

Tennessee Trails Association (TTA)
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
May 4, 2021
Libby Francis's Virtual Meeting Room

Call to Order/Welcome/Attendance

TTA President Libby Francis called the annual 2nd Quarter Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 6:05 pm CT. A quorum was present. The meeting took place virtually, via Zoom video-conferencing.

Members Attending: Libby Francis, Duane Frichtl, Melinda Pearson, Cheryl Heckler, Jane Coffey, Mark Hubbard, Susan Woods, Patricia Appleton, Terry Warren, Joan Hartvigsen, Marvin Caine, Patti Deen, Jeanne Conatser, Doug Burroughs, Bob Obohoski, Jane Ellett, Cathy Moran

Members Absent: David Bowling, Jenny Fitzgerald, Ryan Dowdy, Rosemary Marshall, Charlie Bright.

Guests: Norman Brinsley (Plateau), attending to report for the Outreach committee, and John Thomas (Sumner Trails), attending on behalf of board member Jenny Fitzgerald.

Officer and Committee Reports

Secretary—Melinda Pearson

Melinda Pearson presented the revised Minutes of the 2-2-21 Board Meeting, which was emailed to Board members on 5-2-21. Melinda made a motion (2nd Joan Hartvigsen) to accept the revised Minutes. Motion carried. (Attachment 1)

Treasurer—David Bowling

Finance Committee member Mark Hubbard presented David Bowling's reports of 2021 First Qtr. Monthly Income and Expense, and Net Worth as of 3-31-21. Mark moved (2nd Terry Warren) to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried. (Attachments 2, 3)

Mark presented a worksheet analysis of the budget and expenses of the Evan Means Grant Fund to date (Attachments 4, 5) As the report needs revision, Mark recommended action on it be postponed to the next quarterly Board meeting.

TTA Membership—Cheryl Heckler

Cheryl Heckler presented the TTA Membership Quarterly Report for May 4, 2021 (Attachment 6)

TTA Committee Membership—Libby Francis

Libby Francis presented her 2021 TTA committee roster, including special committees and committee nominees for membership and chairs, followed by a motion (2nd Mark Hubbard) to approve the committees as presented. Motion carried. (Attachment 7)

Communications Committee—Doug Burroughs

Doug Burroughs presented an update report on the revised TTA flyer and brochure, (Attachment 8, 9), the FB page, and problems with email delivery under the new website.

Evan Means Grants Committee—Joan Hartvigsen

Joan Hartvigsen reported on each of 7 Evan Means grant requests that were received this quarter. (Attachments 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16).

On behalf of the Grants committee, Joan Hartvigsen made a motion (2nd Patty Deen) to fund the requests as follows: \$1000 Friends of Mousetail Landing State Park ; \$2675 for Friends of Natchez Trace State Park; \$1000 for Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation; \$2000 for TTA Plateau Chapter on behalf of Uplands Village Retirement Community; \$813.85 for Friends of Long Hunter State Park; \$0 for Friends of Rocky Fork State Park; \$0 for Friends of Edgar Evans State Park. (Attachment 17) Motion carried with Terry Warren and Cheryl Heckler abstaining for conflict of interest.

Outreach Committee—Norm Brinsley

Norm Brinsley, Committee chair, reported on TTA's updated Booth Display, participation in 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Cumberland Trail, and ways the committee intends to help promote TTA in print media.

Committee member Libby Francis made a motion (2nd Terry Warren) that TTA acquire a Silver Level membership in the American Hiking Society, currently costing \$200/year. Motion carried.

Libby reported the committee's recommendation to join the Mack Pritchard Foundation for \$100, and so moved (2nd Dwayne Frichtl). Following discussion, Libby amended the motion (2nd Dwayne Frichtl), moving to make a 2021 donation to the Mack Pritchard Foundation in the amount of \$100. Motion carried.

Awards Committee—Duane Frichtl

Committee Chairman Duane Frichtl presented the report, and made a motion (2nd Joan Hartvigsen) that the 2021 budget for his committee be increased from \$150 to \$300 for purchasing additional awards, as the committee hopes to present a double set of awards—retroactively for 2020 (when no awards were given), and currently for 2021. Motion carried. (Attachments 18, 19)

Annual Meeting Committee—Doug Burroughs/Nashville Chapter

Doug Burroughs reported progress of the planning committee for the TTA Annual Conference in Oct. 2021. Nashville chapter (Doug Burroughs, chairman) is the meeting host. A motion was made by Doug Burroughs (2nd Joan Hartvigsen) to designate all general funds raised at the 2021 Annual Conference to the Evans Means Fund of TTA. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mark Hubbard made a motion (2nd Terry Warren) to delete the Evans Means Grant Program line item from the TTA annual budget, because the program funding will now be handled outside the annual budget. Motion carried.

Duane Frichtl made a motion (2nd Mark Hubbard) to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm.

Motion carried.

Minutes submitted 5-12-21 by Melinda Pearson, TTA Secretary.

Revised 7-4-21

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February 2, 2021
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Vice-President Libby Francis, presiding for President Mary Etta Ward, absent, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm CT. A quorum was present. The meeting took place virtually, via Zoom video-conferencing.

Members Attending: Libby Francis, David Bowling, Melinda Pearson, Cheryl Heckler, Jane Coffey, Mark Hubbard, Susan Woods, Jenny Fitzgerald, Patricia Appleton, Terry Warren, Joan Hartvigsen, Marvin Caine, Patti Deen, Charlie Bright, Jeanne Conatser, Doug Burroughs, Bob Obohoski, Jane Ellett, Duane Frichtl, Cathy Moran

Members Absent: Mary Etta Ward, Ryan Dowdy, Rosemary Marshall

Guests: Cinde Jones (Clarksville), Lou Ann Partington (TTA Chapter Un-affiliated), Norman Brinsley (Plateau), Ron Dunn (Murfreesboro)

Officer and Committee Reports

Vice-President—Libby Francis

Libby requested a vote on the resignation letter of TTA President Mary Etta Ward ([Attachment 1](#)). Motion was made by Melinda Pearson (2nd Terry Warren) that the Board accept the resignation of Mary Etta Ward as TTA President and At-Large Director. Motion carried. ([Attachment 2](#)).

Action to fill Board position vacancies was as follows:

- Jane Coffey made a motion (2nd Bob Obohoski) to elect Susan Woods as At-Large Director. Motion carried.
- Joan Hartvigsen made a motion (2nd Mark Hubbard) to elect Patricia Appleton as East Tennessee Regional Director. Motion carried.
- Joan Hartvigsen, Nominating Committee chairman, nominated Libby Francis to the office of TTA President, and moved to elect her to that office. Terry Warren seconded. Joan Hartvigsen called for the vote. Motion carried.
- Libby Francis made a motion to elect Duane Frichtl, Sumner Trails Board Representative, to the position of At-large Director, to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Mary Etta Ward from the position. Jenny Fitzgerald seconded. Motion carried.
- Mark Hubbard made a motion to elect Duane Frichtl, At-Large Director, to the office of Vice-President, to fill a vacancy created by the election of Libby Francis as President. Jenny Fitzgerald seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary—Melinda Pearson

Melinda Pearson presented the MOM (minutes of the board meeting) for the 4th quarter 2020, and the MOM for the Special Organizational Meeting 2020, and moved to approve them as presented. Bob Oboboski seconded. The secretary will comply with Board's instruction to spell out in words the abbreviation "EMGP" used in the the 4th quarter 2020 MOM. This amendment not causing a material change in the Minutes, the vote on the motion proceeded. Motion carried. (Attachments 3 & 4)

Melinda Pearson moved to accept as presented the Report of the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting. Duane Frichtl seconded. Motion carried. (Attachment 5)

Treasurer—David Bowling

David Bowling presented three financial reports for the period ending 12-31-2020, and moved to approve them as presented. Joan Hartvigsen seconded. Motion carried. (Attachments 6,7,8)

David presented the 2021 Annual Budget report and moved to accept. Mark Hubbard seconded. Motion carried. (Attachment 9)

David presented the report of annual Allocations to the Individual Chapters and moved to accept the report. Terry Warren seconded. Motion carried. (Attachment 10)

Membership—Cheryl Heckler

Cheryl Heckler presented the Membership Numbers report for the first Qtr. of 2021, and three other reports for February 2021—Membership Listing by Chapter, Recently Joined Members, and Membership Classes by Chapter. (Attachments 11, 12, 13, 14)

The Membership Director reported a great deal of unresponsiveness to her new-member survey. It was therefore suggested & agreed, to move the new-member survey to the administration of the chapters for the rest of the year, with hope of better response.

