

Town of
HAVERHILL, NH

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Re: Rail Trail in Haverhill NH

Dear Mr. Bauer:

The Town of Haverhill purchased a section of trail referred to as the "Blackmount Branch" in 2004 as reflected on the attached deed. It is a public access trail for hiking, biking, snowmobiling and ATV's. Since part of the purchase was Federal grant monies, we have been advised that the Federal Highway Administration needs to okay an access over this trail.

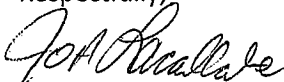
One of the abutters to the property is requesting permission to put a driveway over the top of the trail. There is a plan to build a structure that would sell farm/agricultural products on the opposite side of the trail. The crossings would provide safe access to this building. Haverhill is an agricultural community and our economy is strongly supported by this industry.

There are many other crossings across this trail and with proper signage; they do not impede the use of the trails for others.

The Town requests permission from the Federal Highways to allow for these access points; and then the application can be reviewed by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for issuance of a driveway permit since the access is onto one of their roads. Please advise what further, if anything, we need to do for this request to be considered.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Jo A. Lacaillade
Interim Town Manager
Town of Haverhill

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