

A blue sign with white text. The top line reads "WELCOME TO" in a smaller font. The second line reads "MAINE" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The third line reads "The way life should be" in a smaller, italicized font. The sign is set against a background of a blue sky with light clouds.

WELCOME TO
MAINE
The way life should be

**TRANSFORMING OUR
COMMUNITIES**

What
happened?

BUILT
ENVIRON
MENT!

Not very Walkable

Development away from
Town centers





Downtown

Economic

- Vibrant communities attract economic development: they get people to come visit, (TOURISM) live, and they attract economic development

Portland Named Top Travel Destination

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Portland, Maine is on the list of Frommer's top travel destinations for 2007. The travel guide came up with a list of 12 top travel spots based on a poll of their authors and travel experts.

They touted Portland's culture, including the city's numerous restaurants.

Frommer's also hailed Portland as a walkable city with a beautiful coastline.
NEWS CENTER

Environment and Health

- Walkable Communities save energy: We drive less, use less gas, use more public transportation
- Lead to more Active Lifestyles

SOCIAL BENEFITS!



Safety

- Every one of us is a pedestrian at some point each day and for various times in our lives, when we are too young, or if we become disabled,



HOW: FUNDING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

TODAY:

- Downtowns
- Village Areas
- How they are getting funded and built in Maine

City and Towns

- Ordinances and Site Plan Review Standards, Road Standards
- Can require bicycle and pedestrian improvements as part of development

COMMON DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

The lighting plan shall consider the location and heights of buffers, screen walls, fencing, and other landscape elements to eliminate dark spots and potential hiding places.

Landscape Plan. Landscaping for CDS's shall be coordinated with all other elements of the site.

See Chapter 4, Design of the Landscape at Cook's Corner, for further standards for landscape materials.



High quality materials, such as granite curbing and concrete pavers, help to ensure minimal maintenance problems.



Roadway lighting can help create a boulevard effect and emphasize pathways.



Large landscaped islands help to break up the scale of parking lots and reduce diagonal traffic movement.



Coordinated light fixtures that consider the needs of both the pedestrian and the motorist.



Pavers help reduce the apparent width of the front driveway and guide the pedestrian to the front entrances.

COOK'S CORNER DESIGN STANDARDS 1-12

2009 MODEL LANGUAGE DEVELOPED:

- Public Sidewalks and Pathways shall:
- Be provided along all sides of land abutting public streets.





