



On the Calendar

- June 19: Trail Work Session
- June 22: FGRT Meeting, Parks & Rec Bldg., 7PM
- July 17: Trail Work Session
- July 27: FGRT Meeting, Parks & Rec Bldg., 7PM
- Aug. 21: Trail Work Session
- Aug. 24: FGRT Meeting, Parks & Rec Bldg., 7PM

Get Ready for
**Goffstown Community
Rail Trail Day!**

See GoffstownRailTrail.org
for date and other info!

Be a friend of the trail..



**Join
FGRT!**

Individual Membership \$20
Family Membership \$40
(Tax-deductible!)

GoffstownRailTrail.org

Help our Volunteers Help the Trail!

Our volunteers commit a lot of time and effort to keep the Goffstown Rail Trail development effort moving forward. If you can't spare the time to volunteer in person, then consider making a membership contribution. Your donation can provide materials and supplies for our trail projects and hard-working volunteers. Memberships start at just \$20 for individuals, \$40 for families, and are tax-deductible. Please visit www.GoffstownRailTrail.org/join to use a credit card, or send your check to FGRT, PO Box 2, Goffstown, NH 03045. Thanks!

Rail Trail Receives 2010 Recreational Trails Grant

Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail is pleased to announce that its joint application with the Town of Goffstown for a 2010 grant from the New Hampshire Recreational Trails Program has received preliminary approval from the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails. Final approval is contingent on the successful review of the proposed project by other state agencies, including the Department of Environmental Services, the Natural Heritage Bureau, and the Division

of Historical Resources. Notice of final approval is expected later in June.

The grant will pay up to \$25,000 for two projects on the rail trail. The first project is to create a new access point to the Goffstown Rail Trail in the Pinardville section of town. This access will be through the Sarette Recreation Complex off



Laurier Street. Gates will be installed to allow pedestrian and bicycle access through the fields, and on to the rail trail.

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2010 Rail Trail Work Sessions Begin

Saturday, May 15th was the first in our series of rail trail work sessions for 2010. This month a trail erosion issue just east of the Parks & Recreation facility was repaired. This section of the trail was constructed in the fall of 2008 using funds from a 2007 Recreational Trails Program grant. Since that time, heavy rains flowing off of Mast Road had eroded the edge of the trail, as the water flowed into a drainage ditch constructed for the rail

trail (below left). The gravel washed out from the side of the trail had been carried up to 30 feet downstream.

Volunteers moved that gravel back to its original position, as best as could be done by hand. The area was then lined with landscape fabric, and covered with heavy stone donated by John Neville Excavating. Finally, the upper part of the slope was topped with loam and seeded (below right). This

project will make the area better able to stand up to heavy water flows in the future. Many thanks to the volunteers who came out to make this repair!

Other rail trail projects we anticipate accomplishing this season are:

- Remove trees and brush from the segment that runs between the Villa ball-fields and Tatro Drive. This is in preparation for contractor landscaping to improve drainage and grade the trail surface.

- Remove trees and brush from about half of the segment between Moose Club Park Road and Lynchville Park Road.

- Remove trees and brush from the one-quarter-mile segment between Mast Road and Henry Bridge Road. This is in prepara-

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Before: Heavy Erosion



After: Better Than New





Manchester Connection: Update

Last fall we reported that Manchester was planning to rehabilitate the railroad trestle over the Piscataquog River, and make the final connection between their Piscataquog Trail and the Goffstown Rail Trail. It was expected at the time that construction would take place this summer. Unfortunately, there will be a delay in these plans, due to their funding being withdrawn.

However, Manchester has also applied for alternative funding through the Transportation Enhancement program. Information from the NH Department of Transportation indicates that Manchester will be given the requested funding to finish their connection to Goffstown. At this point, the timing of their project is unknown. If all goes well, there should only be a one to two-year additional delay in construction.

Piscataquog Trestle



Transportation Enhancement Grant: Update

The Town of Goffstown has been selected to receive funding under the Transportation Enhancement (TE) program for work on the Goffstown Rail Trail. TE activities are federally funded, community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure.

The town will receive an estimated \$316,000 for four project work sites along the rail trail. Two of the sites are trail crossings of Mast Road. These crossings will be reconfigured for safety, including making the trail crossing alignment perpendicular to the roadway, painting road markings, and installing pedestrian-activated crossing lights.

Similar work will be done at a third site, crossing

Henry Bridge Road, and include shifting the crossing for better visibility. At the fourth site, a 90-foot long bridge will be installed over the former (now Class VI) Henry Bridge Road, where a railroad bridge once stood. It is anticipated that the work will be performed next year, after public hearing and formal acceptance by the Board of Selectmen.

2010 Recreational Trails Grant, *cont.*

The second project is to finish a 200-yard portion of the trail between the Manchester border and the segment of the trail that was constructed in 2008, using an earlier Recreational Trails Program grant. The Sarette

field connection will be along this portion. Work will include installing a durable processed gravel trail surface, similar to the 2008 segment.

The result will be a 2/3 mile finished portion from

Moose Club Park Road to the Manchester border. This will be the starting point of Manchester's Piscataquog Trail. See **Manchester Connection: Update** (left) for more information on the Piscataquog trail.

2010 Rail Trail Work Sessions, *cont.*

tion for survey work that will be needed when a bridge is installed carrying the trail over the former Henry Bridge Road.

- Remove trees and brush where the new access path at Sarette Recreation Complex will join onto the rail trail. This is in preparation for the landscaping required when a contractor installs a passageway through the

existing chain link fence.

Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail conducts regular trail work sessions, usually on the third Saturday of the month through the fall. As we go to press, the next scheduled work session is Saturday, June 19th; check the 'On the Calendar' section on page one of this newsletter for all summer session dates. Information for

each session is published in advance on the FGRT website and email list. Sessions typically last only 2-3 hours (starting around 9AM). Make a difference and help *your* rail trail!



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