

Greenbelt Trails (4114)**\$19,000**

This account is used for purchasing supplies to maintain the greenbelt trail network. The Town Planner and the Conservation Committee manage this account. At the February 13, 2018 meeting, the Conservation Committee voted 7-0 to recommend continued funding at \$19,000.

As FY 2018 comes to a close in June, the Conservation Committee's focus is on the Pollack Brook bridge and trail project. The project is funded with a \$35,000 grant, but is also commanding the bulk of the Conservation Committee budget in matching funds. In FY 2019, the committee will be able to refocus on other greenbelt trail needs and recommends continued funding at last year's level. The committee expects to partner with student volunteers seeking community improvement projects, where the town contributes the cost of materials. Popular greenbelt trail systems in Gull Crest and Winnick Woods will need attention. Existing, small-scale bridges, like the one off Two Lights Rd are due for replacement. In addition, funds need to be reserved for large trees that fall on greenbelt trails and need professionals to remove.

Although not included in this account, the Conservation Committee strongly supports funding for contracting seasonal trail maintenance, and also supports funding in the CIP to replace the Cliff House Beach stairs.