FUNDING FOR PLANNING

Bicycle and
Pedestrian
Planning
Ellsworth

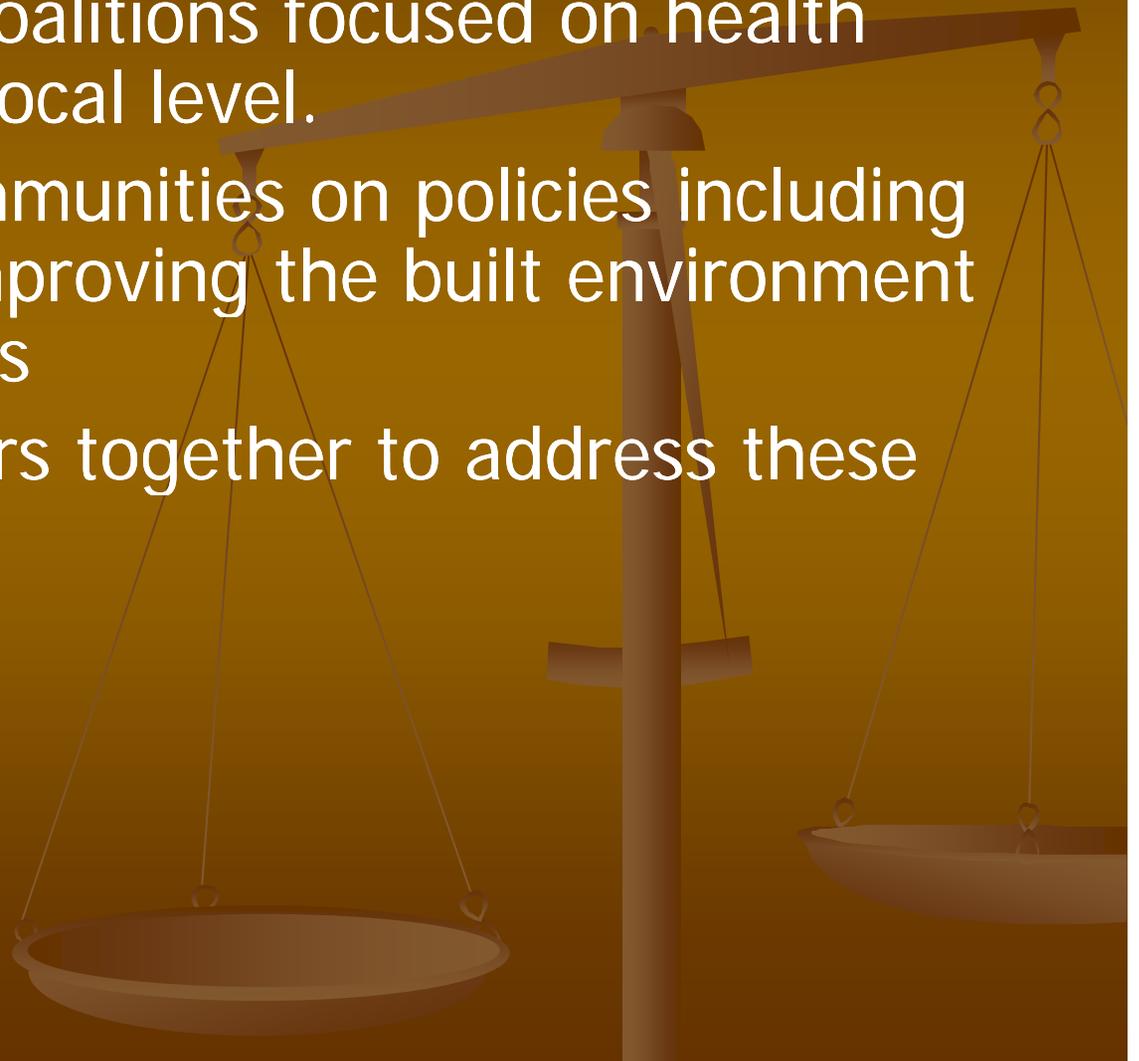
Regional Planning Commissions

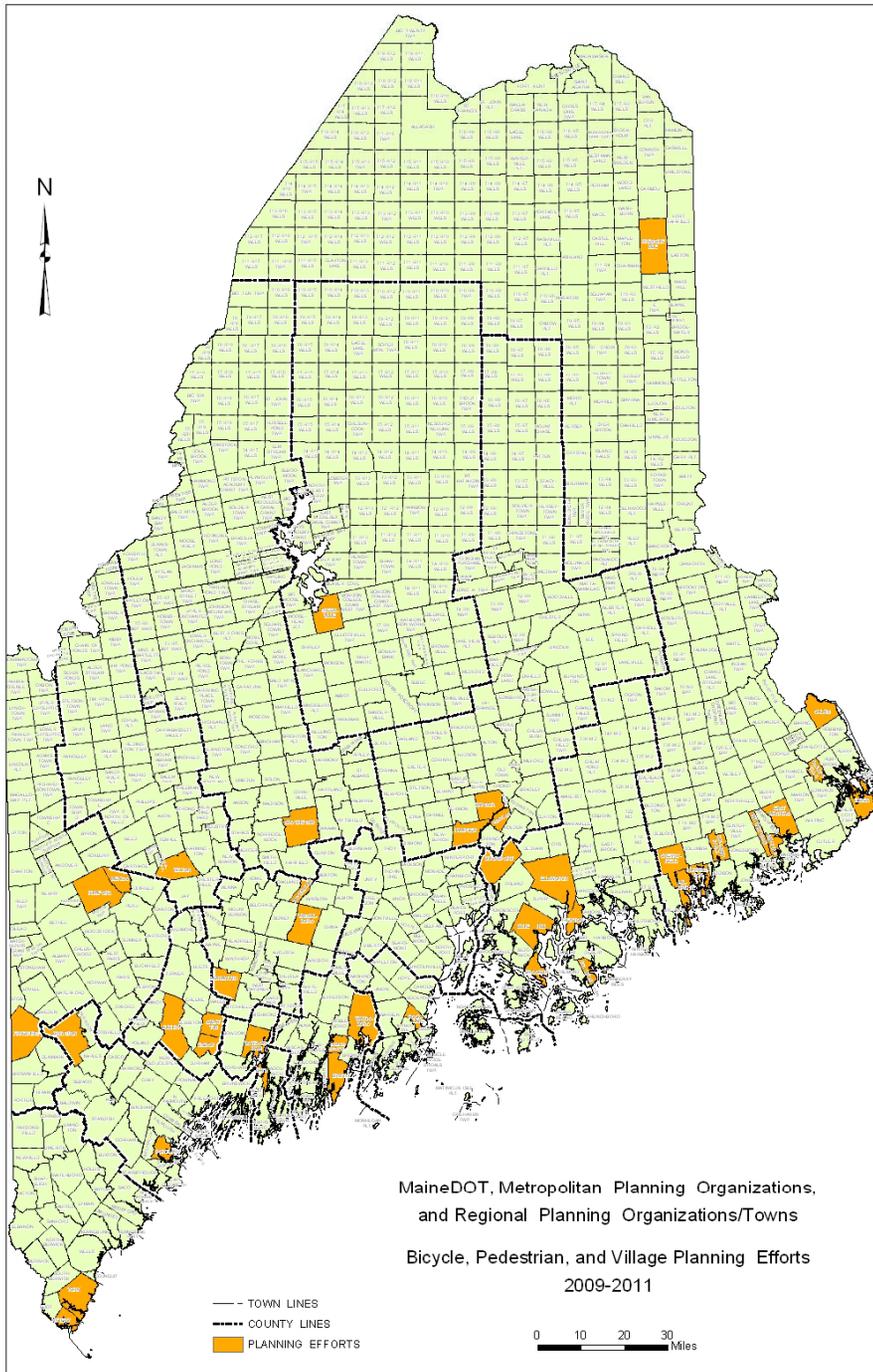
- Assist with Planning
- Assist with ordinances
- 11 Regional Planning Commissions throughout the state



Healthy Maine Partnerships

- 28 State-funded coalitions focused on health promotion at the local level.
- HMPs work in communities on policies including ordinances and improving the built environment including sidewalks
- They bring partners together to address these issues.





MaineDOT, Metropolitan Planning Organizations,
and Regional Planning Organizations/Towns

Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Village Planning Efforts
2009-2011

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2009-2010
RPO
Village
Planning
Efforts
Contact Your
RPO

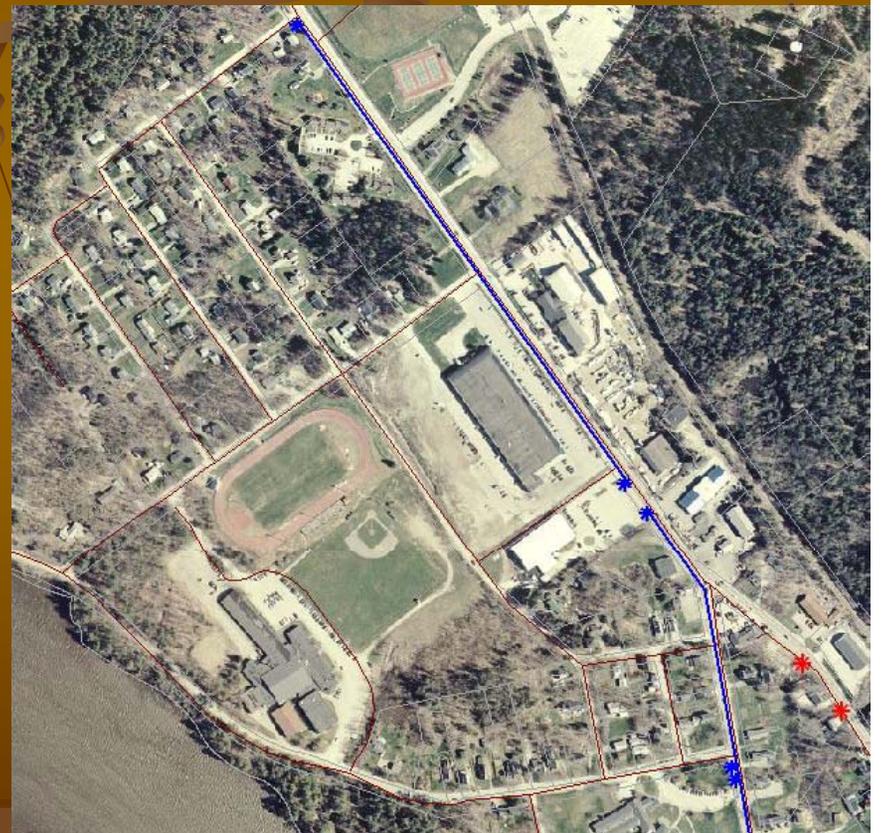
2009 School Travel Plans MODEL DEVELOPED

