



Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee

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PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: Piscataquog River Cleanup

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On Saturday October 4th, thirty volunteers worked to clean 2-1/2 miles of the abandoned railroad corridor from Kelly Falls in Manchester to Lynchville Park in Goffstown. The Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) sponsored the event, in cooperation with the Goffstown Conservation Commission and Manchester Parks & Recreation.

Volunteers hauled-out tons of illegally dumped construction debris, household furniture and parts of automobiles. General litter was also collected and bagged for disposal by the Goffstown Public Works Department. Several residents from the Moose Club Park neighborhood joined the event and were pleased to have the area cleaned.

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The former Manchester and North Weare railroad is being converted into a recreational trail for pedestrians and cyclists in Manchester. The *Friends of the Greenway* in Goffstown hope to secure the corridor in their town to develop a rail-trail that will link with Manchester's section and also extend out to New Boston.

Last year, the City of Manchester completed a quarter-mile section of the Piscataquog Trailway from Second Street to South Main Street. Next summer work will begin on another section that will extend the trail to Kelly Falls. The City has also recently submitted another Transportation Enhancement grant to NHDOT. This grant would provide funding to re-construct the trestle bridge over the Piscataquog River and provide a connection to the Goffstown.

The Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee has representatives from each of the seven communities along the Piscataquog River. Their role is to advise river-corridor communities regarding important characteristics of the river, so that they can be protected for the benefit of present and future generations. The group has sponsored cleanups of public access areas along the river in Manchester and looks to work with other watershed towns on similar projects.