

Annual Report of the Schoodic Scenic Byway Corridor Management Committee

The Corridor Management Committee of Schoodic National Scenic Byway is happy to report on our progress in 2006 and the start of 2007.

Transportation Improvements

- ♦ Major road reconstruction is underway on Route 1 in Sullivan. While this project is not funded by Scenic Byways, we are constructing a new scenic turnout next to Dunbar's Store in Sullivan with byway funds.
- ♦ Winter Harbor road improvements are underway. Byway funds are helping to pay for new sidewalks and informational signage.
- ♦ Planning is underway for improvements along Route 186. Byway funds will not pay for these improvements, but have given residents in Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor a greater opportunity to participate in discussing context sensitive design solutions.

Visitor Facilities

- ♦ The Taunton Bay gateway facility in Hancock is moving ahead. Additional landscaping was completed in 2006. We hope to add trails, signs and stone benches in 2007.
- ♦ We are preparing interpretive panels for installation here and along the byway. You can see samples of the interpretive signs on our website www.schoodicbyway.org.
- ♦ Significant improvements for the Scenic turnout next to Dunbar's store in Sullivan are under construction. The completed turnout will include a paved pull-out area, curbing and sidewalks, interpretive signage and stone benches.
- ♦ The free Schoodic Point Shuttle bus continued to operate during the summer of 2006 with increasing ridership. Service will be expanded in 2007 with operation through September 30th.
- ♦ Scenic Byway funds were used to purchase a small parcel in Sullivan that will be maintained for scenic viewshed preservation.
- ♦ Discussions are ongoing for creating a gateway facility in Prospect Harbor.

Funding for Future Improvements

- ♦ The Federal Highway Administration awarded two grants in 2006, \$31,000 to sustain planning and administration and \$18,000 for enhanced GIS mapping and way-finding information.

Public Participation

- ♦ The Schoodic Byway sponsored our first Earth Day Roadside Cleanups in 2006 and 2007 engaging Summer High School Students and other volunteers.

We would like to thank all who have supported byway 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, the Maine Department of Transportation and Acadia National Park for their technical and financial support. You can learn about the byway at www.schoodicbyway.org or by calling Jim Fisher, Hancock County Planning Commission at 667-7131. Residents in Hancock, Sullivan, Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor are always welcome at byway meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,


Barbara Shanahan, Chairperson