Build Your School Travel Plan

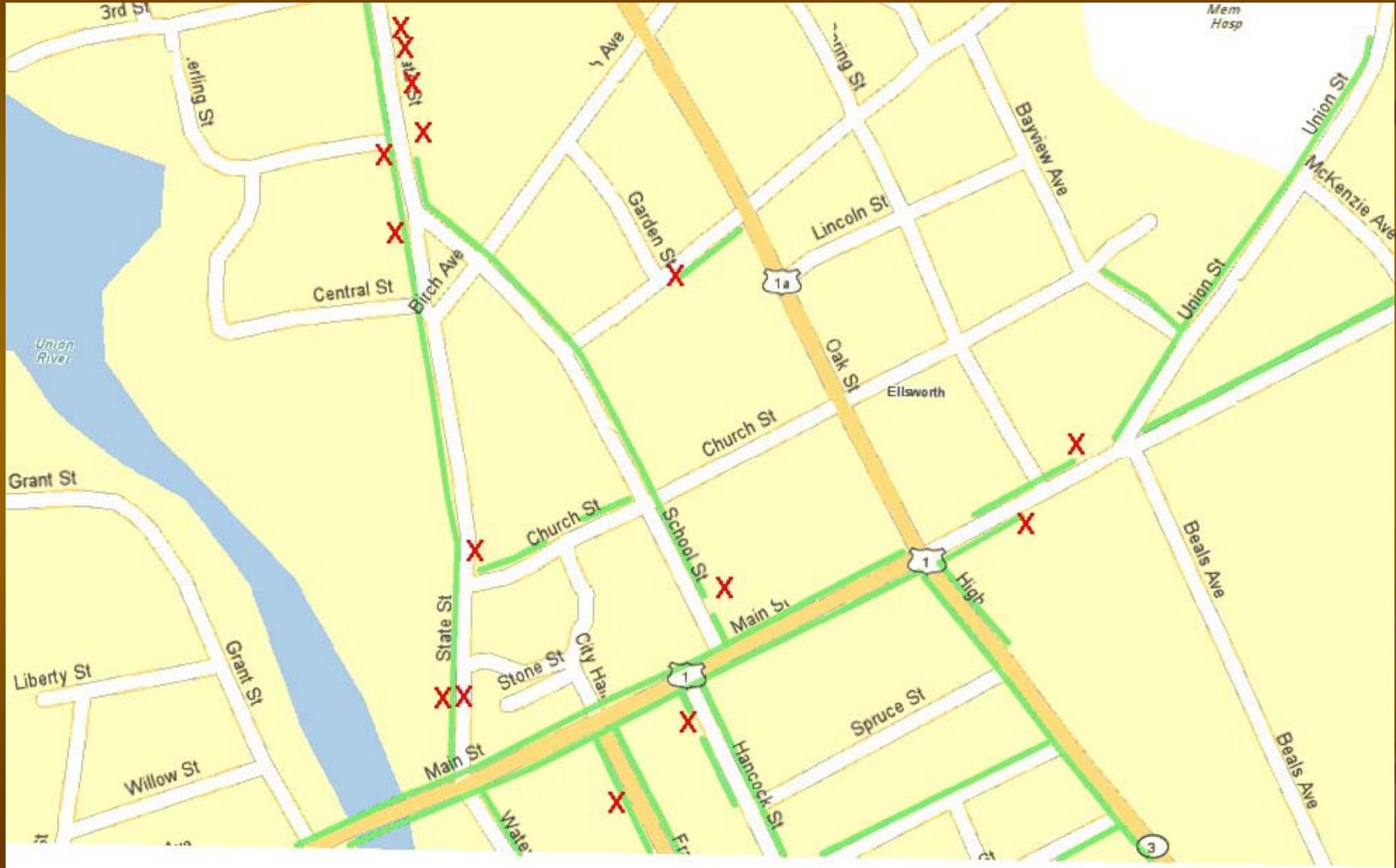
Step by Step Directions

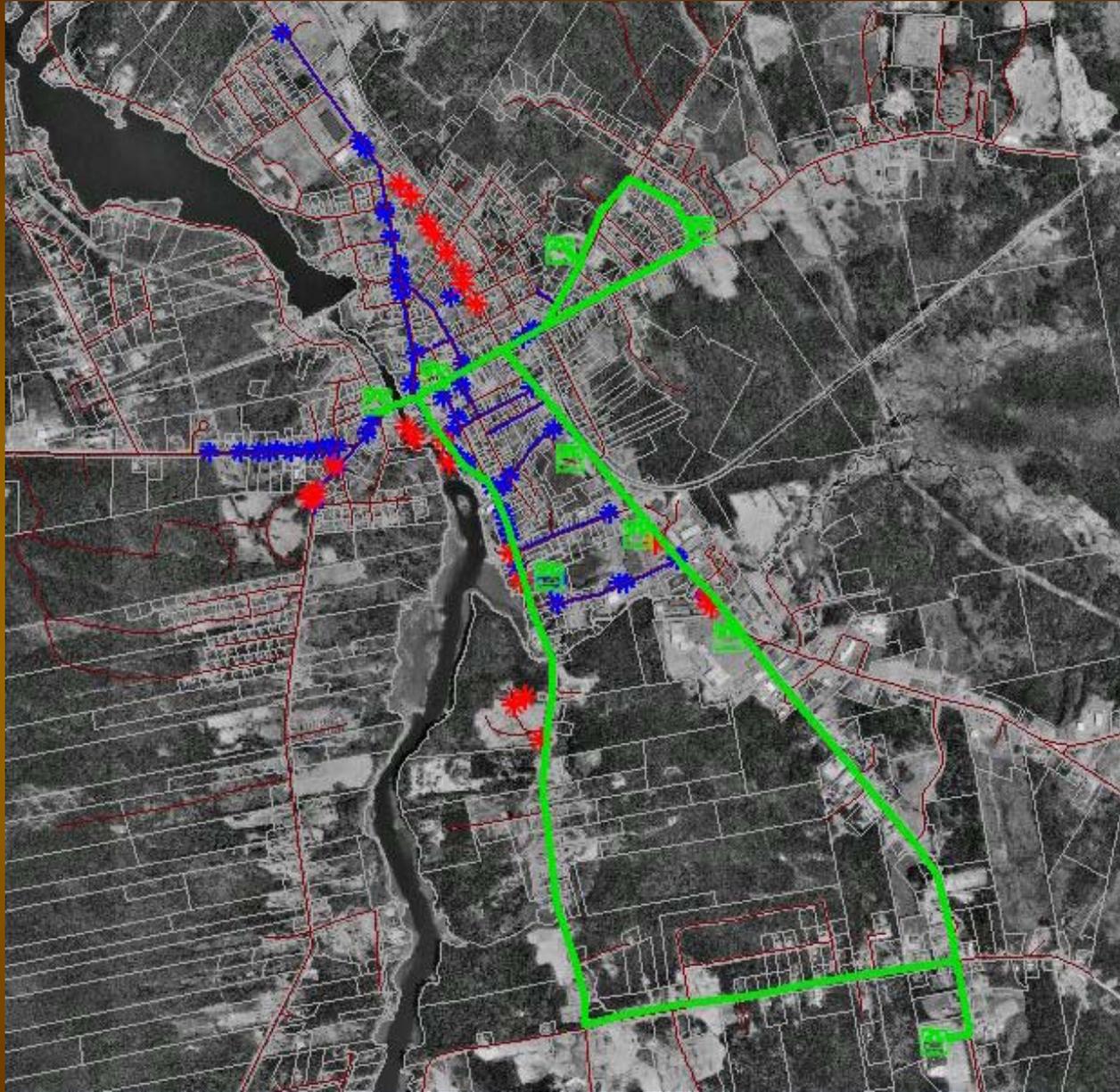
Downloadable Documents

Hancock County
Planning Commission



MAP SHOWING EXISTING SIDEWALKS AND GAPS





ArcView GIS 3.3

File Edit View Theme Analysis Surface Graphics Window Help DNR Garmin Image

Scale 1: 29,506 545,290.02 4,928,327.30

ellsbikeped1.apr Ellsworth Infrastructure

New Open Ellsworth Infras

Views Tables Charts Layouts Scripts

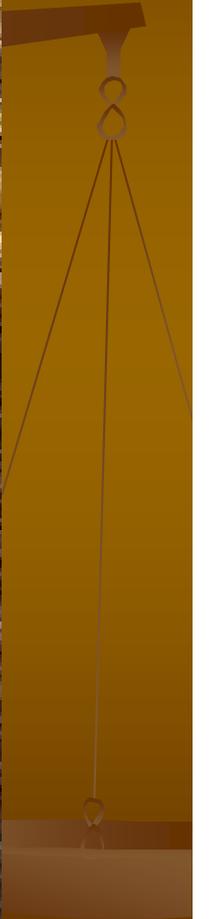
- Bus Route
- Bus Stops
- Bike Pedestrian Iss
- Roads
- Sidewalks
- Sidewalk Problems
- Parcels
- Aerial Old
- Aerial New
- Aerial New 2
- Aerial New 3
- Aerial New 4
- Water

Identify Results

Shape	Point
Id	0
Streetaddr	East Main St
Descript	Sidewalk too rough and narrow for wheelchair
