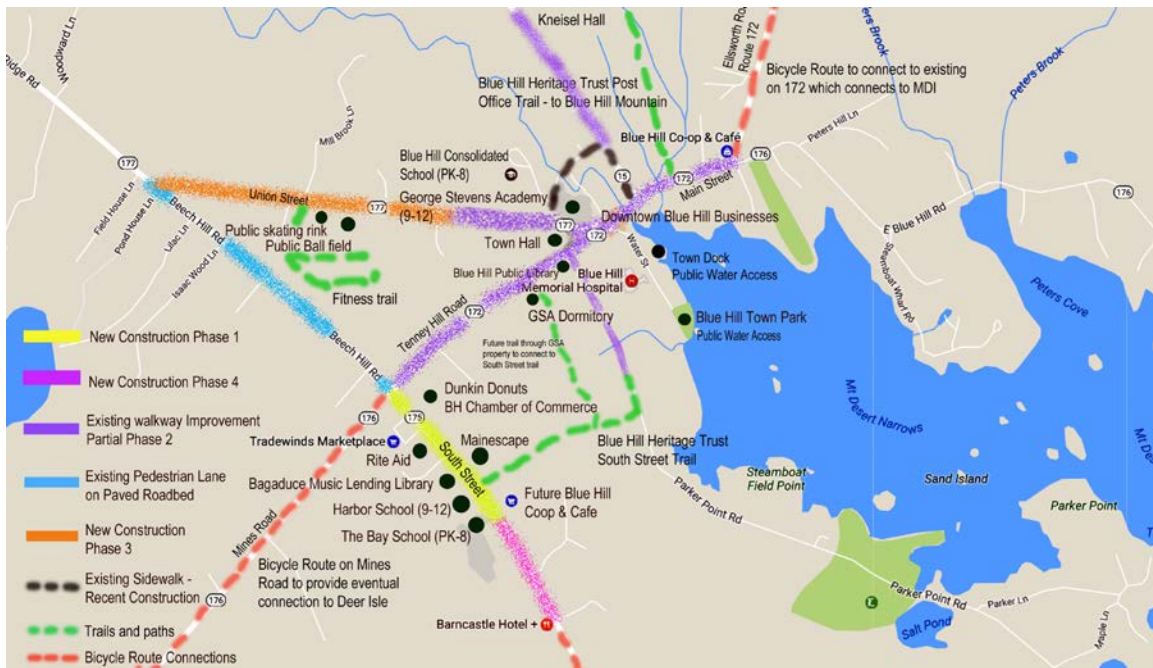


## ***“Blue Hill Sidewalks and Pathways Initiative”*** **(Pedestrian and bicycle safety and access throughout Blue Hill)**

With a vision of safer, pedestrian-friendly, and more pedestrian and bike accessible commercial corridors throughout in-town Blue Hill, a citizen-led group is working with the Town Selectmen and the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) to plan, design, fund, and ultimately construct an interconnected network of sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes.

As the Town develops, it is imperative that connections are planned and developed to ensure the realization of this vision. Business, educational, and recreational development that will happen along the corridors needs to be pedestrian and bike friendly, especially in the near future on South Street and Mines Road. In addition to several long-standing institutions that currently operate on South Street, new buildings and projects are underway, including the Co-op’s move to South Street, the addition of Harbor School this past year, the Bagaduce Music Library expansion, and Native Gardens of Blue Hill’s work on the Bagaduce property.



Pedestrian Route & Bicycle Route Improvements Map of Downtown Blue Hill

March 9, 2017

Key milestones for this project include MDOT and Trails Program grants for which applications are due in mid August 2017. In order to have pre-requisite design data for the MDOT grant, an engineering study is required immediately.

As a stakeholder in Blue Hill's future, this effort needs your support in several specific ways:

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Forum**

- Attend community forums on the pedestrian safety and access project and lend your voice, your expertise and your constructive, helpful efforts. The next forum is Thursday evening, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. To assist attendees with child care concerns, it is possible that the Consolidated School will be open for children for supervised game night during the course of the meeting.

**Project Volunteers**

- Volunteer to assist the project achieve its goals;

**Tax Deductible Donation for Engineering Study**

- Make a tax-deductible donation *today* toward the \$20,000 cost for the design engineering study.

**Pledge toward Grant Match**

- Make a commitment to contribute a tax-deductible donation toward the \$100,000 community match required to leverage a \$400,000 construction grant from MDOT grant, should our application for the first phase be approved. Your pledge would be voided if the grant is not awarded.

**April 8<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting**

- Attend the Town Meeting on Saturday, April 8, to support the warrant article that the Selectmen have put forth to support the MDOT's required community-match funding.

THANK YOU

**Project Sponsor:** *Blue Hill Community Development ("BHCD")* is a recently formed community and economic development not-for-profit registered in Maine as a 501(c)(3). BHCD's mission is to build and nurture a thriving local economy and a physically safe and accessible Blue Hill community. BHCD will pursue its mission by engaging local citizens, businesses, government officials and other stakeholders committed to the town's community needs and economic vibrancy.

**BHCD Board:** Michael Astbury, Cheryl Boulet, John Burns, Adam Gray, Scott Miller, Dennis Robertson, Tim Seeley, Amy Visentin, and Vaughn Leach – Ex Officio.

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