

## Annual Report of the Schoodic Scenic Byway Corridor Management Committee

The Corridor Management Committee of the Route 1 / Route 186 "Schoodic Scenic Byway" is happy to report that 2000 -2001 has been a year of recognition and progress. Since the adoption of the Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan in last year's town meeting, the byway has proposed and received more than \$200,000 in Federal and matching State grants. These grants provide the byway with support from the Maine Department of Transportation to improve existing scenic turnouts on Route 1 and conduct preliminary engineering for future park-and-ride lots and scenic turn-outs. During this busy year we also welcomed Bret Poi, the new State Coordinator of the Scenic Byway Program.

The Schoodic Scenic Byway begins at the Hancock/Sullivan bridge, continues onto Route 186 through Winter Harbor and the Schoodic Loop Road in Acadia National park and ends in Prospect Harbor. The Corridor Management Committee is composed of representatives from Sullivan, Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor -- including selectmen from each of the towns. The Corridor Committee met regularly throughout the year. Our efforts have been to implement projects along the byway that will provide recognition for historic and scenic locations along the byway and suggests steps for preserving these assets. Equally important are measures to improve safety along the byway such as road rebuilding, shoulder paving, providing adequate scenic turnouts, park-and-ride facilities, and informational signage.

We would like to thank all of the people who have supported our planning efforts, including members of the select boards, planning boards, Town offices, historical societies, Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations. We would also like to thank the Hancock County Planning Commission for their work on implementing the plan and the Maine Department of Transportation and Acadia National Park for their technical and financial support.