Probcode	2
Probcode2	6
Probcode3	0

1: Sidewalk Problems - East Main St

Clear Clear All



ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Complete Streets!

- Many bicycle and pedestrian improvements occur when the road itself is fixed.
- Work with MaineDOT, Public Works, Metropolitan Planning Organizations

Camden Sidewalks



ELLSWORTH INTERSECTION



FUNDING SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS

- MaineDOT Quality Community Program/RTP/CDBG
- Local Funding (CIP, Bonds, fundraising, TIF's)
- Other Federal, state, local, or private funding.....

Scenic Byways

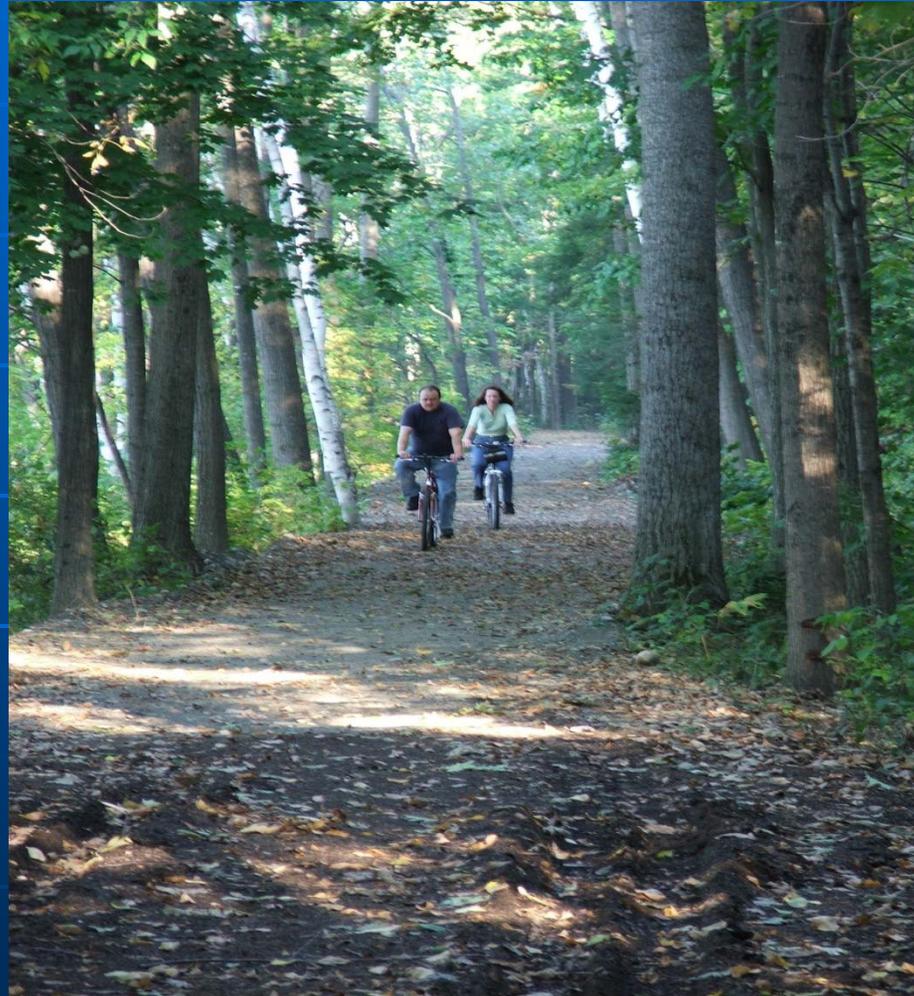
- Can build sidewalks and quality of Place Projects along Scenic Byways
- Yearly Applications Contact your Regional Planning Commission or Fred Michaud at MaineDOT : 624-3000

