

# My Green Downtown



My Green Downtown **strengthens** and **celebrates the connection** between our built and natural environments. Making full use of existing buildings and infrastructure preserves historic places, conserves natural resources and green spaces, and is a sound community investment.

## My Green Downtown Four Core Principles



**quality design**

Preservation of historic buildings, compact infill developments, street trees, parks, and integrated water management make downtowns desirable and vibrant while conserving natural resources and improving air and water quality.



**social interaction**

Accessible mixed-use buildings and spaces combined with multiple transit options make it possible for a wide range of people to live, work, shop, learn, and recreate downtown.



**energy efficiency**

Maximizing embodied energy within existing buildings and utilizing best practices in energy efficiency to reduce carbon footprints.



**healthy communities**

Walking trails, bike paths, sidewalks, pocket parks and access to healthy local foods encourage active lifestyles and wellness while supporting the local economy.

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## Green & Healthy Maine Streets Program

**Sewell Grant to establish greater connections between the natural and built environments**

\$15,000 matching grant to 5 downtowns

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## The Projects

**Biddeford:** 7-Minute Work Out Station in a public park

**Augusta:** Kennebec Trail Connection, directional & distance signage, brochure, places to meet

**Skowhegan:** Rehab 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for physical activity and learning while reducing carbon footprint

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## **The Projects : Waterville**

Spring Street Convergence: Using Green Space and Public Art to link The Hathaway Center. South End Neighborhood and Downtown

Modify the intersection !



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## Belfast

Connection of 3 distinct sections of downtown



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