Grants—Joan Hartvigsen

On behalf of the committee, Joan Hartvigsen presented the following 4 grant applications, and moved to fund them. (Attachments 15, 16, 17, 18, 19)

Patti Deen seconded the motion to fund the Friends of South Cumberland State Park (SP) for \$1470 to purchase equipment and building materials needed to restore a portion of the Foster Falls Climbers Trail. Motion carried. (Attachments 15 & 16)

Jane Ellett moved and Jane Coffey seconded the motion to fund the Friends of Rocky Fork SP for \$ 859.44 to purchase equipment that the Trails Committee will use to continue enhancement and safety of the Park trails. Motion carried. (Attachment 17)

Terry Warren seconded the motion to fund the Friends of Johnsonville State Historic Park for \$750 to print 6,000 copies of updated hiking trail maps. Motion carried. (Attachment 18)

Jane Coffey seconded the motion of Joan Hartvigsen to fund a request of \$ 4000 from Plateau chapter for Uplands Village Retirement Community to build a parking lot and .27 mi. ADA trail at a site on Upland Village property. A roll call vote was taken. Vote on the motion was 7 votes for, 7 votes against, 2 votes to abstain. There being no majority vote for the motion, the motion failed. The grant applicant can reapply. (Attachment 19)

Communications Committee—Website/Newsletter/Facebook.

Doug Burroughs presented an update report on parts of the website, and website training events, completed since the website went live on 12/10/20. Cheryl Heckler presented an update on Members' website login progress.

Mark Hubbard (TTA Facebook) and LouAnn Partington (TTA Newsletter) gave brief reports.

Old Business

Annual Meeting

Doug Burroughs (Nashville Chapter Chair) announced Nashville and Sumner Trails chapters will soon begin planning meetings for the TTA 2021 Annual Conference, picking up from where they left off when the 2020 Annual Conference was cancelled.

Board Meeting Dates

Joan Hartvigsen made a motion to set the 2nd and 3rd quarter 2021 TTA Board meetings on May 4, and August 3, respectively, beginning at 6pm CT, via Zoom virtual conference.

Libby Francis adjourned meeting at 8:13pm CT.

Minutes submitted 2/17/21 by Melinda Pearson, TTA Board Secretary

TTA Committees 2021

Executive Committee conduct the business and manage the affairs of the Association between meetings of the full Board

1. President Libby Francis
2. Vice President Duane Frichtl
3. Treasurer David Bowling
4. Secretary Melinda Pearson

Nominating Committee provide a slate of qualified candidates for election to the board and recommend qualified replacements for any vacancies

1. Duane Frichtl chair
2. West Tn Rep. Terry Warren
3. Middle TN Rep. Joan Hartvigsen
4. East TN Rep. Trish Appleton
5. Cathy Moran

Audit Committee oversee policy compliance, conflicts of interest, ethics and program integrity, retain auditors for the association (This is a separate duty from the treasurer and does not involve finances)

- 1 Sara Pollard, chair murfreesborotreas@tennesseetrails.org
2. Ryan Dowdy
3. Bob Richards, Trailbob51@outlook.com

Finance Committee financial management of income, Life Memberships, and other investment funds, budget planning

1. David Bowling-chair
2. Mark Hubbard
3. June Callahan, June369@outlook.com
4. Jane Coffey

Awards Committee recommends candidates for various recognition awards provided by the By-Laws

1. Duane Frichtl, chair
2. West TN Rep. Terry Warren
3. Middle TN Rep. Joan Hartvigsen
4. East TN Rep. Trish Appleton
5. Bob Richards, Trailbob51@outlook.com

Membership Committee Collects dues and membership and forwards to Treasurer. Reports status to Board. (Here's the fun part, for rest of committee) Recommend actions which promote the attraction and enrollment of new members and retention of new members

1. Cheryl Heckler, Chair
2. West TN Rep. Terry Warren
3. Middle TN Rep. Joan Hartvigson
4. Est TN Rep. Trish Appleton
5. vacancy

Communications Committee Responsible for insuring communication between the Association and the public and the membership. Newsletter, Website, Facebook. etc.

1. Doug Burroughs, chair
2. Mark Hubbard
3. Louanne Partington
4. David Bowling
5. Melinda Pearson
6. Cheryl Heckler
7. Patty Deen

Special Committees:

Evan Means Grant Committee Examine small grant project funding for enhancing trails and the hiking experience

1. Joan Hartvigson-chair
2. Mark Hubbard
3. Marvin Caine
4. Melinda Pearson
5. Vacancy

Outreach: Responsible for State Display Board, exploring opportunities for national and statewide recognition through memberships and donations

1. Norm Brinsley-chair, plateau@tennesseetrails.org
2. Bob Richards, Trailbob51@outlook.com
3. Vacancy

Annual Meeting Committee - discuss general policies and duties; hosting of future annual meetings

1. vacancy

2. vacancy
3. vacancy

Interested in Hiking?

- **Day hikes?** Easy, moderate and strenuous hikes, typically within a 2-hour drive.
- **Car camping?** Easy to strenuous hikes with overnight camping near the car.
- **Backpacking?** Moderate to strenuous hikes carrying all of your gear for one or more nights in the backcountry.
- **Trail building/maintenance?** No skills required! Help build new trails and maintain established trails for future enjoyment.



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- 12 chapters throughout the state.
- Hikes are free and led by experienced members.
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WE LOVE TO HIKE!

The **Tennessee Trails Association (TTA)** is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1968, whose mission is to support the development of a statewide system of hiking trails. We work to keep trails in good condition, build new trails and promote responsible trail use.

Whether you are a novice or experienced hiker, TTA provides you with opportunities to meet with other hikers and learn about trails across Tennessee and beyond. We have 12 chapters throughout Tennessee, so chances are there's one in your vicinity. Each chapter plans and leads its own hikes and outings and holds regularly scheduled meetings.

We schedule hikes of varying lengths and levels of difficulty so that everyone can participate. We also offer other types of activities such as backpacking, "car camping," canoeing and kayaking. All activities are led by experienced TTA members.

Our statewide annual conference is held each fall. Members and non-members from all over Tennessee are encouraged to attend for a fun weekend devoted to hikes, socializing and TTA business.

WE LIKE TO HELP!

Along with hiking trails across Tennessee, TTA provides financial assistance and volunteer support to organizations for trail projects throughout the state.

TTA offers the **Evan Means Grants Program** which was created in 1999 to honor the memory of one of the co-founders. Grants provide funding for volunteer-based nonprofit groups that share our goals for projects which improve trails or enhance the hiking experience.

TTA provides financial and volunteer support to the **Cumberland Trails Conference (CTC)** in their efforts to complete the Cumberland Trail which will eventually extend 282 miles from Cumberland Gap on the Tennessee border to the Tennessee River Gorge in Chattanooga.

TTA supports **"Friends"** groups at the state and local level. These groups support parks and natural areas by fundraising as well as volunteering and organizing other activities.



For a complimentary newsletter, email membership@tennesseetrails.org or use our "Contact Us" page on our website.

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BECOME A MEMBER

As a member of the Tennessee Trails Association you'll meet and hike with fellow enthusiasts and become part of a community that promotes hiking and the protection of natural resources. You'll receive the monthly newsletter, *Tennessee Trails*, which includes upcoming hike and trip information, safety tips, volunteer opportunities and chapter announcements. Members can choose to be listed in the TTA Membership Directory and access our *Hiking Handbook* on the TTA website.

