

Next Level Trails Quarterly Report Template

Project Name: [Historic Vernon to Muscatatuck Park Vinegar Mill Overlook Trail](#)

Grant #: [NTL-02-08](#)

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Report Date: ^{4th} ^{1st} -Quarter 2022~~3~~ (Oct. 1~~st~~ - Dec. 31, 2022~~3~~)

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Progress Report

(provide additional detail in Narrative Section below)

Timeline	Task	Status
1/31/23 <i>Month/Year</i> Month/Year	Permits submitted	Completed
4/1/23	Trail and structure design	In Progress (behind, on time)
3/10/23	Property acquisition	Behind Schedule
		On Schedule

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Match / Grant Spend Overview

Category/General Description	Match Funds	NLT Funds
<i>Phase 1: Land Acquisition – Appraisals</i>	Being funded by donated dollars provided by others	
<i>Phase 1: Design - Surveying</i>	No funds utilized yet, but donated time is being tracked and will be submitted. Professional services will be utilized to finish the design and spec development	

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Narrative Section

Progress since last report: [Continue working on right of way acquisition. Building and trail design.](#)

Anticipated work next quarter (next steps):

Month 1: [submit final permit documents](#)

Month 2: [complete right of way acquisition](#)

Month 3: [complete design and submit to DNR for review](#)

Land Acquisition summary (attach parcel table if necessary):

[Reed, Hugh D & Geraldine – 335 N State Hwy 3 – negotiating additional acquisition – \(the County Park system wants to obtain additional acquisition to secure the rock wall space to expand bouldering facilities, however if not resolved soon, this may need to be handled separately as separate to the trial project\)](#)

[Olmstead, Donald R - 305 N State Hwy 3 – negotiating additional acquisition \(the County Park system wants to obtain additional acquisition to secure the rock wall space to expand bouldering facilities, however if not resolved soon, this may need to be handled separately as separate to the trial project\)](#)

[Hornback, Tiffany – 295 N STATE HWY 3 – negotiating additional acquisition \(the County Park system wants to obtain additional acquisition to secure the rock wall space to expand bouldering facilities, however if not resolved soon, this may need to be handled separately as separate to the trial project\)](#)

[Claghorn, Robert L & Nanette R – 275 N State Highway 3 \(the County Park system wants to obtain additional acquisition to secure the rock wall space to expand bouldering facilities, however if not resolved soon, this may need to be handled separately as separate to the trial project\) \(owners passed away during process, working with owner transfer\)](#)

[Lilly, Eugene R And Evelyn M – S STATE HWY 3 & 7 – negotiating donation \(the County Park system wants to obtain additional acquisition to secure the rock wall space to expand bouldering facilities, however if not resolved soon, this may need to be handled separately as separate to the trial project\)](#)

[Gosman, Bill - S STATE HWY 3 & 7 – negotiating donation.](#)

Maschino, Nicolas Lee - 70 W JACKSON St – negotiating with owner, town reviewing permanent closure of platted but undeveloped road through property or possibly locating trail on road right of way.

Secured services of right of way specialist (INDOT prequalified) to secure final docs to close

Permitting/Environmental summary: 401/404 filed as well as Construction in the floodway (filed) and area plan building permits for the structures. (did preliminary with planning commission, final to be completed upon final design).

Design/Engineering summary: Secured additional design assistance and plan to have all the trial design and specs completed by 4/1/23 and structure design and specs completed by 4/15/23 for submittal for review with DNR.

Obstacles or hardships: 5 of the original property owners passed away during this process, so we are attempting to work through the ownership process to finalize all the acquisitions.

Potential scope or budget changes: At award the budget was already compromised due to rapid increase in cost of materials and labor as a result of pandemic pressures to all projects. In initial discussions, it was determined that since no additional funds would be available, the project scope may be changed, however we decided to do as much with local free contribution as possible in order to preserve as much of the project as possible. We did prioritize with the trial obviously being the one thing that must be preserved, so that will be a must build (all sections) the next priority will be the overlook structure and the restroom facilities with the last priority will be the two shelter houses. We will bid as three separate projects. First will be the paved trail portion and then the unpaved trial portion. The structures will be bid separately with overlook and restroom facilities being bid together and the shelters being bid as alternates to be added to the structure bid. We believe doing it this way will result in the best bids and allow to maximize the ability to build as much as possible.

Information needed from DNR or external stakeholders? We had been attempting to save funds by the use of volunteer assistance for the project developmental process, but this has been difficult at best and are now hiring some additional professional help to finish this project to take to bid this year and stay on schedule to complete by spring of 2024.

Soundbite (How would you describe the current status of the project to local media or elected official in a few sentences?): After a rough start we are making every effort to get this project back on schedule to bid this year and complete by spring of 2024. Due to recent economic conditions that result in budget impacts, volunteer assistance will be utilized where possible to assure the project can be completed within budget. This will primarily be with regard to the construction of the trail along the river.

Attach photos of any progress on the ground (DNR may use for promotional purposes as well as for monitoring progress).

