



Press Release

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Concord, NH (December 15, 2020) - The City of Concord Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce our new fundraising efforts to enhance community cross-country skiing at Beaver Meadow Golf Course.

The City of Concord Parks & Recreation Department was approached by the cross-country skiing community about working together to develop a plan to improve conditions, extend the season and increase the use of the cross-country ski trails at Beaver Meadow Golf Course. The group proposed a 3-phase plan of which the City of Concord has agreed to move forward with phase 1 – purchase a tracked grooming machine. The full plan can be viewed on the Concord Parks and Recreation [website](#).

Phase I will use a combination of City and private funds to purchase a tracked grooming machine. City funds currently designated for replacement of snowmobile and tow-behind groomer (approx. \$50,000) will be put toward the purchase of the groomer. The remainder of the funds (approximately \$100,000) would be sought from private donors with an interest in strong community recreational development opportunities.

In Concord, good snow conditions are available for skiing but we also have snow that is difficult to ski on or changes into difficult snow conditions. When this happens, interest wanes, skiers become frustrated, and safety is compromised. Snowmobile grooming can help but is minimally effective when snow becomes icy or needs to be moved around to cover thin-snow areas.

Modern groomers with tracks, a front blade, and a rear power tiller, can create great snow conditions nearly all of the time. Recently, smaller, more affordable versions of the ones used at down-hill ski areas, are being produced.

The purchase of a new groomer will enhance the experience for many users. Beaver Meadow is consistently used by the following groups: the Concord Nordic Bill Koch Youth Ski League, Concord High School Nordic; as well as local citizens of all ages, including families, who ski throughout the day when conditions are favorable.

The fundraising efforts for the new groomer will begin in early January 2021. Please visit www.concordparksandrec.com or call 603-225-8690 to learn how you can get involved.