

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

Re: Grant #20130107

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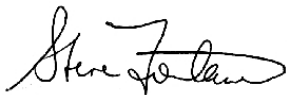
The North Haven Trail Association (NHTA) has used its 2013 grant to move forward with the development of its Tidal Marsh Trail along the eastern shore of the Quinnipiac River north of the New Haven/North Haven town boundary.

Over the past year, NHTA met with the principal owner of a key piece of property regarding our organization's interest in an easement across it. Since that property's deed contains only a vague legal description, NHTA secured an initial, professional assessment of the legal description in the deed to the current owners. The NHTA then contracted for a full title search, going back a legally-sufficient forty years, to ensure a reliable legal basis for the easement.

NHTA then worked with an engineer to prepare the necessary survey maps delineating precisely the parameters of the proposed easement, and with North Haven's town attorneys to prepare the easement documents. Last fall, we completed these documents and presented them to the property's owners for their approval. Since that time, we've continued to negotiate with them. We've also sought out alternate ways to secure the desired easement across their property, and revisited securing easements across outstanding parcels of private property along the northern route (between Valley Service Road and the North Haven/Wallingford town boundary) to extend the trail's continuity.

Beyond this effort, the NHTA continues to participate in community events, including ongoing trail cleanups and sponsored walks. To maintain community awareness, NHTA has established a new website and Facebook presence.

Respectfully submitted,



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