



# Project Summary 2001

## FHWA National Scenic Byways Program

All sections must be completed on an electronic form at <http://www.byways.org>  
Applications must be submitted online and on paper.

State Submission Date 22-Jun-2000	Division Submission Date
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### Section A: State Program

State ME	Byway Program Start Date 02 Jul 1969	
Scenic Byway Agency Maine Dept. of Transportation-Office of Environmental Services		
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### Section B: Project Category

#### Project Type

Project associated with an All-American Road or a National Scenic Byway.

Is the project consistent with the Corridor Management Plan for the byway(s)?

Yes

#### Eligibility Category

Corridor Management

## Section C: Project Info

Project Name Corridor Planning and Administration	Project No. ME-0
	Applicant's Reference No. 1
Project Year 2001	
Counties and/or Regions Involved Hancock County, Maine	
Location of Project along Byway(s) Route 1 and Route 186	
Federal Lands Crossed by Involved Byway(s) NPS	

## Associated Byways

State	Byway Name	Details	
ME	Sullivan-Schoodic Scenic Byway	Designation Date 15 Jun 2000	Intrinsic Qualities A,C,H,N,R,S
		Byway Organization Schoodic Byway Corridor Management Committee RR 1 Box 263 East Sullivan, ME 04607 Phone: (207) 422-6706 Fax: (207) 667-2099 E-mail: <a href="mailto:flandersbay@acadia.net">flandersbay@acadia.net</a>	

\*IQ codes: A - Archaeological, C - Cultural, H - Historical, N - Natural, R - Recreational, S - Scenic

## Section D: Ready-To-Go

## Section E: Prior NSB-Funded Projects

FHWA Proj No.	Year	Project Name	Amount	Status
<i>No prior projects</i>				

## Section F: Project Abstract

This project supports and builds local capacity to implement the Schoodic Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. Funds will be used to contract technical assistance in order to plan and implement CMP objectives during the 2000-2001 fiscal year. Funds will pay for byway community representatives to participate in regional and national scenic byways workshops and meetings. A small portion of the funds will be used to pay for supplies pursuant to community educational and byway administrative needs.

## Section G: Project Narrative

### WHAT THIS PROJECT IS ABOUT

The Schoodic Scenic Byway Corridor Advocacy group, made up of volunteers and elected representatives from each of the three participating towns, with the assistance of the Hancock County Planning Commission, has produced a Corridor Management Plan that describes a vision for the region

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and steps toward that vision. The State Byway Committee and particularly the Maine Department of Transportation have provided advice and support throughout the four years of methodical planning. Having reached the implementation stage, a Corridor Management Committee is forming to provide a legal-representative organization to further community goals for the byway.

This new committee, like the Corridor Advocacy Group, has limited local funding and limited expertise. Accordingly, the Committee requests financial assistance to contract temporary, part-time technical support. The Hancock County Planning Commission has served in this capacity throughout the eligibility and designation phases and is likely to continue their assistance over the next two to three years. Unlike the earlier phases, the implementation phase is open ended and is expected to transition to self-sufficiency as local capacity grows.

To implement this plan a temporary, part-time paid coordinator will assist the committee to define a detailed work plan and to solicit resources to put the plan into effect. The coordinator will continuously monitor the plan to assure that the required actions are taking place as scheduled and to advise the Corridor Management Committee as to what actions to take to effect corrections. The coordinator will assure that the members of the Byway committee and the community at large are kept apprised of these activities. The coordinator will assist in the preparation of the continuing schedule for the Byway committee and for the content and schedule for planning to flesh out the details in the current management plan as well as for future planning to improve the Byway.

Coordination activities will also include work with the other transportation, economic development and tourism organizations in eastern Maine. The coordinator will be the principal monitor of activities by other scenic byways and by relevant national/state/local governmental and civic organizations on matters that could have a positive or negative effect on the Byway.

This project will also support travel for one or two corridor management committee members or consultants to attend regional and/or national seminars designed to help byway groups improve their performance. Travel funds may also be extended for attendance at coordinator meetings with representatives of State government and other byways in Maine.

Finally, project funds will be used to purchase a limited quantity of supplies pursuant to the production of administrative and educational materials, including graphics, narratives, minutes, handouts and other informational material to improve coordination and enhance public support for the project.

### FIRST YEAR:

This project will endeavor to accomplish the following activities in the first year.

1. Develop a way to continuously monitor the progress in implementing the CMP.
2. Propose a methodology to regularly update the plan in light of unforeseen changes in the operating environment.
3. Assure that regular meetings are held with all groups that are interested in the Byway.
4. Prepare a plan to assure the continued improvement and maintenance of the Byway for the next five years. This plan will identify specific projects to be undertaken and the actions and funds necessary to accomplish them. It will also address how to maintain the Byway, including how to fund that maintenance.
5. Meet regularly with byway town officers to ensure that the Byway plans are compatible with the town plans.
6. Participate in National meeting and educational forums.

### SECOND YEAR

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1. Implement the action items identified in the CMP and in those new plans prepared during the First year.
2. Design and begin implementing a program to define and measure the impact of the Byway as seen by private individuals, businesses and other groups within the Byway area as well as visitors to the area.
3. Expand contacts with the Byway support community to increase participation by business and civic groups.
4. Define a yearly event to solicit from the residents of the area ways to improve the Byway.
5. Participate in forums and meetings which educate Byway group members.
6. Expand contacts with governmental and other groups to secure ongoing financial support for the Byway.

