



The Goffstown Board of Selectmen and the Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail hereby announce, and cordially invite you to attend the

## Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Goffstown Rail Trail

This ceremony marks the start of the first major construction effort on the Goffstown Rail Trail. This construction project is being funded primarily by grants through the Recreational Trails Program of the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails.

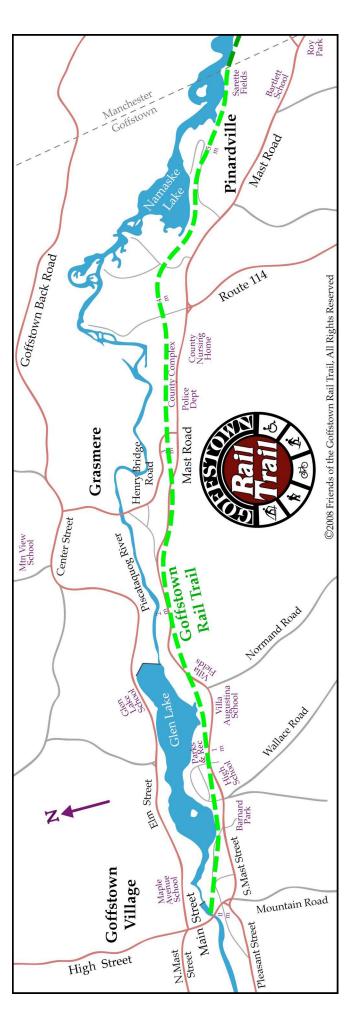
The Goffstown Rail Trail is a 5-½ mile former Boston and Maine railroad corridor that was purchased by the Town of Goffstown in 2004. The purchase was made possible by funding through the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. The corridor runs approximately along the Piscataquog River, starting near Main Street in Goffstown village, eastward through Grasmere, to the Manchester-Goffstown border in Pinardville. There it connects to Manchester's Piscataquog Trail, which is also under development. The goal is to convert the old railroad corridor into a useable, safe, scenic recreational and alternative transportation resource for the community of Goffstown.

The event will be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 4<sup>th</sup></u>, <u>2008</u>, <u>starting at 11:30 AM</u> and ending at approximately 12:30 PM at the Goffstown Parks & Recreation facility located at 155 South Mast Street. There will also be an optional guided walk along part of the trail following the ceremony, weather permitting.

For more information on the Goffstown Rail Trail, please refer to the attachment, visit the <a href="www.GoffstownRailTrail.org">www.GoffstownRailTrail.org</a> website, or e-mail <a href="mailto:info@GoffstownRailTrail.org">info@GoffstownRailTrail.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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