You can choose one of the following chapters or join as an unaffiliated member:

- **Memphis**
- **Jackson**
- **Nashville**
- **Murfreesboro**
- **Clarksville**
- **Columbia/Franklin**
- **Highland Rim** (Tullahoma)
- **Sumner Trails** (Hendersonville)
- **Upper Cumberland** (Cookeville)
- **Plateau** (Crossville)
- **East Tennessee** (Knoxville)
- **Soddy Daisy**



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Tennessee Trails Association
P. O. Box 41446
Nashville, TN 37204-1446



MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES, I want to join Tennessee Trails Association.

(Memberships are for one year, unless you have a Lifetime Membership.)

_____ Student (FULL TIME)	\$15.00	_____ Supporting	\$50.00, \$100.00 or more
_____ Individual	\$25.00	_____ Life - Individual	\$500.00
_____ Family	\$35.00	_____ Life - Family	\$750.00

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Home/cell phone () _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____ Chapter _____

Newsletters are sent electronically to your mail unless the box below is checked.

_____ I would like to receive my newsletter by mail.

For privacy, please do not list the following in the TTA Annual Membership Directory:
Email Address _____ Mailing Address _____ Telephone Number _____

Mail Membership Form to: Membership Director P.O. Box 41446 ♦ Nashville, TN 37204-1446

Or join online at www.tennesseetrails.org

Evan Means Grant Program — Funding Request

Grant Recipient: Friends of Mousetail Landing State Park Date of Request: 3/11/2021

Recipient's Address:

19132 Hwy 438 West
Linden, TN 37096

A brief description of the project for which funding is being sought:

This project funding is being requested for revitalization of the 8 mile Eagle Point Loop trail. It has been closed due to downed trees and debris since a storm devastated the trail in October 2019. The clearing of the trees has recently been completed and the trail is reopened. We would use this funding for replacement of 6 signs, 1 bench, and 1 wooden bridge along the trail. Most of the signage is very old and barely standing. Some of the signs are not standing. The bench was destroyed by a tree.

How does this project fit within the range of your organization's total activities?

The Friends of Mousetail Landing State Park would like to complete this project in order to enhance the park's usage and beautification. We strive to work alongside park officials to provide enhancements to the park in order to improve the park status. We would use volunteer hours for the building and placement of the project. We have partnered with the Perry Co. Sheriff's office to secure the building of the project through the use of trustees in the woodworking shop.

Explain how hikers will benefit from the project:

Hikers will benefit greatly by this project. The 8 mile loop trail provides one of the most beautiful hikes in the park. The rejuvenation of this trail signage, benches, and bridge would provide hikers with a well marked trail that is usable and visible to the hiker.

When is the project expected to begin?

6/1/21

When is the project expected to be completed?

12/31/21

What is the total cost of this project from all sources?

\$1271.23

Provide a detailed spending plan for the amount being requested from TTA:

Amount requested from TTA is \$1000.00. See detailed itemization attached.

How many total man-hours will be required for the project?

50

How many volunteer hours are expected to be used for the project?

40-50 to be provided by Friends of MLSP and Perry Co. Sheriff's Office trustees

Grant submitter's name Kelly Parker

Email: flossie0961@yahoo.com Telephone 731-847-0961



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
MOUSETAIL LANDING STATE PARK
3 CAMPGROUND ROAD
LINDEN 37096
(731) 847-0841

February 25, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Mousetail Landing State Park approves the Friends of Mousetail Landing State Park's request to complete an Eight Mile Trail improvement project. The project will allow the Friends of Mousetail Landing State Park to install benches, bridges, signs, and trail markers on the Eagle Point Trail within the park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Bowen".

John Bowen
Park Manager

Bid for 8 Mile Eagle Point Loop Trail Project:

23 – 4x4x8 Pressure treated -	\$17 ea.	\$391.00
34 – 2x6x8 pressure treated -	\$14 ea.	\$476.00
1 – 2x4x8 pressure treated	\$11 ea.	\$11.00
2 gallons exterior paint	\$50 ea	\$100.00
1 – ¼" straight router bit	\$19 ea.	\$19.00
1 – 1/8" straight router bit	\$19 ea.	\$19.00
2 – 5 ++ 3" No. 9 Deck screws	\$30 ea.	\$60.00
3 – ¼ x 20 x 6' All Thread	\$5 ea.	\$15.00
1 – 1" x 3' Dowel Rod	\$3.99	\$3.99
14 – ¼ x 20 x 5 ½" Bolts	\$0.89 ea.	\$12.46
18 – 1/4 x 20 x 4" Bolts	\$0.67 ea.	\$12.06
4 – 2" Chip brushes	\$1.79 ea.	\$7.16
4 – 4" Chip Brushes	\$4.59 ea.	\$18.36
1 – Box 1/4" flat washers	\$5.19 ea.	\$5.19
1 – Box ¼" lock washers	\$4.29 ea.	\$4.29
1 – Box ¼" ¼ x 20 Nuts	\$3.79 ea.	\$3.79

\$1158.30

Tax: \$112.93

Total \$1271.23

EVAN MEANS GRANT PROGRAM---FUNDING REQUEST

Grant Recipient: Friends of Natchez Trace State Park Date of Request: 3/26/2021

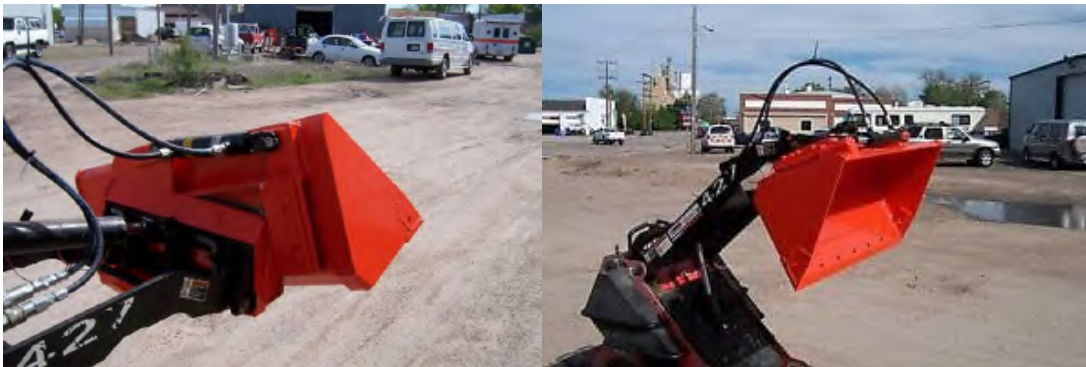
Recipient's Address: 24845 Natchez Trace Rd., Wildersville TN 38388

A brief description of the project for which funding is being sought:

The Friends of Natchez Trace is seeking funding to purchase a heavy-duty tilting bucket designed for trail building that can be used with a standard mini-skid steer. Natchez Trace State Park has over 40 miles of hiking trails, but most are in poor condition and require reconditioning or re-routing. Building new hiking trails requires a lot of work which is best accomplished with a combination of mechanized equipment and volunteer labor.

Two of the rangers at Natchez Trace have been trained by Mike Ritter of Trail Design Specialists, and are Trailmaster Certified to properly design, layout, and construct sustainable trails. The Trailmaster Certification includes hand built and mechanized construction techniques and the equipment being asked for is made specifically for trail building and recommended by Mike Ritter due to its tilting ability and heavy-duty construction. Since completing this training, the rangers have spent the past several years renovating and rerouting the Cub Lake Trail, but it has been slow due to limited access to the mechanized equipment. Tennessee State Parks owns **one** Ditch Witch SK800 mini skid steer with the required trail building attachments, a tilting bucket and 6-way blade. However, with only one machine to share between 56 state parks, it is difficult to schedule the time we need with the equipment to make significant progress.

