



# Purpose

- To distribute grants for the construction of trails to provide recreational trail use opportunities which benefit the communities and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Morris County.

**MORRIS COUNTY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM**

# Overview



- All trail construction must occur on permanently preserved public park land or private land with dedicated easements for recreational use
- Only grants for trail construction will be considered
- Municipalities to provide planning, design, and matching funds
- Program will operate on a reimbursement basis only
- Applicants are limited to one application per year

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# Structure



- **Collaboration:** Morris County Division of Planning & Preservation and Morris County Park Commission
- **Selection Committee:** 9 Members including
  - 4 MCPC Recreational Trail Committee
  - 2 MC Dept of Planning & Public Works Board or Comm.
- - 3 At-Large from the Trail Community

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# Funding

- **Source:** Preservation Trust Fund, via Voter Referendum, approved Nov. 4, 2014
- **Award Limits:**
  - Minimum = \$5,000
  - Maximum = 60% of available funding
- **2016 Estimate:** \$700,000 (2015 taxes)

# Eligibility



- **Applicant:** Morris County Municipalities
- **Project Type:** Construction Projects Only
  1. New Trails – motorized & non-motorized (various types)
  2. Rehabilitation and Restoration (Due to significant acts of nature)
  3. Trailside and Trailhead Facilities (part of new trail construction)

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# Requirements

- **Ownership:** Permanently preserved public Park Land or Private Land with easements dedicated for public recreational use
- **Matching Funds:** 20%
- **Reimbursement:** 80% Upon Project Completion
- **Project Status:** Construction Ready

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# Schedule

- **Adopt Rules & Regulations:** April 27
- **Appoint Program Committee:** May 11
- **Applications Released:** May 15
- **Community Workshops:** May 18 & June 6
- **Pre-Application Meetings:** June & July
- **Applications Due:** September 1, 2016
- **Committee Recommendations:** Nov. 21, 2016
- **Freeholders Announce Awards:** Dec. 14, 2016

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