

Town of Dudley Massachusetts
Economic Development Committee
Dudley Municipal Complex
71 West Main Street
Dudley, MA 01571

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Mr. Ken Butkiewicz
Dudley Trail and Greenway Network
71 West Main Street
Dudley, MA 01571

Dear Mr. Butkiewicz,

On June 21, 2017, the Dudley Economic Development Committee voted unanimously to support the Dudley Trail and Greenway application to the National Park Service for a grant to assist in making the portions of the greenway compliant with ADA requirements.

Your organization has done a tremendous job in improving the quality of life for many people of the Town of Dudley. Individuals, whom might have had an occasional reason to go outdoors, now use your trails and bikeways on a daily basis. The trails help bring a sense of peace and tranquility to many of the people who use them. **You could almost say, they have a medicinal effect... and help people stay healthy.**

Your application for a grant to make portions of these trails accessible to those with physical handicaps is noble and absolutely the right thing to do. We have no doubt, that making portions of the trail ADA compliant will provide a much needed recreational opportunity, to many, who probably thought they would never have the ability to travel a trail in their lifetimes.

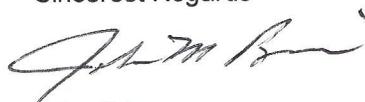
Many of these people, facing challenges many of us would cower from, might never be able to enjoy the peace and tranquility that the trails and greenway offers, if not for people like you and your organization advocating for them.

We trust that the National Park Service will see this the same way we do.

This is but one small step, which we can all support, to ensure that all people have the right to enjoy and appreciate the beauty and peacefulness that only Nature can provide.

It is our sincerest hope that the National Park Service approves your grant application and funding request.

Sincerest Regards



John Briare
Chairman, Dudley Economic Development Committee