Recreational Trails Program

- Administered by Dept. of Conservation
- Recreational, one-way or loop
- Motorized and Non-motorized
- 80/20 matching funds

Applications available in May/June
Applications due in November

Town of Benton 2004 - \$30,000.00



Boothbay Regional Land Trust

2005 - \$15,000.00



Orono Land Trust

2002/03 - \$41,600.00



For More Information/Questions

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Office of Community Development Community Development Block Grants



- Planning
- Sidewalks
- Trails
- Downtown Improvements

**YEARLY
APPLICATIONS**

www.meocd.org

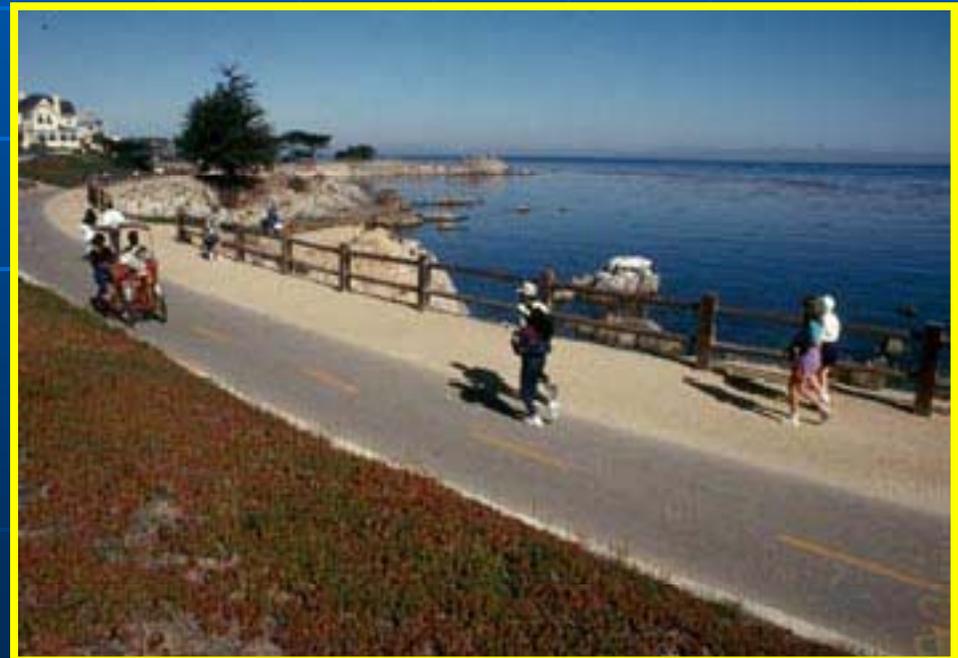
SACO BIDDEFORD RIVERFRONT



MaineDOT Quality Community Program

- Transportation Enhancement Projects
- 20% Match
- Show transportation purpose, local support

Applications every
Two years, JULY 1,
2010



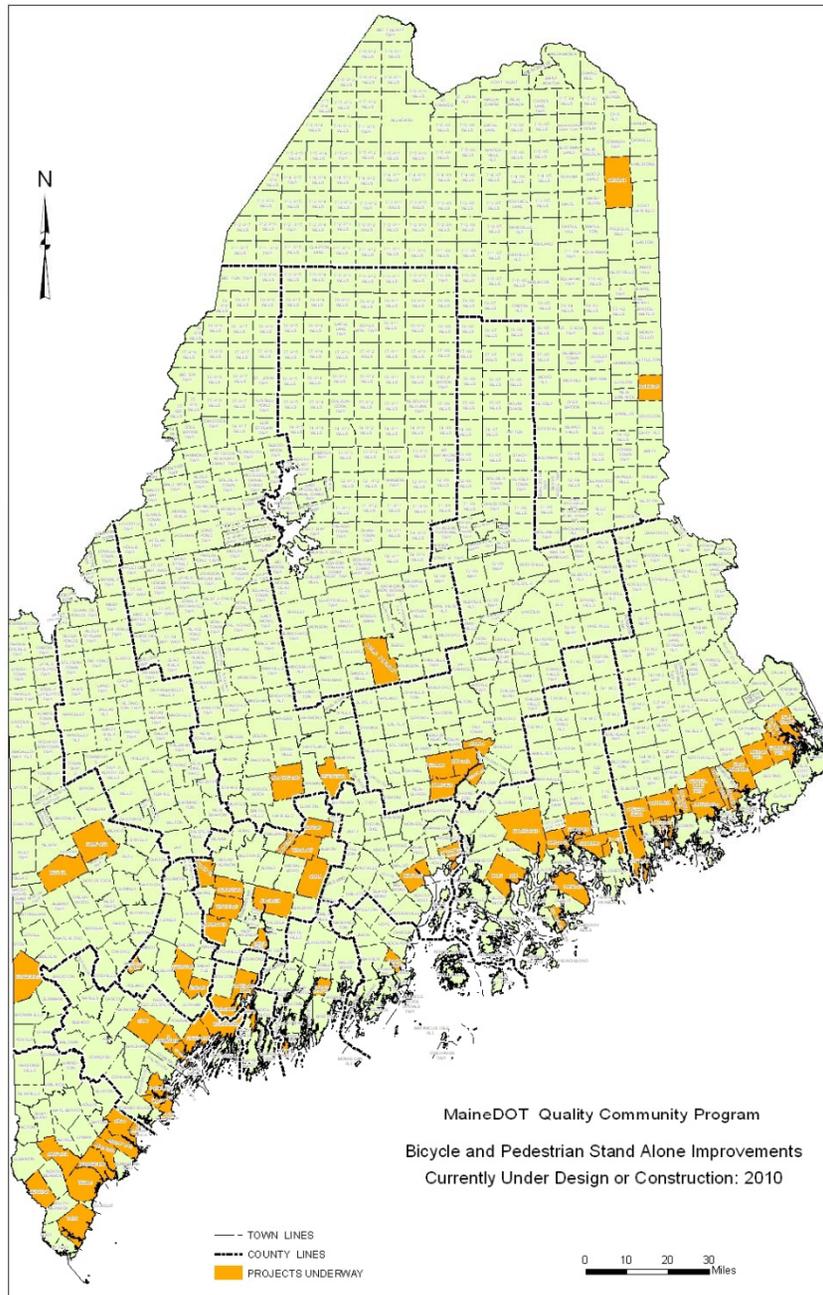
Transportation Enhancements (TE)

