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**Northern Strand Trail Project Receives Key Grants**

Governor Deval Patrick announced last week that the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has awarded \$84,022.14 of Recreational Trail Grant funds to Bike to the Sea, Inc., to further the construction of the Northern Strand Community Trail in the Massachusetts communities of Malden, Revere, Saugus and Lynn. This grant adds to funds the DCR has already granted to the Everett section of the trail. These funds can be specifically used to work with these communities to create a dirt/stone-dust trail via the sale of surplus rail ties.

Bike to the Sea, Inc., has also received two grants totaling \$12,500 from Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and The Coca Cola Foundation to provide a match for the Recreational Trail Program funds that will be dedicated to financing a project manager to work with the communities to implement the DCR grant and for community outreach in Lynn.

The grant application sought to secure \$140,000-plus to assist communities with creating safe grade crossings. Given that the funds awarded are less than what was requested, DCR has provided the flexibility for Bike to the Sea to rework the scope of work to fit the new budget. Jim Tozza, president of Bike to the Sea, notes, "We'll be reaching out to each community to discuss how these resources can address each community's needs. We continue to be committed to working with each community to address their needs and concerns regarding the development of the trail."

The Northern Strand Community Trail will be a 9-mile community pathway stretching from near Route 16 in Everett through Malden, Revere and Saugus toward the Lynn waterfront. The trail will be used by walkers, bicyclists, runners and other non-motorized modes for recreation and transportation. For a map and more information, visit [www.biketothesea.com](http://www.biketothesea.com).

Bike to the Sea thanks all its members and partner communities for their continued support. A groundbreaking ceremony for the next segment of trail will be held in the near future.

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