Natchez Trace State Park has been exploring all avenues to acquire a Ditch Witch of their own and will continue to do so, but if the Tennessee Trails Association will grant us a tilting bucket, the Friends of Natchez Trace will match it by purchasing the 6 way blade, and we can rent a mini-skid steer locally and complete projects without waiting on the Tennessee State Parks machine. Furthermore, when we are able to purchase our own Ditch Witch, we will have the necessary attachments to make even more progress towards building sustainable trails at Natchez Trace.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/tilting-bucket-for-mini-skid-steer-fits-Dingo-Ditch-Witch-trail-building-/333739112859>

<http://youtu.be/GqcDPPb0cX0>

Explain how hikers will benefit from the project:

The purpose of renovating and rerouting the hiking trails is to make them less prone to erosion and more enjoyable to hikers. Trails are being designed and laid out according to difficulty so that short day use trails will be easier and smooth, while longer backcountry trails will be more difficult and rugged. This will help keep hikers within their comfort zones, while building their confidence as they progress to longer and more challenging hikes. After we are able to catch up or in times when we are not working on trail projects at Natchez Trace, we would be able to take these attachments and help surrounding parks like Mousetail Landing, Pinson Mounds, Big Hill Pond, etc. with their trail projects.

When is the project expected to begin?

We will purchase the equipment this spring and begin renting the mini-skid steer to start on the next segment of the Cub Lake Trail by late spring or early summer. The park has some money allotted for trail work, but it can not be used to purchase equipment. They are able to rent a mini-skid steer, but since this tilting bucket is specialized trail building equipment, no local rental companies have one available. Owning the attachments will enable us to work on trail projects as they best fit our schedule instead of waiting on the one TSP machine.

When is the project expected to be completed?

While it is hard to estimate how long it will take to complete all of our hiking trails and begin building new trails, it would be nearly impossible to do with volunteers and hand tools alone. We have built several sections of trail by hand and it is an inefficient and slow process. Utilizing the mechanized equipment allows volunteers to focus on smoothing and finishing the trail instead of moving hundreds of pounds of dirt and being discouraged. We have been working with the American Hiking Society for several years now. We have hosted their Alternative Spring Break where a crew of college students come to the park for a week and we teach them how to build hiking trails. We have hosted Drexel University and Texas State University in the past. Also, they have a program called Volunteer Vacations, where individual adults can sign up to work on volunteer projects at state and federal parks. We have hosted three Volunteer vacations and have developed a good relationship with AHS. We try to plan our projects for a 12-person crew, where they typically work Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday for 6 hours each day. Wednesday is their day off to enjoy the park or visit area attractions. We are also hosting a monthly volunteer day on the 2nd Saturday of each month in 2021 to hopefully continue to build our local volunteer base. We believe that combining mechanized equipment with volunteers will make these trail projects progress much faster and will build volunteer support for improving the trail system at Natchez Trace.

What is the total cost of this project from all sources?

Evan Means Grant	-	Heavy Tilt Bucket	-	2,675.00
Natchez Trace State Park	-	3 Month Mini-Skid Rental	-	4,200.00
Friends of Natchez Trace	-	Trail building Hand Tools	-	1,000.00
Friends of Natchez Trace	-	Trail building 6-Way Blade	-	3,400.00
American Hiking Society	-	2 Volunteer Vacations	-	5,760.00
Total:				17,035.00

Provide a detailed spending plan for the amount being requested from TTA:

\$2,675.00 - Heavy Tilt Bucket

How many total man-hours will be required for the project?

Purchasing this heavy tilt bucket will be utilized to improve the trails at Natchez Trace for many years. The park has agreed to rent the equipment for 3 months for 2021 which will allow rangers to “rough in” a lot of trail, which can later be finished by hand. They have applied for the American Hiking Society Volunteer Vacation, which has helped NTSP build trails for the past several years. The Friends of Natchez Trace has voted to match the Evan Means grant by purchasing the other necessary trail building attachment, the Heavy Duty 6-Way Blade and will help with volunteer work and providing volunteers with hand tools. This is the first step toward creating a sustainable trail system at Natchez Trace and will require years of dedicated work.

How many volunteer hours are expected to be used for the project?

These two attachments, the tilting bucket and 6-way blade will enable the park to “rough in” enough trail for the 2 AHS Volunteer weeks to complete two sections of trail. Each of these volunteer vacations will provide approximately 288 volunteer hours, for a total of 576 hours. However, this is only an estimate of what is scheduled for 2021 and the equipment being purchased will last many years and each section will require more volunteer hours.

Grant submitter’s name:

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EVAN MEANS GRANT PROGRAM --- FUNDING REQUEST

Grant Recipient: Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation **Date of Request:** March 31, 2021

Recipient's Address: SYPF P.O. Box 100, Pall Mall, TN 38577

A brief description of the project for which funding is being sought:

Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic Park and the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation tell the story of WW1 hero and Medal of Honor Recipient, Alvin C. York. This is accomplished by tours of his home, farm, gristmill and living history programming. While we are entirely devoted to telling the story of this great Tennessean, we often lack recreational opportunities at the park other than fishing and picnicking. We do offer a short hiking trail to the burial site of Sgt. York, and while it is indeed a beautiful hike along the Wolf river, it is only .6 of a mile.

In this upcoming year, the Rangers at the park along with the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation are preparing to install a new trail in an unused area of the original farm. This trail will offer elevation gain and a unique overlook of the Wolf River Valley and the beautiful Cumberland Plateau. The overall length of the new trail will double the amount of hiking we offer our guests, with a proposal of roughly 3 miles of trail added to the existing burial site trail. While this trail will certainly serve as a new recreational opportunity, it will also continue our mission to tell the story of Sgt. York, as well as Appalachian history and Tennessee environmental education. So, for the project goal, as Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic Park has not built trails over the years, they lack the tools for building and maintaining a trail. This project would utilize the funding from this grant to purchase much needed tools for installing trail on the hill above Sgt. York's home as well as educational and directional signage. These are crucial to the installation and usage of the trail, and are essential for any continued maintenance or upkeep in the coming years.

How does this project fit within the range of your organization's total activities?

This trail will enhance the visitor's interpretive and recreational experience at the park by providing them more opportunity to see the home of Sgt. York and experience the beauty of Tennessee outdoors. The wooded hillside easily makes one think of the days when Alvin roamed the hills hunting with his old

long rifle. It was these hunts that gave him the ability as a soldier during his time in the Great War. Visitors will be able to climb the same “hills and hollers” as many did long ago in the valley, and in that way, feel closer to his story. They will reach the summit of the hill and look back at the Valley of the Three Forks of the Wolf and deeply appreciate where Tennessee greats have walked before them. From Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett to Mark Twain, Cordell Hull and Alvin C. York, visitors will feel a sense of pride in their accomplishments as they follow in our heroes’ footsteps in these Tennessee hills.

This trail project will also bring together the community as the park has plans to host volunteer groups to help in construction of the trail. These groups will include our Friends group, Scouts, local business volunteers and community volunteers.

Our ultimate goal is to encourage learning from our past so we inspire brighter futures through physical wellness, outdoor experience, and historical insight.

Explain how hikers will benefit from the project:

Hikers will benefit from this new trail by being able to spend more time exploring rural Tennessee and utilizing our park for recreation and healthy initiatives. Hikers will also get to learn and experience more of our rich history in the Appalachia with interpretive signage and be immersed in history in a unique experiential learning way. The location of the new trail will be behind the Visitor Center, circling around the hillside, with an option to hike to the peak for an overlook view. Please see attached map for the area proposed. Our tasks will be developing a trail through the wooded areas and removing rocks, debris, soil, and underbrush to create a trail. We will add signage for direction and educational information.

When is the project expected to begin?

May 2021.

When is the project expected to be completed?

The projected end date of the trail would be by Fall of 2021.

What is the total cost of this project from all sources?

The projected cost of this trail is \$5,500. This includes budget money from TDEC, grants, donations, labor, volunteers, and sponsorships.

Provide a detailed spending plan for the amount being requested from TTA:

Trail Tools \$250.00

Gravel \$200.00

Wood for Steps and Boundaries \$225.00

Directional Signage \$100.00

Kiosk Informational Signage \$225.00

Total: \$1,000.00

How many total man-hours will be required for the project?

