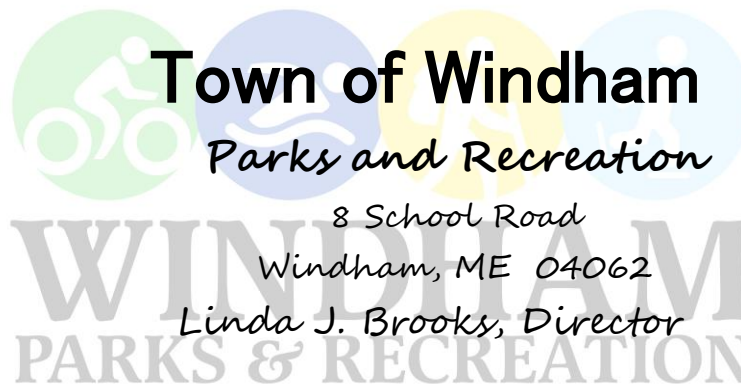




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To the Maine Trails Program,

The Town of Windham is thrilled to offer its enthusiastic support for the Greater Portland Chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association's (GPNEBMA) proposal for the Maine Trails Program – the Lowell Preserve Redevelopment Project. Windham has long recognized the importance of preserving our natural heritage and fostering exceptional outdoor recreational opportunities for both our residents and visitors. Our collaborative partnership with GPNEBMA and the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) at the East Windham Conservation Area has proven to be remarkably successful, resulting in an impressive 10 miles of professionally-designed singletrack trails. The overwhelmingly positive community response to this new trail network, demonstrated by the enthusiastic turnout of hundreds at its spring 2024 grand opening, fall 2024 trail celebration, and its full parking lot every weekend, speaks volumes about its value.

The East Windham trails serve as a vital connection within the region's expansive recreation and conservation corridor, linking to Lowell Preserve, the North Falmouth Community Forest, Blackstrap Preserve, and trails extending into Cumberland and Portland. Building on this momentum, we are now actively collaborating with GPNEBMA, the Town of Falmouth, and the Falmouth Land Trust to elevate the quality and ensure the long-term sustainability of trails throughout this corridor, aligning them with the high standards established at the East Windham Conservation Area.

Specifically, we wholeheartedly support the efforts of PRLT and GPNEBMA in their endeavor to redevelop strategic segments of the trail network within Lowell Preserve. This project promises to create a diverse network of sustainable multi-use and mountain bike-focused trails, crafted and built to professional standards. These enhancements will not only facilitate progressive skill development and improve navigation but will also significantly elevate the recreational value of the entire Windham-Falmouth trail corridor, all while ensuring its infrastructure is built with sustainability in mind.

We are genuinely excited to continue our strong and productive partnership with PRLT and GPNEBMA on the Lowell Preserve redevelopment and anticipate many more successful collaborative projects in the future.

Sincerely,

*Linda Brooks*

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