



# CITY OF CONCORD

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## REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Beth Fenstermacher, Assistant City Planner

**DATE:** July 31, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Inclusion of City of Concord trails in a regional web-based database.

### **Recommendation**

Accept this report.

### **Background**

The National Park Service Trails and Conservation Assistance Program has partnered with UNH Cooperative Extension and the Upper Valley Trails Alliance to develop a new web-based database showing publically accessible trails throughout the region. This cooperative project, called Trail Finder ([www.TrailFinder.info](http://www.TrailFinder.info)), will expand a successful digital trail mapping effort currently in place in Maine and Vermont. The project aims to better connect people to publically accessible conservation lands in New Hampshire, increasing the public's access to healthy, outdoor recreational opportunities in their own communities. The Conservation Commission and Trails Subcommittee have expressed interest in this collaborative effort, and some communities in NH have already participated.

Only those trails with Owner permission will be loaded into the database; and, only information that is approved by City staff will be posted.

### **Discussion**

Upon the City Council's acceptance of this report, Planning staff will work with the project partners to submit the trail information for inclusion on the TrailFinder.info website.