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September 10, 2013

Her Excellency Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
 and the Honorable Executive Council
 State House
 Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, to accept a donation for the construction of a nature trail at Bedell Bridge State Park, valued at approximately \$30,000, from Susan Brown of North Haverhill, New Hampshire.

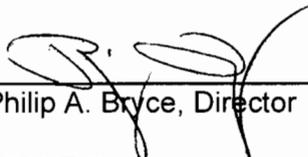
EXPLANATION

The Division of Parks and Recreation has received an offer of donation for the construction of a nature trail at Bedell Bridge State Park worth approximately \$30,000 by Susan Brown of North Haverhill, New Hampshire. The trail construction, donated in honor of her father, will showcase the unique wooded wetland area adjacent to the Connecticut River. The donation includes: design and engineering by John Morton, a well-known trail designer; construction of the trail and two overlook areas; and a kiosk and trail signage.

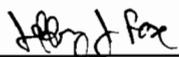
The Division of Parks and Recreation accepts management responsibility for the new trail and associated features. The Division will work with the Division of Forests and Lands and local trail adopters for the maintenance of the facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurred,



 Philip A. Bryce, Director
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 Jeffrey J. Rose, Commissioner

August 25, 2012

Philip Bryce, Director
Department of Resources and Economic Development
Division of Parks and Recreation
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Dear Mr. Bryce,

In honor of our father who loved New England, my brother, Eric Sonnichsen, and I hope to build a nature trail at the Bedell Bridge State Park in Haverhill. It is an interesting and important site with a slough not connected to the river but which reflects the local water table. Many species of animals and birds make their homes there; there is a rich diversity of plant life. Many people use the park every day.

The trail has been designed and will be built by John Morton, a well-known trail designer and builder who is based nearby in Thetford, VT.

We plan to donate the trail, signage, and an explanatory kiosk to the State of New Hampshire. We will place a stone monument and plaque as a memorial to our dad. The estimated cost at this time is \$30,000 which of course may change as construction commences.

The National Honor Society at Woodsville High School has accepted the biannual maintenance of the trail as an ongoing service project.

Construction will begin as soon as all the permits are issued.