1,200

How many volunteer hours are expected to be used for the project?

25+

Volunteer hours anticipated:

The park plans on hosting 4 - 7.5hr volunteer days, totaling 30 hours community volunteer time.

Grant submitter's name: Deborah York, SYPF Executive Director

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TTA - EVAN MEANS GRANT (EMG) PROGRAM

2020 GRANT APPLICATION - FUNDING REQUEST

Grant Recipient: TTA - Plateau Chapter - for Uplands Village ADA TRAIL

Date of ORIGINAL Request: 14 December 2020

Amended: 19 March 2021

Project Address: 55 West Lake Road, Pleasant Hill, TN 38578

A brief description of the project for which funding is being sought:

To construct a walking trail that will support senior citizens who are capable of walking at least ¼ mile on compacted gravel surfaces. The proposed trail is approximately 0.27 miles in length with some slight elevation changes. It is hoped that with the ease of access, and the trail being purposefully designed to be an ACCESSIBLE to all trail users especially people with limited mobility.

Walkers will access the trail at Yonside Drive, immediately across from a semi – improved parking area that will be part of this project. The parking lot will be 40' x 20' making provision for 3 handicap spaces. Parking area is needed for the hikers to be able to park within a reasonable distance to the trailhead. This additional parking area is adjacent to the parking area for the Lake Alice trail that was part of the Cumberland County Hiking Marathon.

This ADA trail will be professionally designed by Bob Richards through his company, *Bob's Trails, Trees and Gardens* and his fees will be paid independently by Uplands Village and are NOT a part of this EMG grant application.

All work done on this ADA trail will be accomplished by TTA Plateau Chapter volunteers, Uplands Village volunteers, and Uplands Village staff. Over the past several years, trail related construction at Uplands Village includes:

- Building a bridge,
- 3 trail kiosks, and
- 3 benches have been supported by the local Boy Scout Eagle Projects.
- Two boardwalks were built and donated by a church youth group, and 5 bridges were built by residents of Uplands Village using their own resources.

This trail, to be ADA compliant, requires a compacted gravel surface and is a good fit for support by an Evan Means Grant, with the TTA Plateau Chapter helping the project's completion.

How does this project fit within the range of your organization's total activities?

As an ACTIVE TTA Chapter, our activities support promoting and developing hiking trails throughout the state especially in the Cumberland County area. This particular project will provide a hiking trail to be used predominantly by people with limited mobility who want to hike but cannot negotiate more remote and difficult trails. Some expected participants, while self – sufficient in caring for themselves may be using walkers, canes, and some may even be wheel chair bound so they can enjoy the outdoors and the peacefulness of Lake Laura

For the record, all of the Uplands Village trails are open and accessible to the general public and people can and do show up unannounced to walk them. The Lake Alice Trail and the Adshead Wilderness

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trail, a short historical trail, are frequented by the local Cumberland County community on an increasing basis.

In summary, this proposed trail will expand promotional efforts about hiking for people of any age. These trails are also part of the Cumberland County Marathon event which occurs in September of each year. The 2020 Marathon was conducted in October as part of the Friends of the Trails Festival and there were over 2,000 people who registered for this event!

Uplands Village has a history of making good use of Evan Means grant money, outlined below.

- 2014, \$600.00 for trail tools.
- 2015, \$250.00 for trail markers.
- 2017, \$600.00 for materials for 2 bridges on the Lake Alice Trail.

Recognition of the Tennessee Trails Association's support through the Evan Means Grant Program has been publicized in the Uplands Newsletter and the Crossville Chronicle, circulated throughout Cumberland County.

Explain how hikers will benefit from the project:

Uplands Village(UV) is an independent 501c3 nonprofit organization with limited funding for capital improvements of this nature. UV is not directly connected with any church group and provides services to the residents and homeowners of the Pleasant Hill, TN community. It draws on its' own operational funds and depends to an extent on private donations to provide recreational areas for people with limited mobility. Donations, this year (2020) have been adversely impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Building this trail will allow hikers of all ages and abilities to interact with each other. It will also encourage young families, who engage in hiking, to visit their elder family members, who may have retired to the upper Cumberland area, and collectively enjoy a Tennessee trail. It will encourage people with limited mobility to enjoy nature and the outdoors.

This trail will give everyone a chance for an "outdoors experience" without the stress or concern that the trail will be too much for the older members in the group. For that matter, the younger people who may be bringing toddlers or infants with them can do so without the worry that they will have to exclude someone to stay behind with the youngsters.

When is the project expected to begin?

The design work for this project is anticipated to be completed during April, 2021 so the construction component could begin within 30 days from the receipt of grant funds, as personnel and necessary equipment for grading and surfacing the trail are on site. This also goes with the understanding that the weather has to cooperate so rough grading can take place.

When is the project expected to be completed?

This trail could be completed within 60 – 90 days from the start date so long as expected staff and volunteers are available to do the work. Progress and keeping on schedule will all be weather dependent to some extent. *Bob's Trails, Trees and Gardens will provide additional visits for project management.*

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What is the total cost of this project from all sources?

Estimated cost of the completed trail and the supporting parking area is shown below.

1. Gravel Base and Surface – Trail surface only to establish a compacted base and trail surface– 10 Loads @ \$200.00 per load = \$2,000.00, This is the project budget and the amount requested from the TTA – Evan Means Grant Program.

Provide a detailed spending plan for the amount being requested from TTA:

Within 10 days of being informed that requested funds have been approved, Uplands Village staff will begin rough grading the intended trail and parking area as shown in the attached diagram. **No Cost.**

Upon completion of base dirt being compacted, crushed rock will be ordered. Delivery will be contingent upon material availability. Once received, rock will be distributed over trail and compacted to form a solid base. Requested delivery will be staggered to allow for sufficient settling and compacting of dirt and rock. **\$2,000.00 for trail surface materials only...machinery and labor provided by Uplands Village and the TTA – Plateau Chapter members.** Time for this phase estimated at 10-14 working days.

How many total man-hours will be required for the project?

Estimated man-hours: 4 people x 20 hours per week x 3 weeks = **240 hours.**

Estimates subject to change based on staff time available from Uplands Village.

How many volunteer hours are expected to be used for the project?

The estimate is 240 hours from staff time at Uplands Village.

In addition;

TTA Plateau Chapter and Uplands Village volunteers: 3 people x 6 hours per week for 3 weeks = **54 hours.**

