



# Council News



Welcome to the second edition of *Council News* from the Connecticut Greenways Council. It is designed to quickly communicate information presented at the monthly CGC meetings that both our stakeholders and the general public might find interesting.

## Previous Edition Archive.

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GIxrcxOGnHMT4gYhLzakwee2R0RcqPnw/view?usp=sharing>

## NEWS || LEGISLATIVE || TRAIL PROJECTS || CTDEEP/CTDOT || CALENDAR

February's meeting had the usual mix of both a quorum of council members present and representatives of both CTDEEP and CTDOT. Additionally, 14 non-council attendees, representing a wide variety of organizations and members of the public were present.

### NEWS

A new **Communications Plan** is available and being followed to establish a new website and other ways to share information.

**New Website in Development!** A Letter of Understanding between UConn Trails (CLEAR) and the Council was agreed to and work will start to create a new **public** platform that is easily editable and allows quick communication of information and events. It will reside within the current UConn CLEAR website <https://cttrails.uconn.edu/> Look for this later this year!! Work is underway to secure and align agreements and funding.

### Greenways Fund

DMV proceeds from the Greenways License Plate (**Please consider your support!**)  
<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Outdoor-Recreation/Greenways/Greenways-License-Plate>

### Connecticut Trails Learning Community

[Trails Learning Community | CT Trails Program](#)

### LEGISLATIVE

The bills introduced last year to provide soft surface trail maintenance are being reintroduced. A call was made for other initiatives to be pursued.

**PROJECT NEWS**

*(Bruce Donald's Spreadsheet of East Coast Greenway Projects Through 2030)*

CT ECGA Funded Projects 2026-2030			16-Jan	
	<u>Trail Name</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Description/Note</u>	<u>MS Funded</u>
<b>2026</b>	FCHT - New Haven IV-2	0.58	State St. Cycle Track with Water St	\$ 6.40
	FCHT - New Haven IV-2	0.13	Grove Street Connector	\$ 0.85
	Charter Oak Manchester	0.34	Hartford Rd. and Bidwell Connector	\$ 0.84
	New Haven/Hamden Raised Crosswalks	0.2	12 Intersections on FCHT	\$ 1.80
	Quinebaug River Trail Plainfield	1.61	Plainfield Line to Wauregan	\$ 2.20
	Washington Blvd Stamford	0.8	Side Path on <i>On-Road Route</i>	\$ 2.50
		<b>3.66</b>		<b>\$ 14.58</b>
<b>2027</b>	Plainville FCHT I	1.30	Townline Rd to Norton Park	\$ 6.70
	East Hartford Charter Oak V	3	CRCOG Study Routing Town Center	\$ 5.80
	Columbia Hop River Trail	0.83	King's Rd to new Willimantic River Bridge	\$ 5.80
	Putnam/Pomfret Air Line Trail	1.1	Town Farm Rd to City Center	\$ 6.10
	Hamden Raised Crosswalks II	0.2	12 Intersections on FCHT	\$ 2.70
	Bloomfield Greenway East III	0.3	Seneca Road to High School	\$ 1.00
		<b>6.73</b>		<b>\$ 28.10</b>
<b>2028</b>	Bloomfield II	6.4	High School to Tobey Road	\$ 13.40
	Hartford III	2.7	Keney Park to River Trail North RR	\$ 8.10
	Plainville FCHT II	2.10	Town Center to Northwest Drive Lot	\$ 15.50
	Southington FCHT IIIb	1.08	Aircraft Rd. to Town Line Rd.	\$ 5.80
	Hartford/Windsor Riverwalk 1	2.6	Boathouse to just south of Meadow Brook	\$ 4.00
	Putnam Quinebaug River Trail	2.5	Putnam YMCA to Killingly Phase VII	\$ 11.00
		<b>17.38</b>		<b>\$ 57.80</b>
<b>2029</b>	Plainville FCHT III	1.90	Norton Park to Town Center	\$ 28.00
	Windham Air Line Trail Bridge Resurface	1.90	RT 6 to Windham TL/bridge over 203	\$ 4.80
	Plainfield Moosup Valley Trail Extension	2.40	Moosup Center to Water Street	\$ 7.40
	Simsbury Tariffville II	1.72	Tariffville Center to FCHT	\$ 16.10
		<b>7.92</b>		<b>\$ 56.30</b>
<b>2030</b>	Hartford Griffin Line Bikeway	1.95	Route 44 to Tobey Road	\$ 12.00
		<b>1.95</b>		<b>\$ 12.00</b>
<b>24 Projects Funded</b>		<b>37.64</b>	<b>Brings CT to 75%</b>	<b>\$ 168.78</b>

