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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 2012 Recreational Trails Grant** Goffstown, NH

The Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail is pleased to announce that the Town of Goffstown has received preliminary approval for a 2012 Recreational Trails Program grant from the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails ([www.nhtrails.org](http://www.nhtrails.org)). Final approval is contingent on the review of the proposed project by other state agencies and the Executive Council. Notice of final approval is expected by the end of October. This is the sixth Recreational Trails Program grant to be awarded to the town. The project must be completed by the end of June 2013.

This year's grant of nearly \$20,000 will be used to improve trail crossings of four public roads, including trail surface construction and the installation of steel bollards as vehicle barriers adjacent to the crossings. The crossing sites are located at Moose Club Park Road, Lynchville Park Road, Danis Park Road, and Shirley Park Road.

The Moose Club Park Road site will also be fully developed as a trailhead, including four paved parking spaces. An additional \$8,000 for this trailhead construction has been donated by Anagnost Realty & Development. Dick Anagnost explained at a town planning board meeting that the rail trail is an amenity that will enhance the attractiveness of his future development, whose driveway will be only 200 feet away.

A small part of the grant funding will allow the Public Works department to purchase the necessary materials for improvement of two short stretches of trail which have surface and drainage problems. These areas are located near Tatro Drive.

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 for approximately 5-1/2 miles. The trail provides a quiet, healthy, and safe non-motorized connection between many nearby neighborhoods, community facilities, and natural areas. Trail segments are being constructed as funding allows.

The Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail conducts various trail work days and trail events throughout the year. 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).