



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 Awarded Transportation Enhancement Funding for Rail Trail

The Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail is pleased to announce that the Town of Goffstown has been selected to receive funding under the Transportation Enhancement (TE) program for work on the Goffstown Rail Trail. Transportation Enhancements 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.

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. Prior to this project, two trail construction projects have been completed, and two more are 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.