

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 2010 and the start of 2011.

Transportation Improvements

- ◆ Improvements on Route 186 between Route 1 and South Gouldsboro are in the design phase. MaineDOT representatives are meeting with residents in West Gouldsboro for their input.
- ◆ The 84 mile multi-use Down East Sunrise Trail from Ellsworth to Pembroke opened in October, 2010. The trail passes north of Route 1 in Hancock, Sullivan and Gouldsboro. Learn more at www.sunrisetrail.org.
- ◆ The Schoodic Point Shuttle bus continued to operate during the summer. Improvements in Prospect Harbor will provide riders with an improved place to wait for the bus.

Visitor Facilities

- ◆ Scenic turnouts at Taunton Bay in Hancock, Frenchman Bay and Long Cove in Sullivan and the flag pole in Winter Harbor continue to be popular destinations along Route 1.
- ◆ Gordon's Wharf in Sullivan was purchased by the town with support from Land for Maine's Future and Frenchman Bay Conservancy. The byway is helping to fund improvements at this new public facility.
- ◆ The Prospect Harbor gateway area design and engineering are nearly complete and construction will begin in 2011. Proposed designs can be seen at www.schoodicbyway.info.
- ◆ Land located in Sullivan where Route 183 crosses the Down East Sunrise Trail is being donated by Bangor Hydro Electric for trail information and parking. The Schoodic trailhead will be a great visitor attraction.

Funding for Future Improvements

- ◆ The Corridor Committee submitted three new grant proposals to the Federal Highway Administration to support parking and visitor facilities in Prospect Harbor (\$269,200), additional improvements for Gordon's Wharf (\$241,800), and to continue support for implementation of the Corridor Management Plan (\$25,000).
- ◆ A Safe Routes to Schools Proposal (\$82,500) was submitted to provide easier access for walking and bicycling to the Peninsula School in Prospect Harbor. This project will be coordinated with the byway funding proposals. Decisions on these four grant proposals are pending.

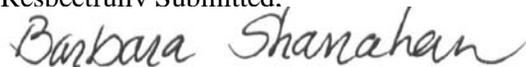
Public Participation

- ◆ The Schoodic Byway and Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium are collaborating at the Prospect Harbor Gateway.
- ◆ A number of new small-size interpretive panels were produced this year as part of our geo-tourism initiative. Samples are posted to www.downeastexplorer.org.
- ◆ Reductions in state matching funds for byway grants have placed new importance on municipal and other contributions to continue improvements along the byway. Thanks to all that have given support.
- ◆ The corridor committee is working on a new regional map-brochure that we hope to roll-out in May, 2011. The brochure will highlight historic, scenic, recreational and natural resources along in the Schoodic region.

We thank the select boards, planning boards, staff, historical societies, Chamber of Commerce and other organizations for their support. We also thank the Hancock County Planning Commission, the Maine Department of Transportation and Acadia National Park for their technical and financial support.

The Schoodic National Scenic Byway Corridor Committee is a collaboration of Hancock, Sullivan, Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor and Acadia National Park to protect and promote this scenic corridor. Area residents are always welcome to attend byway meetings. You can learn more at www.schoodicbyway.info, or by calling Jim Fisher, Hancock County Planning Commission at 667-7131.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Shanahan, Chairperson