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National Park Service Funds Trail Projects in 10 States and DC

Washington, DC – The National Park Service has awarded \$340,000 to eight projects that will link existing national historic and scenic trails to national parks and other Federal facilities.

The annual “Connect Trails to Parks” awards will develop or enhance trail connections. They will also fund informational waysides, educational services, bridge and trail designs, and planning services.

“These grants will help upgrade trails and expand access to national parks and national trails,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis. “Trails are increasingly important not just as places to exercise but as places where we can unplug and rewind, places where we can explore and commune with the outdoor world and learn about our heritage.”

The National Park Service plays a vital role in operating the 54,000-mile National Trails System. The Trails System dates to a 1968 law that created the Appalachian and Pacific Crest National Scenic Trails. Today, the National Trails System is comprised of 11 national scenic trails (NSTs), 19 national historic trails (NHTs), and more than 1,100 national recreation trails (NRTs).

Each “Connect Trails to Parks” project must cost \$100,000 or less and be slated for completion by the end of next year. The program was established in 2008 to increase awareness, appreciation, and use of the National Trails System as it approaches its 50th anniversary in 2018. For more information about the National Trails System please visit www.nps.gov/nts.

2011 Connect Trails to Parks Projects

State(s)	Award Amount	Project Title	Trail(s)	Park or Other Federal Area
DC	\$37,000	Develop Trail Alternatives and Public Involvement	Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail	Rock Creek Park
HI	\$59,500	South Kohala Greenway Project	Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail	Pu’ukohola Heiau National Historic Site

MD, DC, VA	\$43,000	Develop mobile web app for Chesapeake Bay trails and parks	Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT, and Star Spangled Banner NHT	Fort McHenry National Memorial and Historic Shrine and other sites
MA & CT	\$31,000	Develop and Produce Unigrid Brochure for the New England National Scenic Trail	New England National Scenic Trail	New England National Scenic Trail
OR & ID	\$85,820	Doug Bar Renovation and Interpretive Signage and Structures	Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail	Nez Perce National Historic Park and Wallowa National Forest
OR, ID, MT	\$4,500	Volunteer-Based Interpretation	Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail	Nez Perce National Historic Park
SD	\$39,300	Missouri River National Recreational River Water Trail	Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail	Missouri National Recreation River
WV & MD	\$40,000	Feasibility Study for the Byron Pedestrian Bridge Spiral Staircase (Maryland end)	Appalachian and Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trails	Harpers Ferry and Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Parks

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