel's Hump View Trail.	Essex	Camel's Hump State Park	Duxbury		\$ 16,000
Trail Maintenance, Education and Parking Area Management	Trail maintenance and education at several popular trails and trailheads (including the Appalachian Trail and mountain bike trails) which saw an increase in use during the pandemic.	Springfield and Rutland	Gifford Woods State Park; Aitken State Forest & Coolidge State Forest	Killington; Mendon, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, Killington		\$ 32,000
Trail Counters	Trail counters to be installed at multiple trailheads to better monitor trail use. Includes 5 starter packages (3 counters each) for a lending library as well as 15 additional trail counters (30 total counters).	Statewide			\$ 20,000	
Personal Safety Devices	Purchased safety devices for staff working solo in the field.	Statewide			\$ 5,000	
PPE (disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, etc.)	Supplied appropriate amount of cleaning supplies.	Statewide			\$ 15,000	
Trail Work Tool Caches	Purchased additional trail maintenance tools to minimize instances of sharing tools between staff.	Statewide			\$ 20,000	
Trail Finder Supplement	Expanded outdoor recreation information available to users through Trailfinder website, including health and safety information, new recreation etiquette, as well as helping better disburse users to lesser used trail heads.	Statewide			\$ 20,000	