Dear trail enthusiast.

The Maine Trail Advisory Committee (MTAC) has made some big changes in the RTP program, and most of it involves *more money* for your project!

- After nearly ten years of a stagnant maximum grant amount, the MTAC has increased the maximum grant request to $50,000 per project.
- MTAC eliminated the "motorized trail with bridge" category enabling applicants to apply for up to $100,000.
- Replacing this is a "Project of Significance" (POS) category. Within this category we will entertain applications of up to a maximum of $120,000 in each of the Motorized, Non-Motorized and Diverse project categories.
    - Only one POS may be awarded per category, and not every category may have a POS award.

Finally, the emphasis on pre-application site visits has been replaced with four regional RTP application workshops across the state (see below). If you are interested in learning more about the new RTP program and how to increase your organizations' chances for funding, attending one of these workshops will be a great first step.

COMPLETE APPLICATION MUST BE SUMITTED BY
5PM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**
LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
Refer to application checklist (appendix) for what is needed in a complete application.

Anyone considering applying is encouraged to attend one of these four RTP workshops

- **1-4PM - Wednesday, June 1, 2016 – Saco City Hall Auditorium**
- **1-4PM - Thursday, June 9, 2016 – Farmington Community Center**
- **1-4PM - Thursday, June 16, 2016 – Bangor Parks & Recreation**
- **1-4PM - Thursday, June 23, 2016 – Houlton Millar Civic Center**

Pre-Register here: CLICK THIS LINK

**Note that the application deadline has been moved up to coincide with the end of the Federal fiscal year. This will enable us to increase the time successful grant recipients have to get their trail work done by assuring project agreements are in place before the following construction season begins.

If you would like more information about the Recreational Trails Program please visit the DACF Grants and Community Recreation Program RTP Website – here or contact Doug Beck, Outdoor Recreation Supervisor at doug.beck@maine.gov.