



## State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR TRAIL SYSTEMS

The Department of Natural Resources administers grant programs for maintaining recreational trail systems. These programs include the **National Recreational Trails Act Program (RTP)**, **Snowmobile and ATV Programs**. These programs also provide funding for rehabilitation of existing trails, development of new trails and associated facilities.

#### Who is eligible

Eligible sponsors for **RTP** grants include towns, villages, cities, counties, and tribal governments, school districts, state and federal agencies, and incorporated organizations whose primary purpose is promoting, encouraging or engaging in outdoor recreation trail activities. Counties are eligible for **Snowmobile and ATV** funds.

#### Dollars available

For 2002, Wisconsin was allocated \$932,000 in **RTP grant funds** to be divided between motorized, non-motorized and multi-use trail projects. The 2003 allocation is unknown at this time.

Eligible sponsors may apply for a grant to cover up to 50% of the total costs for their project. The sponsor's match can consist of cash, donations of labor, materials and services.

The amount of funds available for **Snowmobile and ATV** projects varies depending upon the number of machines registered. These programs provide 100% of the total development costs for the project.

#### Preparing a competitive project

To make your trail project competitive, it should be multi-purpose; multi-seasonal; link existing parks or state and multi-county/township trails to one another or to a community, campground or other recreational site; exhibit a high level of volunteerism, local cash donations or cooperation by service clubs; enhance tourism or economic development; be located off-road. Motorized trail projects should be part of the funded trail system or if a new addition to the system, it should link other funded segments or counties; connect to population or service centers; be located on abandoned railroad grades, public land or private land with long-term easements.

#### Application Deadline

Grant applications for **RTP** projects are due **May 1**. Applications for **Snowmobile and ATV Grants** are due **April 15**. Grants are awarded after the State Budget is signed.

#### Who to contact

Contact your local DNR Community Services Specialist (listed on back) to determine whether your community is eligible for these programs, to receive technical assistance and a grant application. Check our website for more information: [www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/cfindex.html](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/cfindex.html).

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