Total All Volunteer Hours: 294

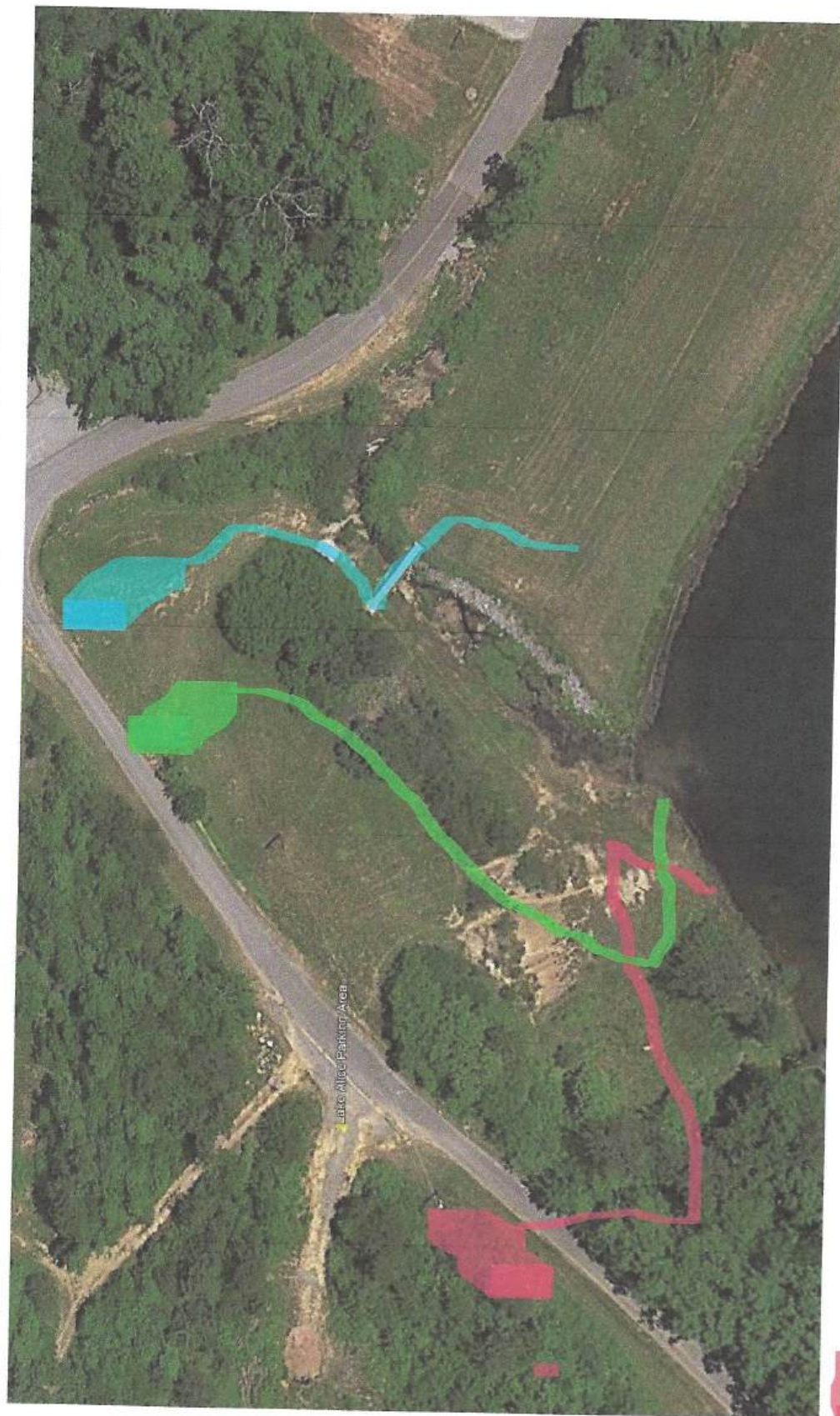
Grant Submitter's Name: Norman S. Brinsley, Chairman, Plateau Chapter, TTA

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Attachment: Scale drawing of proposed trail and parking lot.

TTA – Plateau Chapter, Evan Means Grant Application, ADA Accessible Trail at Lake Laura



- Route 1 - parking area
- Route 1 - trail route to lake edge
- Route 2 - parking area
- Route 2 - trail route to lake edge
- Route 3 - parking area
- Route 3 - trail route to wood bridge and onto the dam to overlook point.

All 3 routes will be field verified as meeting ADA accessible trail parameters just as minimum width, running slope, cross slope and resting level intervals. Gravel surface of the trail will be compacted using a plate compactor while the gravel is damp to insure proper compaction. Field verification will be accomplished by Bob's Trails, Trees and Gardens and these fees will be paid by Uplands Village independently of the EMG funding. *EMG funding will be used for gravel for the trail surface and signage, funding request is for \$2,000.00.*

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| Route 1 | Original parking area and trail route submitted with the December 2020 Evan Means Grant(EMG) application along with the trail route. Concern is the parking parking area is on the opposite side of Yonside Drive so a road crossing is involved. |
| Route 2 | This option has the parking area on the dam side of Yonside Drive and would be routed above the small steep rock area with a switchback to get down to the lake edge. |
| Route 3 | This option has the parking area at the approximate elevation of the trail route which will connect with the end of the trail bridge, cross the trail bridge and terminate on the top of the dam at an overlook area. |

Bob's Trails, Trees and Gardens will make an additional site visit at the beginning of the project construction and a third site visit after the trail is constructed to insure ADA parameters are met.

EVAN MEANS GRANT PROGRAM --- FUNDING REQUEST

Grant Recipient: Friends of Long Hunter State Park **Date of Request:** 3/30/2021

Recipient's Address:

2910 Hobson Pike

Hermitage, TN 37076

A brief description of the project for which funding is being sought:

Long Hunter State Park Friends Group seeks funding to restore, improve and make resilient our Bryant Grove Recreational Day Area Trail. It is an 8.4 mile out and back foot trail. The Trail is rated as moderate in difficulty and follows the eastern shoreline of Percy Priest Reservoir. This trail is high usage, averaging 660 visitors monthly during this pandemic season.

Our project design sets out to enhance hikers' overall experience on the Bryant Grove Trail, beginning with the visual. The addition of 200 white blazes, pruning up blazed trees, removal of the encroachment of weeds, roots and fallen forest debris along the trail's length will have huge visual appeal.

Rangers and volunteers working together will perform trail maintenance. Rangers will designate special areas of focus, in advance, where Rangers along with supervised volunteers work in areas that require increased expertise and knowledge of drainage, erosion and sustainability practices. Additional Park \Friends membership resources may be required for larger earth moving or trail widening. Focus area works may take place on separately scheduled workdays, within the granting window.

Chinese Privet and other invasive species both on trail and directly off are to be removed, as well as limbs, weeds and roots encroaching onto the trail.

The Bryant Grove Trail requires attention due to a number of factors, such as a severe and damaging weather year, pandemic numbers that have kept Rangers busy away from the trails, and significantly increased trail use. Combined, these factors are increasingly causing wear and degradation on trails Park-wide.

If awarded, the purchased grant items will be surrendered to Long Hunter State Park for use on all of its trails. Trained Rangers will use the professional level Arborist chainsaw exclusively.

How does this project fit within the range of your organization's total activities?

This project reflects our group's mission, which is to protect and improve the park environment for those who use it, as well as to support the park staff in preservation and educational efforts. Specifically, this project is an especially good fit as our Rangers and Friends group have, for several months, focused resources and efforts at our Bryant Grove Recreational Day Area.

Our Rangers recently were awarded a grant for naturalizing, off-trail at Bryant Grove. Our Friends Group this week received notification of our selection in the National Environmental Education Foundations grants for revitalizing the Bryant Grove picnic, swim, and playground area. Additionally, Friends are in the process of applying for grant funding for a new Entrance sign at Bryant Grove.

Park trails are an integral part of Long Hunter State Park, with nine trails running for 26.3 miles combined. Our Friends group has tackled trail maintenance in the past, we will again for this grant and we will in the future because there is a lot to do and we are a committed group dedicated to the betterment of the Park and the experience of the user.

Every grant we apply for but are not awarded, our volunteer group organizes a workday to accomplish as many of the tasks as possible with little or no funding. We do our best with the resources we do have. Current inventory for trail maintenance tools is poor. It is time for new hand tools and an arborists level, chainsaw.

Explain how hikers will benefit from the project:

Hikers will benefit from a clean, safe and easier to follow trail. Our efforts in restoration and sustainability will assist going forward with less erosion and less unauthorized off-trail users, extending the life of the maintenance that is done. Hikers will be able to enjoy the beautiful vistas across the water, the abundance of wildlife and natural Tennessee flora from a well-marked and manicured trail.

An interpretive sign at the trailhead will acknowledge the resources of The Tennessee Trails Association in the upkeep of the Bryant Grove Trail. Advertising for the workday both in Park media and Friends Group social media will promote receiving resources from the TTA. A second interpretive sign will be placed along the parking lot drive for increased trail visibility for new park visitors. Sign will read trail with an arrow.

When is the project expected to begin?

We will schedule our first and primary workday in the fall, September/October 2021. Activities will include weeding, pruning up trees to be blazed and trail-encroaching limbs as needed, removing debris and pulling dead trees further from the trail. Follow-up workdays will be scheduled for attaching blazes and further trail work that was uncompleted after our initial workday.

When is the project expected to be completed?

The Project will be completed in its entirety no later than March 1, 2022

What is the total cost of this project from all sources?

\$1,654.85

Provide a detailed spending plan for the amount being requested from TTA:

See attached budget form

How many total man-hours will be required for the project?

140 total man-hours including Rangers.

