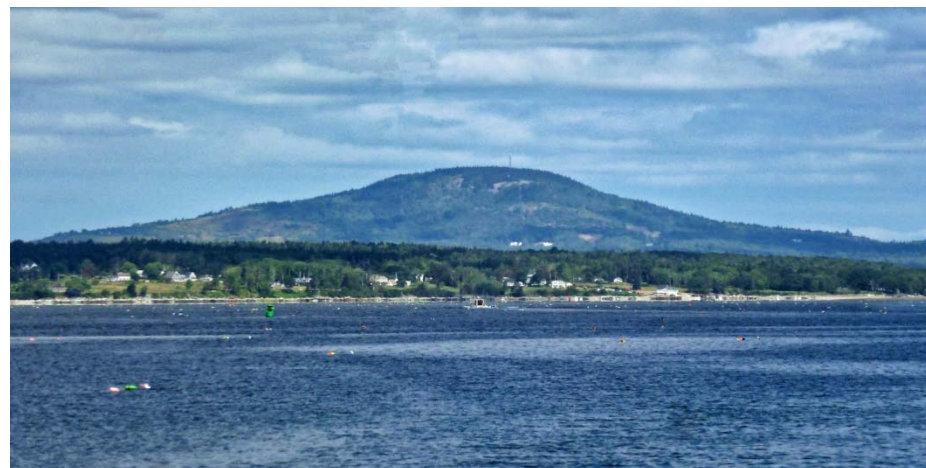


Blue Hill Community Development

Town Forum Objectives

- Introduce Blue Hill Community Development
- Discuss BHCD's first project:
The Sidewalks and Pathways Initiative



Blue Hill Community Development

Mission Statement

An inclusive, community-based, non-profit organization dedicated to building and nurturing a thriving local economy and an accessible community in the Town of Blue Hill



BHCD Formed to Provide

- Vehicle to help organize & facilitate projects
- 501(c)(3) tax-exempt “umbrella” organization
- Support functions contemplated:



- **Legal entity** (required for grants, for example)
- **Tax deductions** for qualifying donations
- **Donation tracking**, bank account(s)
- **Communication platform** (website, Facebook, press)
- **Advice** on project & funding sources
- **Network** for local resources
- **Forum** for discussing developments of local interest

BHCD and the Community

- Open to projects consistent with tax-exempt status and BHCD mission
- Activities driven by local community input
- Facilitates and nurtures projects with committed sponsors

Sponsors need to bring (or develop):

- Passion
- Leadership
- Volunteers
- Willingness to advocate and fundraise



Initial BHCD Board



- Michael Astbury
- Cheryl Boulet
- John Burns
- Adam Gray
- Scott Miller
- Dennis Robertson
- Tim Seeley
- Amy Visentin

- Vaughn Leach (*ex-officio*)

First Project: Sidewalks & Pathways Initiative

- Pedestrian friendly
- Walking “loops”
- Bicycle passage and safety
- Improved connectivity



Focus for Improvements



Already Engaged With...

“Owners”

- Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT)
- Blue Hill Selectmen
- Blue Hill Heritage Trust

“Grant Providers”

- MDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (BPP)
- Recreational Trails Program (RTP) at Maine Dept. of Ag.
- Maine Community Foundation

“User Groups”

- Blue Hill Schools
- Blue Hill Co-op Planning Group

“Design Professionals”

- CES Engineering
- Coplon & Associates Landscape Architects

And the Community at Large (YOU!)