- 12 Categories
 - Bicycle, Pedestrian, Historical Rehabilitation, Environmental, Landscaping, Transportation Museums, Etc.,
 - See Handout
- Historical: rehabilitate and restore buildings significant to the history of transportation in America.

Quality Community Projects

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Under Design or Construction 2010



ROCKLAND ADA



Rodney Lynch, Community Development Director

Rockland ADA

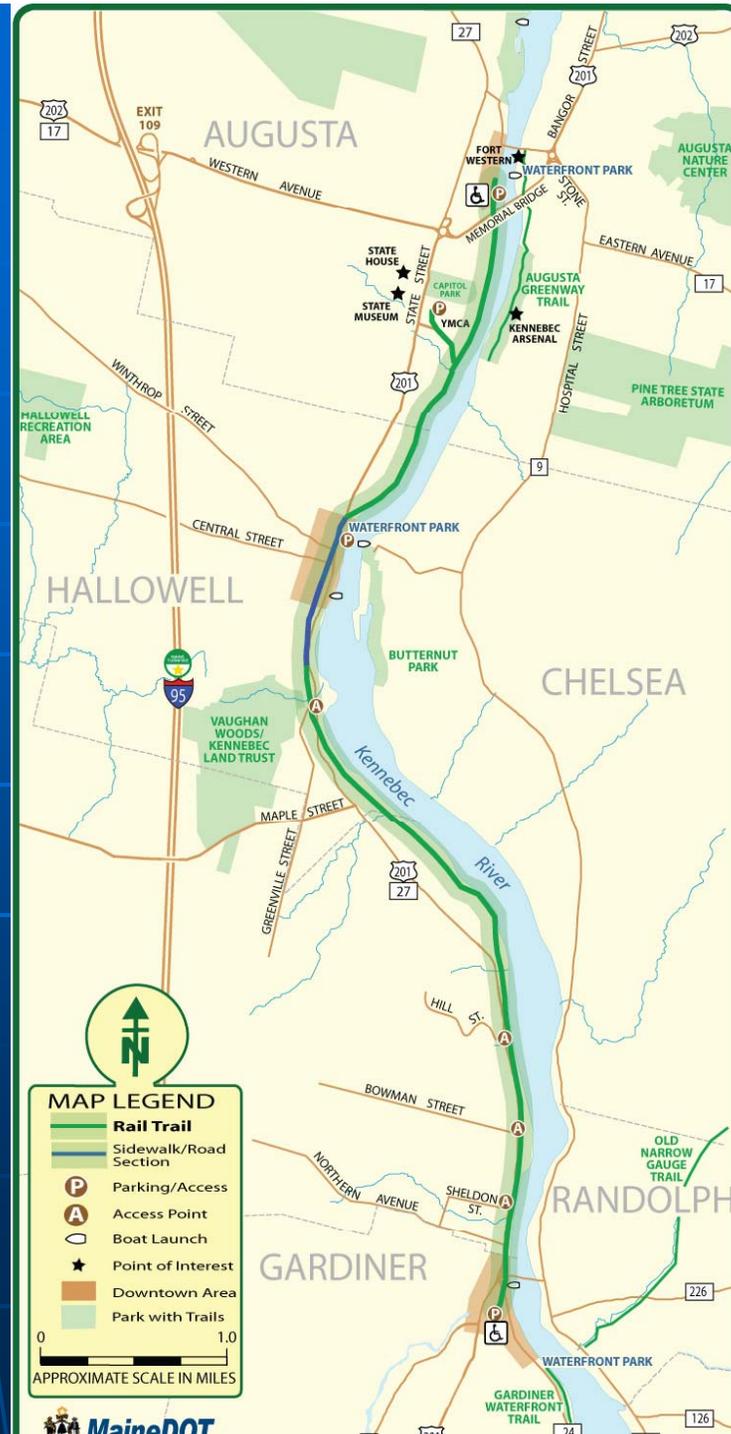


Belfast Foot Bridge Conversion



Kennebec River Rail Trail: Connecting 4 Communities

7 Miles Paved







Houlton Downtown Pedestrian Bridge



Auburn Riverfront!



04/01/2010

2009!



04/01/2010





Auburn Hilton Riverwalk PATIO Economic Development

- *Upcoming Events*



- **Every Tuesday Night on the
Riverwalk Patio!!!**



- **5:00-8:00 pm**



- **Special Musical Guests, Promotions,
Giveaways**

Safe Routes to School: A Global, National (SAFETEA-LU), State and Local Movement



Walk to School Day, Auburn



MaineDOT QUALITY COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Safe Routes to
School Funding

To improve safety,
enable and
encourage
children, to
walk/bike to school
and after school
activities

- Up to 100% federal
and state funding.



Augusta Gilbert School



Augusta Gilbert School



Local Municipalities

- TOWN FUNDS
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP Yearly Budget)
- DONATIONS/FUND RAISING
- BONDING
- TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICTs (TIF)

DOWNTOWN WINTHROP 2009



NOVEMBER 2009 VOTES!

- Bowdoinham Voters! \$133,750 November 13th, 2009 to Match \$535,000 in Federal Funds for Village Sidewalks
- Lisbon Voters: \$320,000 Nov 13th, 2009, to match 1.2 Million in Federal Funds to Complete Villages Trail Connection
- Successful in getting approval Quality Community Program/Transportation Enhancement Funding

Recent Bond Examples

- \$1,000,000 Topsham Local Bond for Sidewalks built in 2007
- \$500,000 Saco Eastern Trail: Local Voters approved Bond for construction 2009-2010
- Successful in getting approval Quality Community Program/Transportation Enhancement Funding

LOW COST IMPROVEMENTS!