How many volunteer hours are expected to be used for the project?

We expect this project to use approximately 114-134 volunteer hours.

Grant submitter's name Friends of Long Hunter State Park Vivian Wynn

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Budget Form

Friends of Long Hunter State Park
Bryant Grove Trail

Friends Of Long Hunter State Park
 Trail Maintenance and Beautification

Budget Item	Budget Category	Quantity	Cost Per Item	Grant Amount Requested	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Total	Comments
Chainsaw, Stihl Arborist pruning / limbing	Supplies	1	\$339.95	\$339.95			\$339.95	Professional level, Arborist.
Blazes, trail marking 6"	Supplies	200	\$1.50	\$300.00			\$300.00	White\reflective
Interpretive Signs	Supplies	2	\$33.00	\$66.00			\$66.00	Thanks TTA, Directional
Screws, box 1lb	Supplies	2	\$19.97	\$39.94			\$39.94	Stainless steel
Steel tubing, 1.25" sq x 4ft	Supplies	2	\$27.98	\$55.96			\$55.96	Interpretive sign posts
QuickCrete concrete mix, bag	Supplies	4	\$5.37	\$21.48			\$21.48	Sign bases
Hoe Dag garden implement, short	Supplies	2	\$34.99	\$69.98			\$69.98	
Prohoe 7" field hoe	Supplies	1	\$38.56	\$38.56			\$38.56	
Steelcutter Mattock, 5lb	Supplies	1	\$31.98	\$31.98			\$31.98	
Drinking water, flat of 36 bottles	Supplies	2	\$18.00	\$36.00			\$36.00	
Rental, Skid Steer 4000lb (day)	Supplies	1	\$380.00			\$380.00	\$380.00	as needed
Rental, Sub-Compact Tractor (day)	Supplies	1	\$275.00			\$275.00	\$275.00	as needed
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Total Personnel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Supplies	\$999.85	\$0.00	\$655.00
Total Contractual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Field Trip Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Total Cash Match	\$0.00
Total In-Kind Match	\$655.00

EVAN MEANS GRANT PROGRAM --- FUNDING REQUEST

Grant Recipient: Friends of Edgar Evins State Park Date of Request: 02/01/2021

Recipient's Address: 1630 Edgar Evins State Park rd Silver Point Tn 38582

A brief description of the project for which funding is being sought:

A storybook trail project takes a children's book and places the book page by page along a trail, so that hikers can read one page of the story, then hike a short distance to read the next page. The pages of the book are printed on 32" x 18" durable Metalmax panels and posted at reading level of standing hikers. Our Storybook Trail begins at the Interpretive Center, a popular destination within the park, and allows visitors to follow the trail in a loop back to the center. We have had the current story for two years and this project is to replace the current story with a new story.

How does this project fit within the range of your organization's total activities?

Edgar Evins State Park has over 11 miles of developed trails. In addition to trails, the park has a campgrounds, cabins, picnic shelters, interpretive center and a full-service marina (privately operated). The park has 50 miles of shoreline of Center Hill Lake, which many visitors enjoy for swimming, fishing, boating and other recreational activities. This project is specifically targeted for children and families to enjoy the outdoor activity of hiking while engaging in nature and storytelling.

Explain how hikers will benefit from the project:

This project benefits hikers by providing a hands-on educational and family-friendly trail activity. It will encourage visitors, especially children and families, to enjoy the park with an educational and recreational hike designed for just for them. The EESP Storybook Trail has been one of our most popular family-friend trail programs and enjoyed by multiple school groups over the past three years. The trail has been a destination for school groups from our home DeKalb County, along with neighboring Putnam, Smith, Cannon and Wilson Counties. Our current project is to replace the story used on the trail.

When is the project expected to begin?

April 1st, 2021

When is the project expected to be completed?

June 5th, 2021

What is the total cost of this project from all sources?

\$1200.00

Provide a detailed spending plan for the amount being requested from TTA:

Detailed Budget Attached

How many total man-hours will be required for the project? 48hrs

How many volunteer hours are expected to be used for the project? 24

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Friends of Edgar Evins State Park - 2021 Storybook Trail Budget	
Materials	300
Quick-set concrete, wood sheathing, screws, bolts and hardward	
Lumber for framing artwork panels	
Artwork/Content	700
Printed storybook panels (32x18) on Metalmax	
Design of educational interpretation unique to EESP	
Ribbon-cutting Opening Event	200
Total	1200

EVAN MEANS GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING REQUEST

Grant Recipient: Friends of Rocky Fork State Park (TN) **Date of Request:** April 2, 2021

Recipient's Address: Friends of Rocky Fork State Park
Post Office Box #1
Flag Pond, TN 37657

Marie Rice, President, Board of Directors

Project Description: Trail Restoration/Rebuild

This project funding request is to purchase river rock and gravel to maintain the integrity of the trail surfaces. An ongoing task and mission for the Friends of Rocky Fork State Park (TN) (FRFSP) is to provide support to the park staff, specifically the Trails Committee volunteers, by building and preserving the 19 miles of trails throughout the park. The past and more recent weather conditions have caused washout areas and degradation of multiple trail bases. The Rocky Fork and Flint Mountain Trails are the primary trails used to access further trails into the park. The Flint Mountain Trail continues into the Cherokee National Forest for an additional 2.2 miles before meeting an off-trail connection to the Appalachian Trail. These two trails would be the primary benefactors of the gravel and river rock contribution with this funding request. Any product remaining after reinforcing these areas would be used, as needed, throughout all park trails to maintain the integrity of the property.

Project's impact towards the organization's total activities:

The Friends of Rocky Fork State Park's Mission Statement is: "Support and assist Rocky Fork State Park management and staff to protect, preserve, promote, and enhance Rocky Fork State Park, including coordinating with other organizations responsible for Rocky Fork watershed as it affects Rocky Fork State Park". This project is the epitome of our purpose in assisting Park management and staff maintain the park environment to the benefit of the citizens and surrounding community.

Narrative description of hikers benefit from the project:

Since officially opening in 2015, the Lamar Alexander Rocky Fork State Park continues to be a wilderness park with the primary offering to the visitors being trail hiking. The volunteers with the Friends of Rocky Fork State Park (TN) have an ongoing relationship with the limited Park staff (Park Manager and one Park Ranger) is imperative for the maintenance of the 2076 acre park's 19 miles of trails. Reinforcing the trails with gravel and river rock will eliminate the washed out areas on the trails, helping the hiker's safety and lessening the chance of accidents while enjoying their hiking experience.

Estimated start/completion dates:

The project would commence upon receipt of funding through this request. After purchasing and delivery of the gravel and river rock a work event will be scheduled with the entire Friends membership to disburse the gravel/river rock at the park staff's direction where a designated need exists. Maintenance on the Rocky Fork and Flint Mountain trails would be first as they receive the highest volume of hikers at the trail head. While exact dates cannot be identified, a schedule and record of the start/completion dates would be maintained for reporting purposes.

Evan Means Budget Request					
Budget Item	Budget Category	Quantity	Cost Per Item	Total Grant Amount Requested	Comments
1.2" gravel	Supplies	10 ton	\$22.25	\$222.50	
River Rock	Supplies	10 ton	\$29.00	\$290.00	
Delivery to Park	Supplies	2	\$210.00	\$410.00	two separate deliveries
TOTAL				\$922.50	

Detailed budget for amount requested:**Total Cost of Project from all funding sources:**

The total cost requested from this Evan Means Grant is for the cost of supplies and deliver, \$922.50. Including in-kind man-hours of 8 volunteers, 20 hours/volunteer @ \$8.00/hour totals \$1280.00. **The total cost for the grant amount and in-kind personnel is \$2202.50.**

Number of man-hours required by the project:

Total man-hours are based on a minimum commitment of eight (8) volunteer members working a minimum of 20 hours each. The same eight members will not necessarily be active throughout the project completion. Man-hours actually realized will be dependent on the distance required for distribution of the gravel/river rock throughout the trails. The amount of product required to repair the trails and washed out areas will also factor in the amount of time required to finish.

