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Frelinghuysen Forest Preserve Recreational Trail Grant Award

Dear Residents,

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that Frelinghuysen Township has been awarded a grant of \$14,400 for work on the recreational trails at the Frelinghuysen Forest Preserve. This grant was made possible through the hard work and dedication of Wendy Buttgerreit and Marty Connor.

The goal of the Recreational Trails Program is to improve public access to open space, provide outdoor recreation opportunities, develop trail linkages, create urban and suburban trail corridors and provide sites and facilities for additional and improved hiking, biking, horseback riding, and off-highway vehicle activities.

Grant funding is made available through the Federal Highway Administration to the states for assistance in maintaining trails and trail facilities. The Federal Highway Trust Fund is the source of the funding from a portion of the motor fuel excise tax. In this round, 63 applications were approved for a total of \$1,188,500 in award monies. The New Jersey Trails Council recommended all of the grant recipients for approval.

The Public Land Managers will be using our portion of the grant to create parking areas, install access gates, interpretive signage and trail blazing. There will also be extensive trail clearing and blazing completed by their "army" of volunteers for the required in kind contribution of citizens' time and effort. When the project is complete, a kiosk with updated maps of the Frelinghuysen Forest Preserve trail network will be installed.

In honor of National Trails Day this year, Saturday June 4th, commencing at 9AM, volunteers will clear and blaze a connector trail to Ridge and Valley's Gnome Hollow Preserve. We hope to see you there!

For more information or to follow this project and others please visit: <http://ffpnj.org>

Sincerely,

Christopher W. Kuhn

Mayor Frelinghuysen Township

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