Other CT Projects – *from Jim Kulpa – VHB*

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| <b>Project</b> |  |
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- a. Columbia River Trail.
  - b. Meridan area along Research Drive.
  - c. Simsbury connection to Curtiss Park for FCHT
  - d. B-line trail in Plainfield.
    - 1. New Britain Bee Line sections.
  - e. Air Line - Pomfret section resurfacing. Addressing Railway ditches.
  - f. Watertown
  - g. Bloomfield Greenway II, and High School Connector
  - h. Hamden

- i. Hartford River Walk.
- j. Mansfield Multi-use trail around UConn campus
- k. Plainfield - Moosup Valley Trail.
- l. Putnam Air Line Connector
- m. Stratford – Housatonic Greenway.
- n. Torrington
- o. Windam – Airline Trail section. Resurfacing.
- p. Glastonbury
- q. Mill River Trail – New Haven.
- r. Preston – Heritage walkway.
- s. East Coast Greenway Gap Study final approval by CRCOG.
- t. Quinebaug River Trail to Plainfield Fish Hatchery.

### **NEWS from CTDOT**

Active Transportation Program are open for application with the end March the first deadline.

[https://portal.ct.gov/dot/projects/active-transportation-plan/resources?language=en\\_US](https://portal.ct.gov/dot/projects/active-transportation-plan/resources?language=en_US)

### **NEWS from CTDEEP**

#### **Connecticut Recreational Trails Grant Program (CTRTP)**

The 2026 current round has closed with many applications being evaluated.

- 73 applications plus 2 internally from DEEP met the deadline
- \$21M in total requests
- OPM software supporting the grant program is under development. Should be a major improvement.
- CTDOT (with VHB) will be partner in review and assessment of certain projects that require their scoping and expertise.
- Grant review team will meet in the coming weeks to evaluate and select projects.

CTDEEP rescheduled its Annual Winter Festival.

- NEW DATE Feb 21st Sat. Burr Pond, Torrington.
  - i. <https://www.cttrailfinder.com/trails/trail/burr-pond-state-park>

### **2026 Trail Symposium Planning is Underway!**

Potential Locations are being scouted.

We are targeting Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> dependent on location selected.

There is the possibility of multiple days. Maybe ½ day Sat. with workshops to help accommodate ‘working’ volunteers.

**Next planning meeting will be 03/04/26.** All are welcome to attend and help!!

### **NATURE NEWS!!**

Our poor bats are under siege by White Nose Syndrome



<https://www.usgs.gov/news/national-news-release/white-nose-syndrome-killed-over-90-three-north-amer...>

**CALENDAR** – *non-exhaustive list of upcoming events, meetings, gatherings mentioned*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact / LINK</b>
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	CORA Ski & Tubing day at Mohawk Mountain	Paula Burton <a href="https://ctparks.com/events/learn-ski-and-snowboard-day">https://ctparks.com/events/learn-ski-and-snowboard-day</a>
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	DEEP Winter Festival	<a href="https://www.cttrailfinder.com/trails/trail/burr-pond-state-park">https://www.cttrailfinder.com/trails/trail/burr-pond-state-park</a>
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	CGC Comm Mtg	Dan Buckley
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	2026 Symposium Planning Mtg	Dan Buckley
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	CTDOT Micro Grant round I closure	Anna Bergeron
May 16	Ride the East - Willimantic	Bruce Donald
Jun 18	ALSPTA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs Willimantic	Bruce Donald
Jun 27	Ride the State New Haven	Bruce Donald

Routine meetings are held **SECOND TUESDAYS** at 9:00am via Microsoft Teams and Quarterly in-person hybrids at VHB in Wethersfield. Meetings last 90 minutes.

If you want to be included, please contact Kim Bradley <[Kimberly.Bradley@ct.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Bradley@ct.gov)> and you will be added to the Email list.

**Next CGC Meeting Mar 10<sup>th</sup> Microsoft Teams.**