### THIRD YEAR

1. Revise the CMP action plan, reassessing the goals and objectives of the first year, noting completed items and amending the plan with particular attention to goals and activities recommended by Byway residents that will improve the Byway.
2. Work with civic groups to begin demonstrations of local occupations, history and geology at selected turnout areas and other byway venues during peak tourism season.
3. Define new/revised turnout areas.
4. Continue Year One and Year Two activities to maintain and fund the Byway.

### WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED:

The Schoodic Scenic Byway Corridor Management Committee (CMC) is an outgrowth of the Sullivan-Schoodic Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG). Members include one or more elected Selectmen from Sullivan, Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor as well as representatives from the Acadia National Park, local planning boards, the regional Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and residents. In addition to serving as an inter-municipal coordinating committee, the CMC works as a subcommittee of the Maine Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) for Hancock and Washington Counties. These two affiliations enable us to provide an upward flow of information to the Maine Department of Transportation about local needs, preferences and opportunities. The CMC also brings back to our communities information about State programs in areas such as access management, bicycle planning, historic preservation and tourism. This region of Maine has lagged much of the State in income, employment and business opportunities. By working simultaneously with local, State and Federal governments, the CMC has enabled three towns to work together and realize opportunities that have been missed in the past.

Some examples of our accomplishments include:

- Organized the CAG to advocate state and national recognition for our unique scenic, natural and cultural resources
- Forged an alliance between three towns and Acadia National Park to document our resources and create a regional vision for the corridor
- Built credibility for the byway by partnering with residents, local businesses and through direct participation of elected representatives of the towns
- Wrote a Corridor Management Plan which has been adopted by the State Byway Committee that will provide participating towns with a greater voice in future transportation and land-use decisions made at

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the State level

- Participated in numerous public events, including festival days, town meetings and educational forums to spread the word about Scenic Byways and educate our citizens

### PROJECT BENEFITS

The towns feel that they now have a stronger partnership in future transportation and land use planning for this vital corridor. With State designation of the Schoodic Scenic Byway, it is incumbent upon both the State and local governments to consider the impacts of future construction projects on the intrinsic resources of this region. The downeast Maine economy depends on maintaining a safe and healthy environment, providing residents with sustainable jobs and visitors with a great recreational experience. The Scenic Byway planning and implementation process provides our communities with a forum to identify our long-range goals and resources to pursue them.

## Section H: Work Plan

Line Item	Task/Milestone Description	Start Date/ Duration	Work Category
001	Work with Maine DOT to establish a fund management agreement.	01 Jan 2001 1 Month	Corridor Management
Responsible Party: Corridor Management Committee			
<b>Justification:</b> This task will establish the administrative and legal framework for applying funds to specific projects. Funding for the Schoodic Scenic Byway will pass through MDOT. Dan Morabito will represent MDOT, Barbara Shanahan will represent the Schoodic Byways Corridor Management Committee in creating this framework. Jim Fisher of the Hancock County Planning Commission will provide technical assistance. The document will be presented to the select boards for the three byway communities for comment and revision. Members of the Corridor Management Committee must approve the framework before it is implemented.			
002	Procure technical assistance for implementing corridor management plan	01 Jan 2001 1 Month	Corridor Management
Responsible Party: Corridor Management Committee			
<b>Justification:</b> The Hancock County Planning Commission (HCPC) has provided technical assistance over the past 4 years in writing the Corridor Management Plan and identifying steps for implementation. HCPC work has been paid for out of local funds, state support and assistance from Acadia National Park. Future work will be financed, in part, through this administrative grant.			
003	Conduct coordination activities described in the Corridor Management Plan and this narrative.	01 Mar 2001 11 Months	Corridor Management
Responsible Party: Hancock County Planning Commission			
<b>Justification:</b> Implementing the Corridor Management Plan will require a considerable investment of time and expertise. Members of the CMC are volunteers and lack sufficient time to do all of the tasks outlined in the CMP. Tasks to be carried-out include research, inter-agency coordination, public speaking and presentations, design of facilities and marketing. Members			

## Section H: Work Plan (Continued)

003	of the Corridor Management Committee and elected representatives of the three byway communities will supervise all work conducted on their behalf by the Hancock County Planning Commission.
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## Section I: Budget

Line Item	Description	Total Cost	Request Amt.
001	Procure technical assistance 12 hours per week @ \$35/hour	\$21,000	\$16,800
002	Travel Expenses 2 persons * 3 trips @ \$1,000 per trip	\$6,000	\$4,800
003	Administrative and Educational Materials	\$3,000	\$2,400
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$24,000</b>

Difference between Total Cost and Requested Amount is \$6000 or 20.0% of total.  
 Total Match from Section J is \$6000 or 20.0% of total.  
 These two amounts must be equal for the Budget and Match sections to be complete.

For your information, 80% of Total Cost is \$24000, and 20% of Total Cost is \$6000.  
 Your match amount cannot be less than 20% of Total Cost.

## Section J: Match Breakdown

Source	Description	Type	Value
Maine Department of Transportation		Cash	\$6,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$6,000</b>

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## Section K: Project Coordinator

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## Section L: Signatures

State Scenic Byways Agency

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MDOT Scenic Byway Program Manager

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Date

Matching Funds Certification

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Deane Van Dusen  
Emeritus Byway Manager

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Date

## Section M: Congressional Members

### Associated States

State	Senators
ME	Collins, Susan Snowe, Olympia

### State Representatives

State	District	Representative
ME	2	Baldacci, John Elias

## Section N: Attachments

*No attachments specified*