



Friends  
of the

# Goffstown Rail Trail

A quiet, healthy, safe walking and bike path connecting Pinardville, Grasmere and Goffstown Village.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Goffstown Rail Trail Receives 2010 Recreational Trails Grant** Goffstown, NH

The 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 ([www.nhtrails.org](http://www.nhtrails.org)). 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 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 the town. This access will be through the Sarette recreational fields off Laurier Street. Gates will be installed to allow pedestrian and bicycle access through the fields, and on to the rail trail. 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. The Sarette field connection will be along this 200-yard 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.

The Goffstown Rail Trail follows the former Boston & Maine railroad right-of-way from the Piscataquog River near Main Street in Goffstown village, through Grasmere and Pinardville, to the Manchester city line. It runs roughly parallel to Mast Road and the Piscataquog River, and is approximately 5-1/2 miles long. The trail will provide a quiet, healthy, and safe non-motorized connection between many nearby neighborhoods, community facilities, and natural areas. Manchester's connecting Piscataquog Trail, expected to be completed next year, will continue the trail over the Merrimack River near the Fisher Cats baseball stadium.

The Town of Goffstown purchased the railroad right-of-way in 2004. Two prior construction projects have been completed, and a third is pending. The Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail conducts regular trail cleanup and maintenance work days.

More information on the Goffstown Rail Trail and the Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail is available at [www.GoffstownRailTrail.org](http://www.GoffstownRailTrail.org).