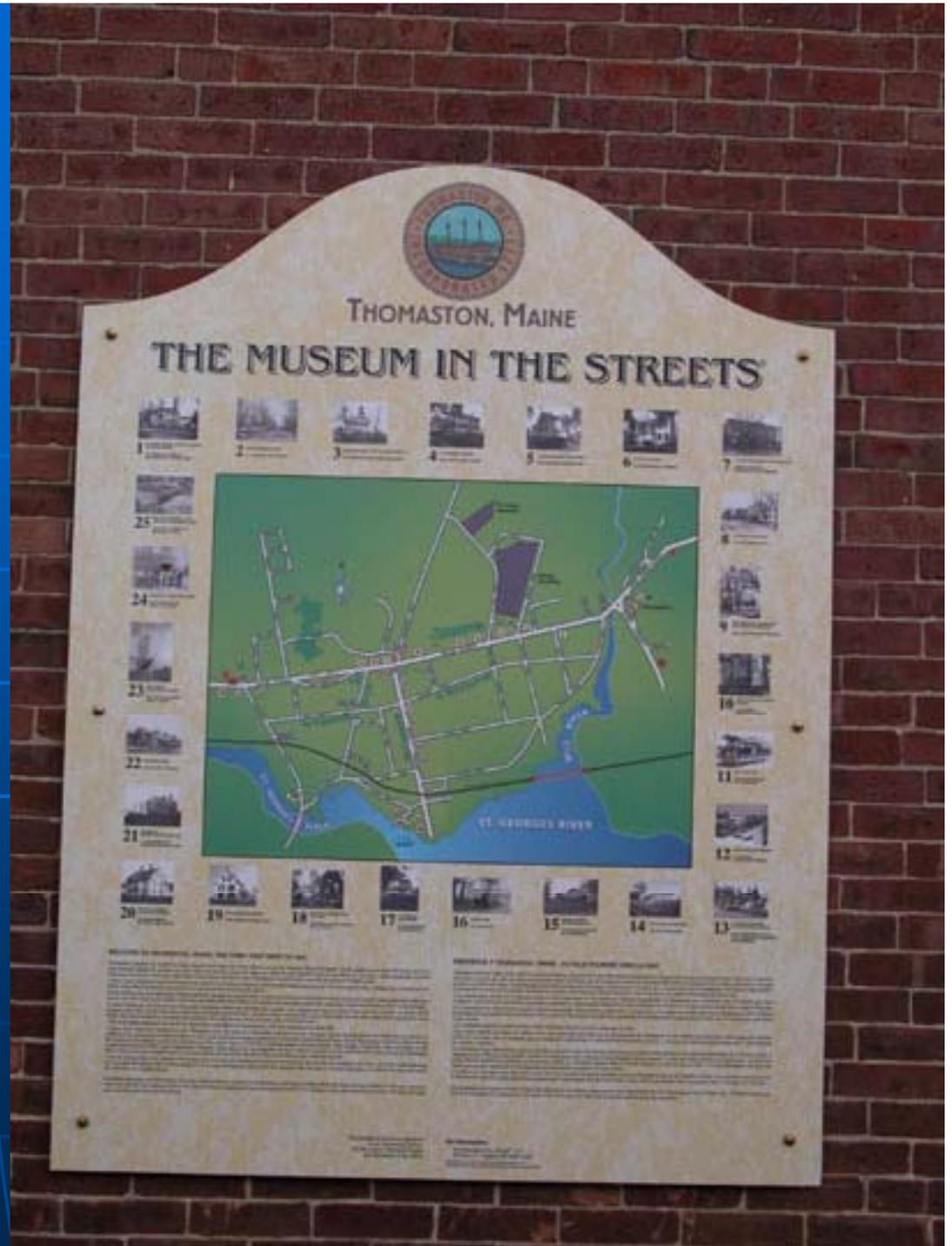
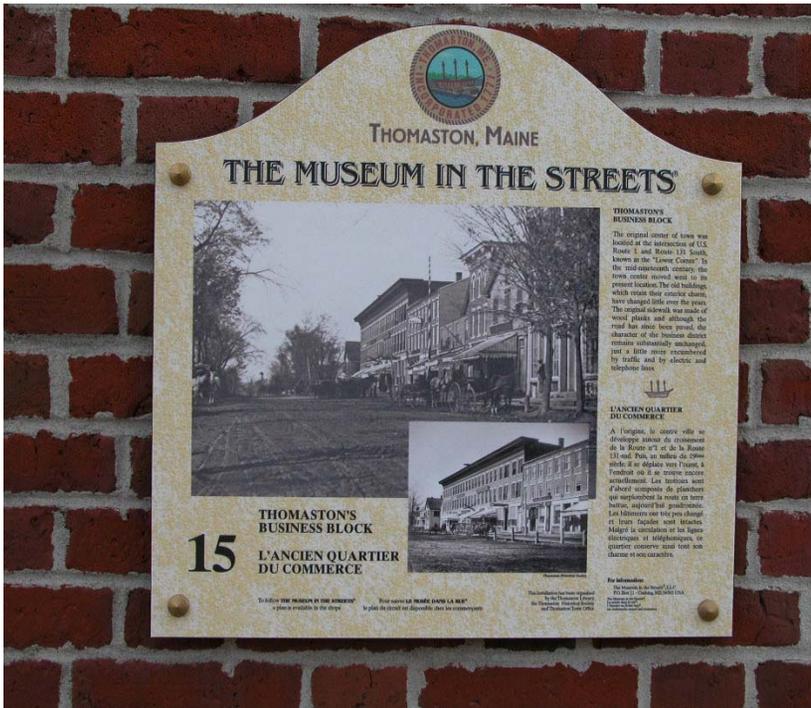


