**BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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**Initial Plan for Statewide Expansion of Trail**

Phase 1: Gather Information & Build Relationships

* Divide the state into the regions
* Identify towns with documented history and known sites
* Identify regional educational institutions for collaboration, partnership & research

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* + Identify partners from historical societies, schools, churches and/or community organization.

Phase 2: Raise Awareness

* Host an event/community dialogue in participating towns
* Create web presence (information) for participating towns

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* Begin the dialogue around creating K-12 curriculum for towns with multiple sites or regions with single sites
* Share ongoing research

Phase 3: Make History Visible

* Develop tour & train tour guides

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* Develop audio self-guided tour/Geotourist
* Develop K-12 curriculum

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* Fundraise for and install Distinctive BHTNH trail markers at locations

Phase 4: Expand the Work

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* Continue expanding outreach through community dialogues

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* Develop/share searchable database and continue ongoing research
* Grow Trail and continue statewide research and outreach
* Partner with rBlack history state trails in New England

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| **Region** | **Partners** | **Towns/Black History/Individuals/Sites** |
| 1. SEACOAST

Headquarters - Portsmouth | University of New HampshireExeter Historical Society Greenland Historical SocietyDover Historical SocietyNorth ChurchUCC Discover Portsmouth | **Portsmouth** – Well-defined trail serves as model **Dover** – Nellie Brown Mitchell, Corydon Chesley**Exeter** – The Paul Family/multiple sites**Epping** – Cato Fisk**Lee** – Cartland House/ National UGRR site**Greenland** – Ona Marie Judge Stains**Hampton** – Multiple sites/ Knowlton researching**Newmarket** – Cheswell Family/ State Marker\* Richard Alperin researcher**Durham, Kensington** – early stages of research |
| 1. MERRIMACK VALLEY
 | Southern NH UniversityRivier CollegeMilford Historical SocietyMilford High School | **Milford** – Well-developed trail/ Harriet Wilson StatueCanterbury – Sampson More Battis **Concord** – David Watters researching**Henniker–** Nancy Prince**Londonderry** – Flora Stewart / Wilkinson Rojo researcher**Pittsfield**– Frederick Douglas in NH**Amherst, Dunbarton, Hollis, Hopkinton, Manchester-** early stages of research  |
| 1. MONODNOCK
 | Keene State CollegeMason Historical Society Amos Fortune Forum | **Keene**– Albert Johnson (story of film “Lost Boundaries”)**Hancock**– Multiple sites/ Due Family/Eric Aldrich researcher/ Developed Tour**Jaffrey** – Amos Fortune/ State Marker\* and historic house**Mason** – Boad/ statue**Mount Vernon** – Caesar Parker/ Reginald Pitts researcher**Fitzwilliam** – early stages of research |
| 1. DARTMOUTH-LAKE SUNAPEE
 | Dartmouth CollegeCanaan Historical Society Andover Historical Society Plainfield Historical Society Warner Historical Society  | **Andover** – Richard Potter**Canaan** – Noyes Academy, Crummel, Garnet, & Paul, (State Marker \*)**Newport** – Vance Coit and early African American town established by Revolutionary War vets**Plainfield** – Derrick Oxford**Warner** – Multiple sites/ Developing Tour**Hanover** – **Croydon, Goshen, Lempster** - early stages of research |
| 1. LAKES REGION
 | Plymouth State University | **Plymouth** |
| 1. WHITE MOUNTAINS
 | White Mountain CC (Conway) | **Gorham and Conway –** early stages of research |
| 1. GREAT NORTH WOODS
 | White Mountain CC (Berlin) | Unknown  |