SCHOOL

Potentially Available Grants

**Bike & Pedestrian Program
(BPP)**

**Recreational Trails Program
(RTP)**

Funding

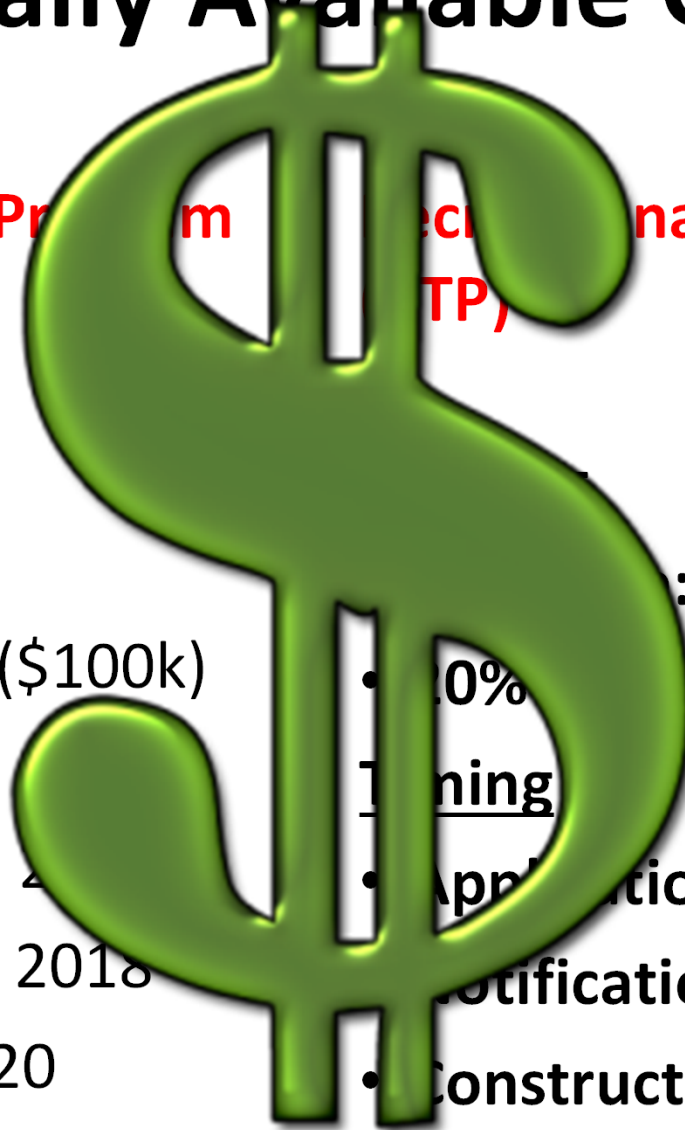
- Available: \$400k
- 20% local match (\$100k)

- Available: \$40k
- 20% local match (\$10k)

Timing

- Application: Aug. 2017
- Notification: Jan. 2018
- Construction: 2020

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- Notification: Jan. 2018
- Construction: ASAP



Community Contribution

Funding Needed:
\$20k

Commitments Needed:
\$20k

- Pre-application development, local community match and cost estimation for the BPP grant
- Required for BPP grant submitted by Aug. 2017
- \$5,500 raised this month needed if grant

- Town meeting article to back up this amount

***Consider a tax-deductible gift or future commitment NOW!
Support the warrant article at Town Meeting April 8***

Other Ways You Can Help

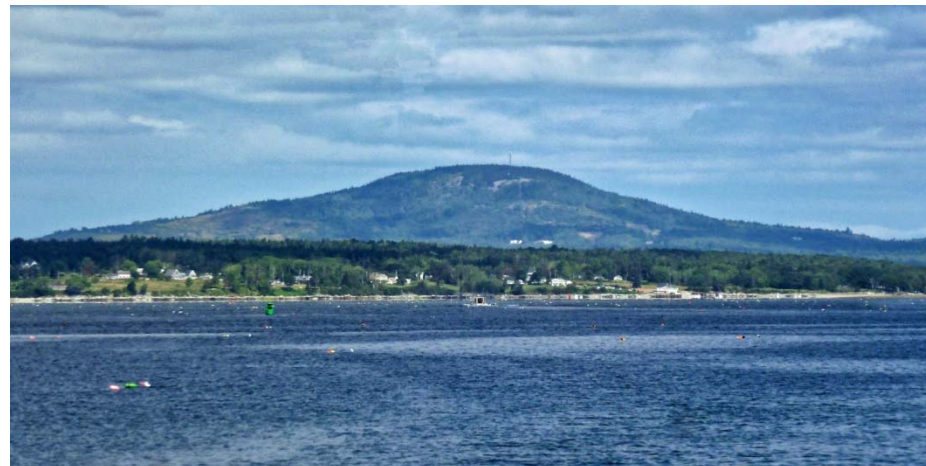
- Volunteer your time
- Consider an “in-kind” contribution
- Contribute and help solicit funds
- **Attend Town Meeting April 8** to support the warrant article
- Spread the word



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Questions and Discussion



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March 23, 2017

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Remember, this is only the first project:

Tell us about your dreams for Blue Hill!

