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- Otter \$200
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Hello All Forest Peeps,

Well, Well, NQTA is now moving into its 6th year after inception, which took place on a sunny June day of 2012 on Butterworth Road after a Tuesday Trekkers hike.

It's NQTA's Membership Renewal Time and I would like to highlight a couple of current initiatives of the 32,000 hours of the volunteers stewardship commitment NQTA has given back to the community.

NQTA's inception goal of the Quabbin to Monadnock trail is now coming to realization as a 240 mile fully digital immersion, 30 overnight facilities multi-use trail corridor. (4 years ahead of schedule).

What I never envisioned was the community betterment projects and the "Sociability and Accessibility for All" initiative that has unfolded as a result of opening up this Q+M trail and NQTA's leading position in the community as an outdoor organization.

With over three dozen trail and community projects completed since our inception I'm highlighting 5 of our current initiatives below that your financial support goes directly into creating, and allows them to grow into sustainable community betterment projects.

NQTA in 2017 was active in over 16 Athol and the N Quabbin region and beyond community betterment projects.

With completion of individual stewardship projects or additional collaboration partners added to enhance the uniquely NQTA evolved initiatives of "Sociability and Accessibility for All" and the nearing completion of the 240 mile Q+M trail development taking place over the past 5 years.

This fully digital 240 mile Quabbin + Monadnock trail map and guide, with all legal trail easements in place has been created with Athol and the 80 mile Millers river basin section acting as the base and 'Anchor Center' of the entire Q+ M trail corridor.

This long distance and multi use day adventures opportunities of the Q+ M trail and modeled after the national Appalachian Trail and witnessed by me as an AT thru-hiker will provide a new and long term eco sustainable financial resources for all the communities along its corridor.

With the successful Sociability and Accessibility for all programs in place led by NQTA's Freedom Chair Action Adventure Days the Q+ M can provide unlimited access for all of the underserved in our society and create a Q+ M national trail of stand-alone adventures and opportunities of health for ALL.

Directly correlated NQTA 2017 community projects

1) Working with Mount Grace Conservation Land Trust the stewardship, trail development, mapping and opening to the public of the adaptive Sen. Wetmore 'Fishing Hole' trail along the Tully river in Athol.

A amazingly reflective walk where NQTA will be having fly fishing education days for our disabled vets, Carson Center for traumatic brain injury, Pappas Rehabilitation Center for Children and others.

2) NQTA in the past 3 years has taken the Lead Stewardship Agent position for the Tully Trail a national 22 mile trail and working with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and local harvester and landowner Fred Hayes have been working on creating a 2 mile relocation off the extremely dangerous Tully Trail existing road walk.

Also at the same time actively working with DFW under their new Walking Trail Policy to insure reauthorization of their Wildlife Management areas along the Tully Trail.

Without this reauthorization, the Tully Trail stands a real chance of declassification, a true loss to our whole community.

In signing this new license agreement and reauthorization NQTA is now responsible for carrying General Trail Liability Insurance.

This additional cost will protect NQTA and its members out on the trails and is where your membership dollars go to supporting a very valuable community outdoor access.

3) The opening of the 16 miles multi-use Red Apple trails centered at Red Apple farm and direct partnership with one of N Quabbin regions leading entrepreneurs Al Rose and patriarch Bill Rose.

This has become a trail development laboratory for NQTA with the successful implementation of a customized tick eradication program directly addressing the Lyme disease crisis and bringing this to a national level of awareness.

4) OIC Outdoor Community Center.

At Orange Innovation Center home to NQTA headquarters we are working with the management in partnership to create an Outdoor Community Center including a amphitheater, mushroom inoculation center, bee apiary area, edible forest, exercise stations and a large community gathering eating area with other amenities planned.

5) A late-breaking development and initiative is NQTA's partnership with Mount Wachusett Community College and their federal grant for FREE Robotic and Advanced Training for our areas youth age 17 to 29.

NQTA is proud and excited to act as a Hub for outreach to all of our education systems, vet and community centers and all other outreach partners so that our youth are made aware of this amazing life-changing career opportunities.

I've done my very best to keep this correspondence brief and will leave it with these 5 initiatives.

NQTA has many stewardship and community opportunities for all of you to join in with us.

If interested in being involved with including our upcoming stewardship season with the Native American Nolumbeka Project please let me know.

So I feel personally blessed to have your continual support and stand at the precipice of the completion of this 240 mi Q+M trail map and guide.

Our membership rates stay at the same of renewal rate of \$20 for individual and \$40 for family.

Starting with the new Poplar Mountain Ridge Trail map out last month many new exciting maps will be coming out in 2018.

Also as part of your membership some very exciting Gatherings are being scheduled.

Thank you all so very much!

Happy Trails
Bobby Curley



**Engineer Ben /
Mobile Man Matt**



**Tully Day: Freedom Chair
Action Day**



**Ben Grit
New Accessibility**