

For Immediate Release

26.2 Foundation receives grant for trail construction in Hopkinton from Athletic Brewing Company's Two for the Trails Grant Program

The 26.2 Foundation has been awarded \$7500 to upgrade an existing hiking trail in Hopkinton to make the trail more suitable for regular use by hikers, runners and bikers. The project is to improve the trails that extend from behind Center School by the Common to Elmwood Farm on Ash Street, and was selected from over 150 applications to the Athletic Brewing Company's Two for the Trails Grant Program. The trail is roughly 2 miles in length and allows for a nice but strenuous 3 mile loop run or hike. However, the trail is often wet and the grant funds will allow the trail to be upgraded with the construction of bridges. The Hopkinton Trail Coordination and Management Committee (TCMC) will coordinate the project and will be looking for volunteers to help.

The 26.2 Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1996. Its mission is to promote and support the sport of marathoning, as well as health, wellness and economic development initiatives through strategic investments in innovative, multi-generational programs on local, regional, national and global levels. This project is the second trail project for the Foundation, as in conjunction with the Boston Athletic Association (BAA), they provided funding for the construction of the Middle School cross country course. This trail upgrade project and the Athletic Brewing Trail Grant fit well with the 26.2 Foundation's mission.

Athletic Brewing, a leader in the brewing of non-alcoholic craft beers, and is based in Stratford, Connecticut. They are committed to not only positively impacting the health and happiness of their customers, but greatly impacting their communities and environment for the better. Athletic Brewing's Two for the Trails program is a cornerstone of that mission statement, based on the company's philosophy that access to the outdoors is pivotal for health and mindfulness. Part of the company's core mission is to do its part to maintain and improve this planet with every step they take as a business.

With every beer sold, Athletic donates 2% of all sales to their Two for the Trails Program. They are committed to making the outdoors accessible and sustainable. From urban playgrounds to trail building & maintenance to the most remote backwoods hut programs - they are excited to help wherever their communities need them.

For more information about the 26.2 Foundation or Athletic Brewing; please see their websites. For more information about the trail, please contact Peter LaGoy; TCMC Chair, at peter_lagoy@msn.com.