

**North Haven Trail Association
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To: Community Foundation of Greater New Haven-Quinnipiac River Fund

Re: Grant #20120241

Friends:

The North Haven Trail Association (NHTA) has used its 2012 grant to make great strides in meeting its objectives and moving forward with the Tidal Marsh Trail along the eastern shore of the Quinnipiac River north of the New Haven/North Haven town boundary.

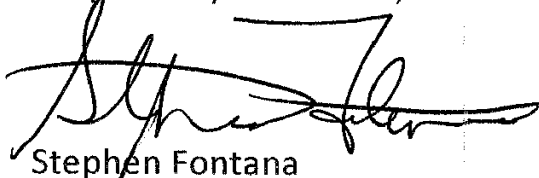
Over the past year, NHTA held several meetings with the owners of a key piece of property and received a receptive response from them to our proposal that they grant us an easement. Since their deed contains a vague legal description, and a valid easement requires a reliable legal description of the property, NHTA secured an initial, professional assessment of the legal description in the deed to the current owners.

The assessment concluded that, due to the vague deeds, maps, and multiple owners in the property's chain of title, NHTA needs a full search, going back a legally-sufficient forty years, to ensure a reliable legal basis for the easement. NHTA contracted for this title search, and the organization allocated most of the grant funds to this search, as well as to insurance.

NHTA now plans to work with our engineer to prepare the necessary survey maps that delineate precisely the parameters of the proposed easement, and will work with our town attorney to prepare the easement documents. Once we have completed these documents, NHTA will present them to the property's owners for their approval.

Beyond this effort, the NHTA continues to participate in community events ... including ongoing trail cleanups and sponsored walks. To maintain community awareness, NHTA is in the process of establishing a new website, with Facebook and Twitter links. Our efforts receive the full backing and cooperation of our First Selectman, who publicly noted, "We are very grateful to the Community Foundation and the Quinnipiac River Fund for the grant awarded to the North Haven Trail Association. The NHTA has done an outstanding job with their efforts to develop nature trails that are designed to become a destination where a community can come together to share in an aesthetically and environmentally pleasing recreational experience."

Respectfully submitted,



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