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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Senator Gobi Announces MassTrails Grant Funding for Local Projects**

**BOSTON – Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer)** is pleased to announce grants to the winning organizations of the MassTrails awards. MassTrails is an inter-agency initiative of the Commonwealth lead by the Governor’s Office, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Department of Transportation and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

"I have worked with a number of groups and communities who have worked hard to provide opportunities for outdoor recreation," said Senator Gobi. "I have been glad to advocate for funding and I am very pleased to see so many projects moving forward."

The following local trail projects are receiving grants through the program:

- Palmer, Ware and Hardwick and the Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council - \$12,500 to work on a Blue Trail on the Ware River.
- East Quabbin Land Trust - \$95,000 to add additional trail miles connecting Hardwick and Ware.
- Ware - \$38,500 to complete work on the Central Mass Trail in the Ware River Valley
- Sturbridge Trails Committee - \$44,390 for trail head parking and information kiosk on the Grand Trunk/Titanic Rail Trail and \$12,865 to determine feasibility of developing a 2.3 mile section of the Grand trunk Trail known as the central Section.
- Central Mass Regional Planning Commission - \$26,648 to create a web based regional trails guide and app for trail locations throughout Southern Worcester County.

MassTrails seeks to expand and connect the Commonwealth’s networks of off-road, shared use pathways and recreational trails for all users across Massachusetts by providing matching grants,

technical assistance and resources to individuals, municipalities, non-profits, and other public entities to design, construct, and maintain high quality Massachusetts trails.