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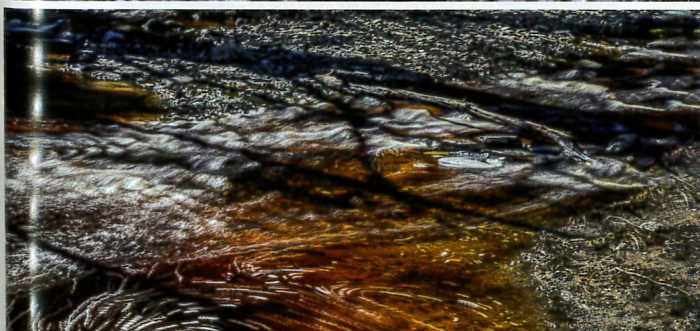
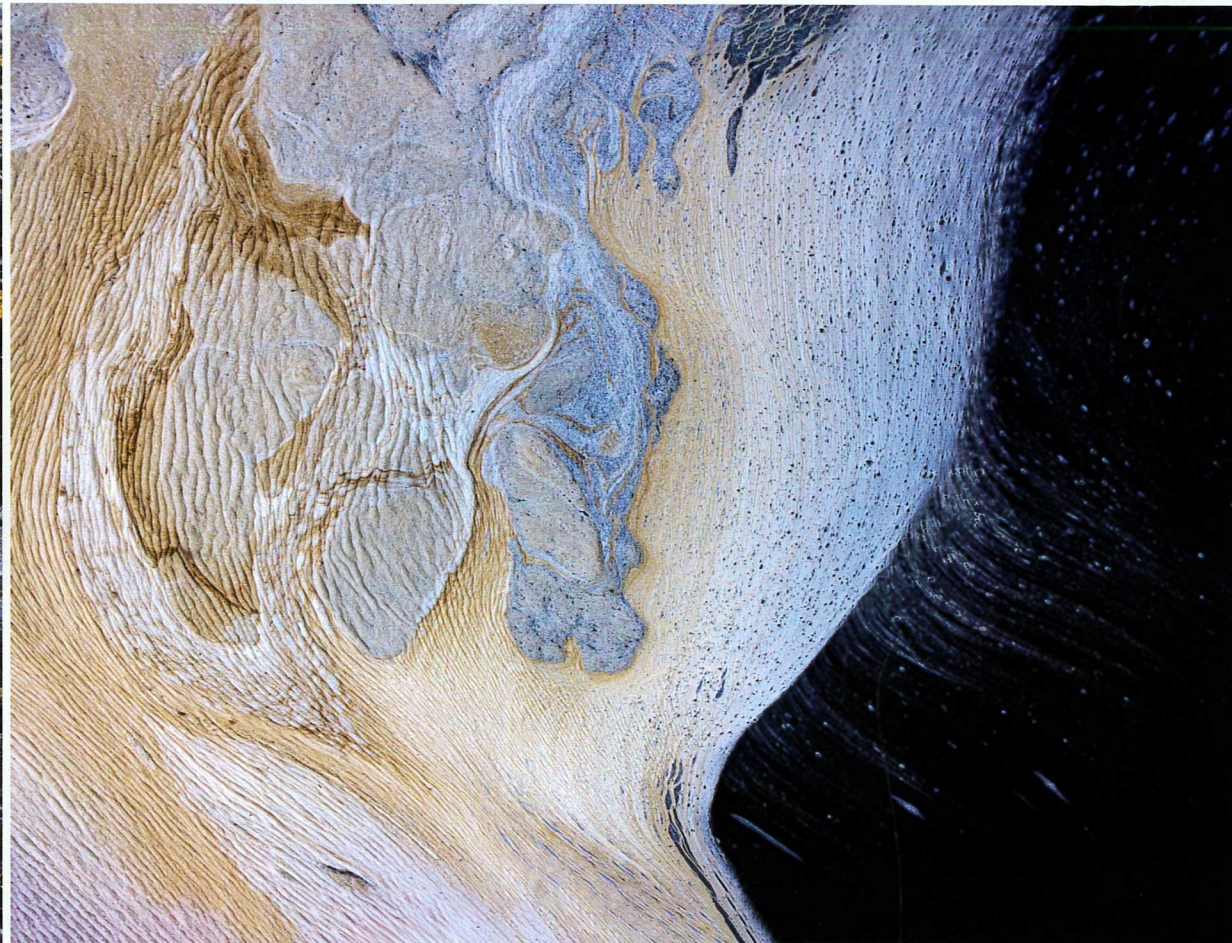
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# Windham Economic Development



PHOTO COURTESY OF WINDHAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Above: Mountain bikers enjoy opening day at the East Windham Conservation Area



Since 1992, the Town of Windham, the gateway to the Sebago Lakes Region, has partnered with the Windham Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to implement strategies that will increase business activity, provide employment opportunities and improve the quality of life for those who have made Windham home to their families and businesses.

**Our Mission:** To encourage economic growth and development in a manner that supports increased prosperity in the Town of Windham and improves the quality of life for all its citizens.

**Our Vision:** To create a business-friendly environment that provides a high-quality of life, a vibrant economy and a welcoming atmosphere, while protecting our town's rural characteristics and natural resources.

## Downtown Windham Modernization Program

Since receiving the Maine Smart Growth Award from GrowSmart Maine in 2018, Downtown Windham has made significant strides towards implementing our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Downtown plan. Construction has begun on the North Windham Sewer project with the state-of-art drip dispersal system already installed, construction of the wastewater treatment plant beginning this year and first flush scheduled for 2026. The "North Windham Moves Project," which has received \$30 million in federal, state and local funding, is scheduled to begin in 2027. It will bring significant improvements to the Route

## Significant Projects:

### 21st Century Downtown project

- Wastewater Treatment in North Windham Commercial District
- Commercial District Zoning Ordinance changes
- "North Windham Moves" initiative: Making significant improvements within the busy Route 302 corridor with innovative approaches to access roads, bike, and pedestrian safety, as well as traffic management

### South Windham Village Revitalization

- Sidewalk improvements
- Keddy Mill Superfund Site: Clean-up and redevelopment of the seven-acre site

### Former Andrews School

- Redevelopment into senior housing and a neighborhood center

### East Windham Conservation Area

- 650 acres of preserved land with multiple trails and scenic views

We are here to assist you in reaching your business goals. We partner with experts from the Small Business Development Centers to work with you in developing your business plan. The [www.WindhamMaineRetail.com](http://www.WindhamMaineRetail.com) website provides access to demographic and market analysis recently collected by the WEDC. When you are ready to start your business, we are here to work with you through any local permitting and approval process required. We will list your business in our business directory [www.WindhamMarketplace.com](http://www.WindhamMarketplace.com). We work collaboratively with individual businesses and the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce to promote Windham and the region as a great place to shop, eat and play and to locate your business.

## WEDC Programs:

- Windham Farmers Market: Provides a market for local and Sebago Lakes Region farms, food producers and artisans from May to October
- Micro-loan Program
- Partnership with the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

Please feel free to meet with us early in your planning process. We can help you to better understand the municipal process. We can also make connections to experts who can help you with your