Amount of volunteer hours expected to be used: 160+ hours

As identified above, the amount of volunteer hours will be dependent to the distance the volunteers are required to travel to get to those areas requiring attention. While the Rocky Fork and Flint Mountain Trails are the primary focus and the closest to the Trail Head, further repairs and filling of washed out areas will be dependent on the amount of product remaining after completing the main areas requiring attention. A lot of hours will be maintained, along with a timeline of progress towards completion, will be maintained to report back to Evan Means Grant authorities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR REVIEW:

A. Sample Pictures of Trail's Needed Repairs



Flint Mountain Trail



Rocky Fork Trail

B. Park Map



C. 501c(3) Confirmation

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May 4, 2021 Evan Means Grant requests

Seven Evan Means Grant applications were submitted for approval at the May 4, 2021 TTA Board Meeting. The Grant requests are from Plateau Chapter/Uplands Village, Friends of Mousetail Landing State Park, Friends of Natchez Trace State Park, Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation, Friends of Long Hunter State Park, Friends of Rocky Fork State Park and Friends of Edgar Evins State Park.

The Committee recommends fully funding the requests from Plateau Chapter/Uplands Village, Friends of Mousetail Landing State Park, Friends of Natchez Trace State Park and Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation. We recommend funding Friends of Long Hunter State Park Grant request except for the drinking water. The Friends of Long Hunter amended their request from 200 trail markers to 100 trail markers. We do not recommend funding the requests from the Friends of Rocky Fork State Park nor the Friends of Edgar Evins State Park. The total amount for the recommended grants is \$7,488.85.

The Committee consulted with our Treasurer David Bowling. David said we have the money to fund these grants. We are exceeding the budget set in the February 2021 TTA Board meeting. The committee looked at what would have been carried over funds. We do not plan to fund any more projects this year. The Evan Means Grant Committee members are Joan Hartvigsen, Marvin Caine, Mark Hubbard, Melinda Pearson and Libby Francis. The following are summaries of the Evan Means Grant applications.

Applicant	Amount Requested	Recommended Grant
Plateau Chapter / Uplands Village	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Friends of Mousetail Landing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Friends of Natchez Trace SP	\$2,675.00	\$2,675.00
Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Friends of Long Hunter	\$999.85	\$813.85
Friends of Rocky Fork State Park	\$922.50	\$0.00
Friends of Edgar Evins State Park	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
	<u>\$9,797.35</u>	<u>\$7,488.85</u>

Plateau Chapter/Uplands Village. \$2,000 for a 0.27 mile ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant Trail in Uplands Village, a retirement community in Crossville, TN. The request is for gravel. Recommend full funding.

Friends of Mousetail Landing State Park. \$1,000 for restoration of the eight mile Eagle Point Loop Trail devastated by the historic October 2019 storm. This trail is a Fran Wallas hike. TTA members often schedule hikes on this trail. The requested funds include replacement of six signs, one bench, one wood bridge. Recommend full funding

Friends of Natchez Trace State Park. \$2,675 to purchase a heavy-duty tilting bucket designed for trail building that can be used with a standard mini-skid steer. The Park has forty miles of trail. Please study the attached Grant application which provides a lot of information on why this equipment is necessary, the Rangers' trail building expertise, the extensive use of volunteer labor. Natchez Trace State Park would be happy to share this equipment with other Tennessee State Parks. Recommend full funding.

Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation. \$1,000 for tools and gravel for installing and maintaining a three mile trail in Sergeant Alvin C. York State Historic Park and for directional signs. The park only has a 0.6 mile trail. This project will add three miles to an existing burial site trail. Recommend full funding.

Friends of Long Hunter State Park. \$813.85 to restore and improve the four mile Bryant Grove Trail. The request includes tools, trail marking blazes, machine rentals, interpretive signs. The Friends amended their request from 200 trail markers to 100 trail markers. Drinking water is not funded. Committee recommends approving \$813.85. The original request is for \$999.85.

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Friends of Rocky Fork State Park. \$922.50 for river rock and gravel for restoring and rebuilding the Rocky Fork and Flint Mountain Trails. We recommend not funding this request because Friends of Rocky Fork received an Evan Means Grant in February 2021.

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Friends of Edgar Evans State Park. \$1,200 for a Story Book Trail and ribbon cutting opening event. We recommend not funding this request. Edgar Evans State Park already has a Story Book Trail which TTA funded with Evan Means Grants. Story Book trails are not a good fit with Evan Means Grant projects. We can not fund ribbon-cutting opening events. According to the sign on the Story Book Trail there are several other sources for funding.

The Awards Committee met on April 29, 2021 at 6pm. Present were Duane Frichtl, Libby Francis, Terry Warren, Joan Hartvigsen, and Bob Richards.

The committee recommends to the Board to increase the number of awards given at the Annual Meeting in October 2021 since none were awarded last year. We are also asking the Board to increase the awards budget from \$150 to \$300 for 2021.

The cost of each award is \$30 from K & S Awards in Tullahoma with the new TTA logo.

The call for nominations was in the April newsletter and will also be in May and June newsletters with a deadline for nominations of July 1st. The committee will present recommendations for awards to the Board at our August meeting. It was decided that the committee members should reach out to individual chapters to request nominations as no nominations were received after the request in the April newsletter.

Bob Richards updated the previous award winners list to include 2015-2019. It is available as an excel spreadsheet as well as a pdf.
Thanks, Bob!

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YEAR	TTA AWARD	BILL STUTZ	TTA's BOB BROWN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (new in 2010)	GOLDEN SQUIRREL	Cumberland Trails' CTC Award	Cumberland Trails' Bob Brown Award
1985	David Stidham	Cumberland Mtn Chapter of TTA	N/A			
1986	Bob Richards	Bob Brown	N/A			
1987	Mike Dahl	Dot Fowler	N/A			
1988	Pat Anderson	Dot Lingerfelt	N/A			
1989	Ken Humphreys	Bob Barnett	N/A			
1990	Bertha Chrietzberg	Jerri Bull	N/A			
1991	Bobby Harbin	Gene Curp	N/A			
1992	Sherman Bowlds (Manager of G'ville Walmart)	Bettie Herring	N/A			
1993	Debbie Gilbert	Bill Jones	N/A			
1994	Dennis Horn	Arlene Barnett	N/A			
1995	Alan Stokes & Bob Brown	Rob Weber	N/A			
1996	Scotts Gulf Committee	Marvin Shanks	N/A			
1997	Beaman Family	Kevin Kimbro	N/A			
1998	Alternative Spring Break & Governor Sundquist	Mike Harvey	N/A	Rob Webber	Sam Powell, Barry & Sandra Spearman	Bill Eldridge
1999	Bridgestone Firestone Company	Jim Poteet	N/A	Fount Bertram	David Reister	Jim Schroeder

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2000	Al and Vera Churcher	Diane Manas	N/A	Jim Clark	John Bilbrey, Faith & Ed Dippold	Dennis Andrews
2001	Bob Clement	Libby Francis	N/A	Jim Poteet and Bob Brandt		
2002	Ross and Brenda Cardwell	Anne Wesley	N/A	Keith White		
2003	Jim Poteet	Leigh Jones	N/A	Mark Stanfill & Vera Churcher & Libby Francis		
2004	Rob & Susan Webber	Jerry Lenski	N/A	Doug Burroughs		
2005	Carol & Warren Devine	Fount Bertram	N/A	Jim Schroeder		
2006	Jim Schroeder	J. R. Tate	N/A	Mary Edith McFarlin		
2007	Betty Porter, Carol & Ray Haley	Suva Bastin	N/A	Anna Clark	Mack Prichard	
2008	Gov. Phil Bredesen	Martin McCullough	N/A	Tony Hook		
2009	REI Brentwood, Rec'd by S. Lefferts for Chuck Robinson	Rosemary Marshall	N/A	N/A		
2010	Tony Hook	Carolyn Miller	Fran Wallas & Wallas Family	N/A		
2011	Anne Paine	Don Dresser	Bertha Chrietzberg	N/A		

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