WALKABLE CITY: SIGNAGE



LOW COST SIGNAGE



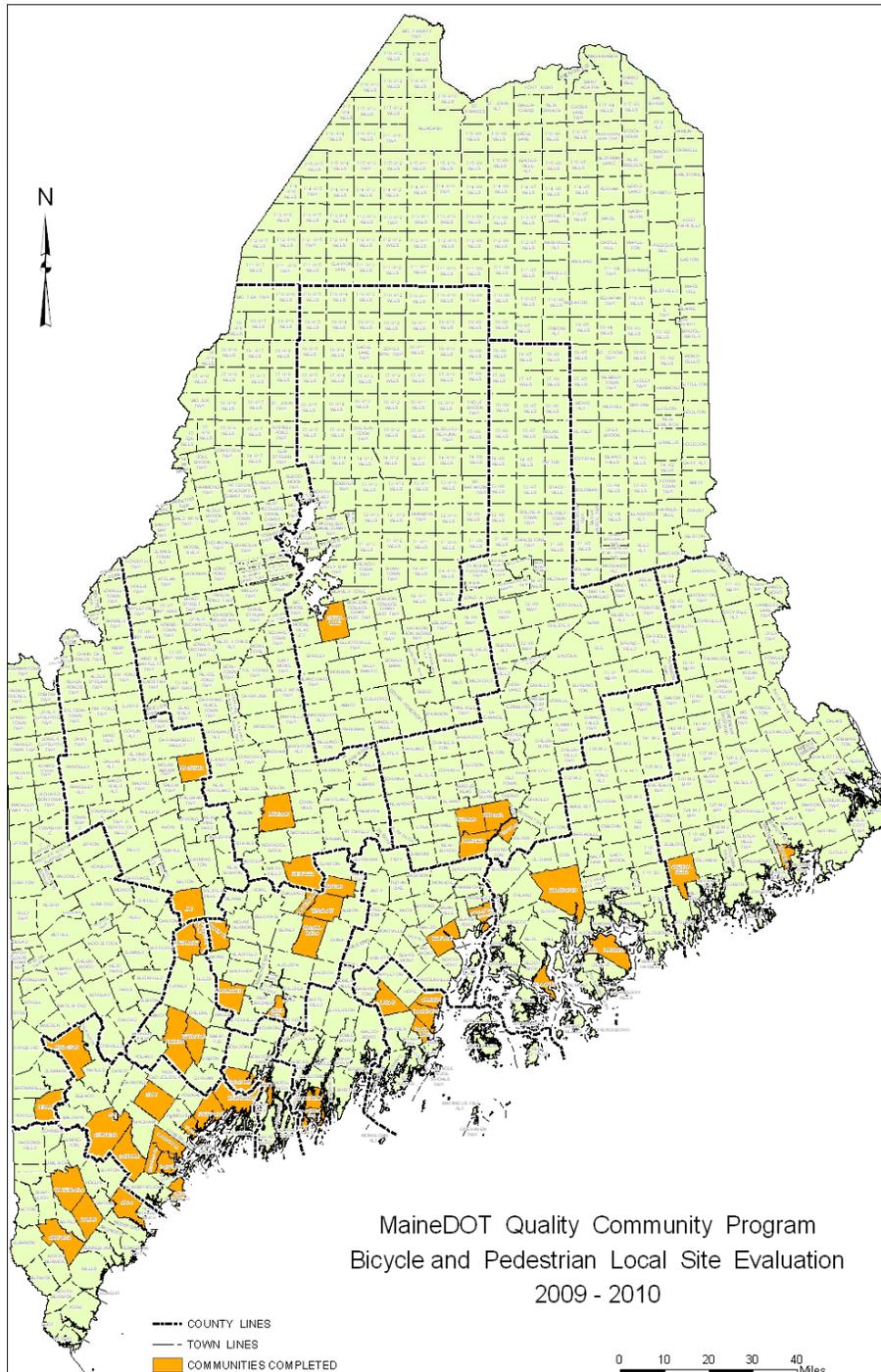


How to be Successful

- Create a committee, project partners
- Town Support is essential, work with town officials early and often
- Create a vision statement, and outline why project is important
- Take Pictures

How to be successful

- Letters of Support
- Good Estimate
- Town support for local match or local fundraising effort
- Show that project can be built, (citizen support, Right of Way, Land owner support, no environmental issues, etc.)
- Ask for a Site Visit early in Process for guidance



MaineDOT Quality Community Program
 Bicycle and Pedestrian Local Site Evaluation
 2009 - 2010

Community SITE VISITS

43 Communities 2009-2010



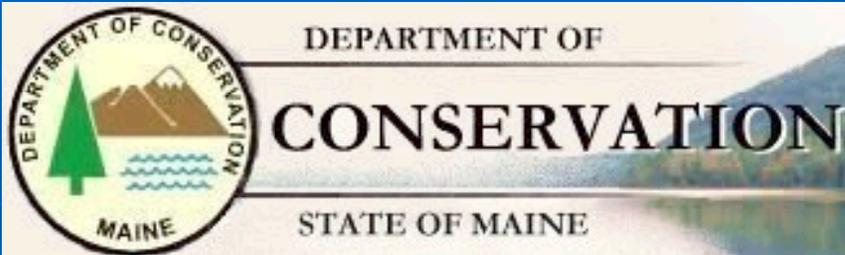
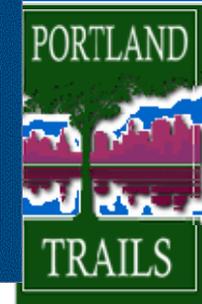
Transforming Communities

SUCCESS.....YES





Partnerships

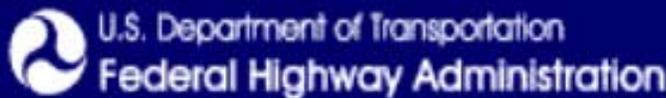


MAINEDOT

Maine Department of Transportation



"People Saving People"



Healthy Maine Partnerships

Bureau of Health, Department of Human Services



MAINE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MAINE CDC

MAINE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION

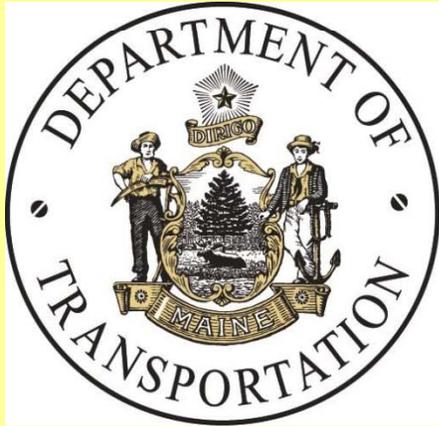


National Park Service

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U.S. Department of the Interior



Greater Portland Council of Governments Air Quality Choice Safety



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THANK YOU!
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