



BLUE HILL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fellow residents of Blue Hill,

In January 2019, the Town of Blue Hill was awarded a Bicycle & Pedestrian Program (“BPP”) grant of up to \$400,000 for the purpose of constructing sidewalks and bike lanes on South Street from the Tenney Hill roundabout to NAPA. The new sidewalks will connect to existing Town sidewalks and public walking trails to facilitate safe access to and from schools, retailers, the Town park, the library, and other points of interest. Construction funds are tentatively scheduled for release in 2021, and the process for planning, designing and selecting a contractor has already begun.

The preliminary engineering and design for the new sidewalks—as well as a Pedestrian & Bike Access Plan for Blue Hill (on reverse side of mailer)—were privately developed and funded through donations to Blue Hill Community Development (BHCD), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. With the project now moving ahead, **we are writing to ask you to make a tax-deductible donation** to help fund a portion of the required local commitment to this project and to support future, similar projects.

The BPP grant covers up to 80% of the cost of the project; the Town must contribute the remaining 20%. At Town Meeting in April 2017, the Town voted overwhelmingly to appropriate \$100,000 for this project if the Town were successful in its BPP grant application. Without this action, the Town wouldn’t have been eligible for the \$400,000 grant, and we are grateful to the citizens of Blue Hill for voting to support this project. However, BHCD has also committed to help reduce the reliance on Town funding and has launched this campaign to privately raise some of the necessary funds.

By raising private donations to help fund sidewalk and bike lane improvements, we hope to:

- lessen the tax burden, especially on those for whom property taxes are already difficult to pay;
- receive support from those most “invested” in the goals of the sidewalk project—South Street property owners and businesses, parents concerned about child safety, citizens concerned about pedestrian safety generally, and those interested in promoting more healthy walking alternatives around town; and
- encourage other “public-private partnerships” in Blue Hill to improve the Town’s infrastructure while minimizing the tax burden.

We hope you will join us by making a tax-deductible contribution to this exciting and worthwhile project to improve pedestrian safety and access in Blue Hill. Any level of contribution will make a difference. Checks may be made out to BHCD, and mailed to PO Box 438, Blue Hill, ME 04614. In the memo line, write “Connectivity Project.” Contributions may also be made online at bhcd.org/donate. If you would like more information about the Connectivity Project or BHCD, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@bhcd.org.

Thank you for helping to make our streets safer for all!

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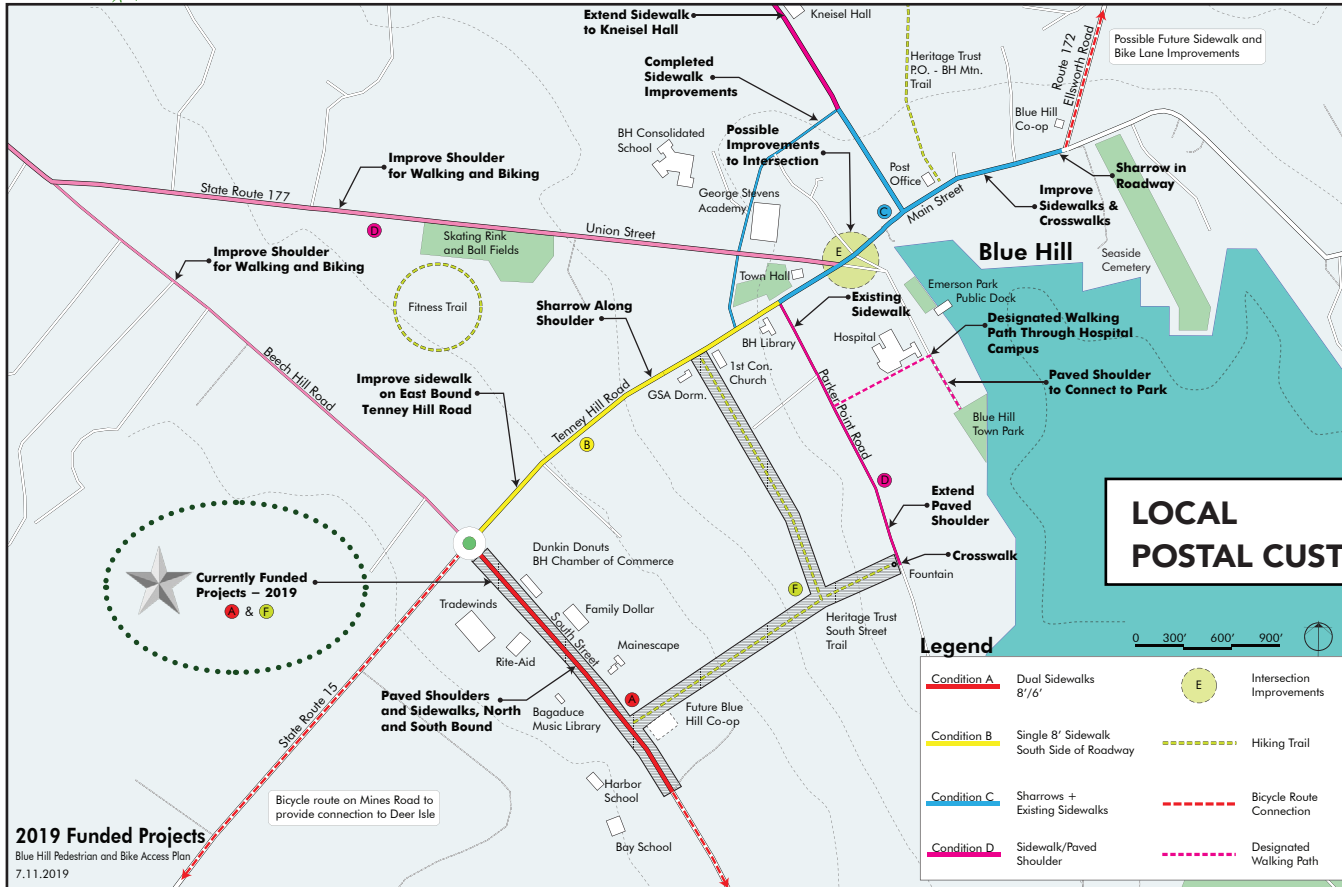


BHCD PEDESTRIAN & BIKE ACCESS PLAN

Sections A & F were awarded grant funds!

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