



2013 Preserve America Initiative Internal Funding Program (PAIIF)

Title of Project	The Ed Hastings Memorial Trail Project
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Please provide the following information and feel free to elaborate:

1. A short description of your completed project.

The funding we received through the Preserve America Initiative Internal Funding Program made it possible to complete the Ed Hastings Memorial Hiking Trail. In truth, the trail is nearly “complete,” as there is still work to be done; it may never truly be complete. But, the trail is now being used routinely by local residents and visitors to the Green Lake National Fish Hatchery alike. The grant allowed us to purchase materials used to complete the trail including a series of water bars (erosion prevention devices routinely used on hiking trails) and bridges that ensure the trail will have the lightest possible impact on the sensitive soils and watercourses of Downeast Maine. The funding also allowed us to produce a series of interpretive signs along the length of the trail. The signs detail a series of natural features that hikers encounter along the 1.83 mile loop as well as information about the sea-run fish communities of Maine that Ed Hastings worked to recover until his death in 2006.

2. A summary of how the project was completed. Please include information on all materials.

Preliminary planning and trail construction began in 2010, but funding limitation prevented the completion of the necessary planning and purchase of construction material until the PAIIF funding was secured. The PAIIF funding covered the completion of the trail plan, purchase of construction materials, and educational signage. Interpretive signs focusing on the anadromous life cycle, the salmon’s plight at sea, and some of the natural features of the trail were developed jointly by NOAA staff, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Staff, and the Friends of Green Lake National Fish Hatchery. Trail work was done with volunteers as well as a focused effort (one “trail day”) provided by staff from NOAA’s Maine Field Station (see pictures below).

3. Describe how the project has been integrated into the community, highlighting outreach if possible. We would love to hear how many people within and outside of NOAA it has touched!

The trail is officially open and available for the public to use. We don’t yet have any data on the number of people that use the trail on a regular basis. We have heard from our colleagues at the

Green Lake National Fish Hatchery that the use was “pretty steady” in the summer, but we have no estimated usage information yet. There has not yet been a dedication ceremony; it is being planned for the summer of 2015, associated with the MOC invitational golf tournament (an annual fund raiser dedicated to the memory of Ed Hastings). Funds raised from the MOC purchased the stone bench placed at the end of the trail in 2013 (see Figure 1).

4. A breakdown of how your PAIIF money was spent

Item	Amount
Trail Plan	\$1,170.00
Bridge 1	\$1,050.00
Bridge 2	\$1,745.00
Bridge 3	\$1,195.00
Lumber	\$500.00
Signs	\$1,175.00
Bog Walk (cedar planks)	\$2,850.00
Rocks for steps	\$360.00
Hardware and tools	\$305.00

5. Press and/or visualizations of your project, to include pictures, video, documents, news clips, and hyperlinks which show your work. We want to brag about your good work on our PAIIF website!



Figure 1. Graham Goulette, Justin Stevens, and James Hawkes (from left to right) placing the bench at the end of the Ed Hastings Memorial hiking trail.



Figure 2. Interpretive sign developed and placed with funding from the PAIIF. The sign depicts a homestead from the 1800s that is now completely grown over by the forest.



Figure 3. One of the bridges on the Ed Hastings Memorial Trail. The bridges were constructed by volunteers; the materials were bought with funds from the PAIIF.