

Gov. Justice Announces Abandoned Mine Land Grant Recommendations and Transportation Alternatives Grant Awards

CHARLESTON, WV - Gov. Jim Justice and DEP Secretary Austin Caperton announced the recommendation of two projects that will use grant funding for economic development of abandoned mine land sites.

The grant funding, provided by the federal government through the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), is administered by the WVDEP's Office of Abandoned Mine Lands. The recipients applied for the grant funding earlier this year and were each considered by a committee of representatives from the WVDEP. West Virginia Department of Commerce, Department of Transportation, and the Governor's Office. OSMRE must give final

approval of the projects and amounts awarded. The projects recommended

today include:

- Logan County: \$1.550 million to the West Virginia Elk Restoration Project Visitor Center to construct a visitor center near the elk viewing platform

Boone and Lincoln County: \$1.5 million to the Ivy Branch Off Road Park Phase II project, which includes construction of cabins, master planning, and development of a river access site on the Little Coal River

Gov. Justice will continue to announce Abandoned Mine Land Grant recommendations over the coming weeks.

Gov. Justice and Transportation Secretary Tom Smith also awarded several Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails program grants. The West Virginia Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Program is administered by the West Virginia Department of Transportation and funded by the Federal Administration. Highway These grants help towns and cities build and improve sidewalks, lighting, and rail trails. The projects awarded include:

City of St. Albans: St. Albans C Street Project is being recommended for \$160,000 in federal funding. This is to construct a sidewalk and lighting along C Street. The total project cost is \$200,000.

> **MANCHIN AND CAPITO** ANNOUNCE MORE THAN \$926K FOR WEST VIRGINIA **INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

Town of Gilbert: The Gilbert Sidewalk Enhancements, Phase II Construction is being recommended for \$643,000 in federal funding. This will be used for construction of approximately 700 linear feet of sidewalk from Hollywood Road to the Speedway store in the Town of Gilbert.

Town of Hamlin: The Hamlin Sidewalk Connector to Lincoln County High School is being recommended for \$100,000 in federal funds. This will be used for the design of a connector for nonmotorized traffic from downtown Hamlin to the Lincoln County High School.

Hatfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority: The Construction of a Boone County Trail System is being recommended for \$120,000 in federal funding. This is to construct approximately 100 miles of trail as part of the Hatfield McCoy Recreation Area located within Boone County. The total project cost is \$150,000.

Hatfield McCoy Regional Authority: Recreation Equipment for the Wavne County Trail System is being recommended for \$120,000 of federal funding. This is to purchase a D5 dozer for construction and maintenance of Hatfield McCoy the Recreation Area consisting of approximately 100 miles of trail within Wayne County. The total cost is \$150,000.

Hatfield McCoy Regional Authority: Recreation Equipment for the Lincoln County Trail System is being recommended for \$120,000 of federal funding. This is for the purchase of a D5 dozer for maintenance of the Hatfield McCoy Recreation Area consisting of approximately 100 miles of trail located within Lincoln County. The total cost is \$150,000.

Hatfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority: Maintenance Equipment for Boone and Wayne Counties is being recommended for \$80,000 of federal funding. This is for the purchase of four trucks for the construction and maintenance of the Hatfield McCoy Recreation Area consisting of approximately 200 miles of trail located within Boone and Wayne Counties. The total cost is \$100,000.

Festival of Trees "Dine & Shop" Luncheon at the Historic Stifel Mansion in Wheeling November 27

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Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$926,558 in funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for training programs for locators, excavators, and various other small vehicle operators for hazardous material response and damage prevention and pipeline safety programs in West Virginia. "In West Virginia we are blessed with an abundance of energy resources and the ability to easily and safely transport them in crucial to our economies continued success," Senator Manchin said. "This funding will ensure this transportation is does safely and efficiently. In addition, this support programs that train professionals to respond to any emergency. As a member of the Senate Appropriations and Energy and Natural Resources Committees, I will continue advocating for support that enables West Virginia's energy sector to continue to thrive and do so safely." "The success of the American economy depends, in part, on being able to move goods easily and affordably, and the efficient transportation of energy resources helps power our nation and enrich our daily lives," Senator Capito said. "It's important that we continue to ensure energy producers are able to do that safely, and this funding will help train first responders and develop plans that will keep our communities safe in the event of emergencies. As a member of the Appropriations, Commerce, and Energy and Natural Resources committees, I will continue to advocate for the responsible development and transportation of our nation's abundant energy resources.' Individual awards listed below:

\$291,619 -- PHMSA 2018 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant

\$14,878 -- PHMSA FY 2018 One-Call Grant \$7,439 -- PHMSA FY 2018 One-Call Grant \$612,622 - PHMSA 2018 State Base Pipeline Safety Grant