

Kennebec River Rail Trail Report FY 2019-2020

The following are lists of accomplishments July-December 2019:

- Purchased five new park benches, replaced in the following communities, except where noted:
 - 2 in Augusta
 - 1 in Farmingdale plus added 1 more
 - 1 in Gardiner

Note: We continue to look for new locations for future benches
- Knotweed removal by Turf Doctor was very successful killing about 90% of the weed

Proposed activities for 2020 and 2021:

New bids for the following work:

- Snow removal contract
 - Note: we are currently in the last year of a three year snow removal contract with Wingate Landscaping from Gardiner. This is the largest expense item we have in our budget
- 150+/-ft. section of the Capital Connector to be removed and repaved
 - Note: This is the oldest section of the Trail going on 20+ years. We put bids out last spring, one bidder only. Too small of a project.
- Mowing/sweeping contract for June through October.
 - For areas not mowed by the four communities.
 - 2019 bid response - NO bidders.

Other concerns of note:

- “sink hole” on the Trail in Gardiner. This is a spring 2020 priority.
 - MDOT inspected the five-foot culvert under this area and found no problems. By that time cold weather came in so we couldn't fix the hole.
- Repair and seal the pavement of the 20+ year old Trail from Augusta to Hallowell.
 - This will be very expensive for us to do. We are trying to save some budget money each FY year to help pay for this project.
- The Board of Supervisors will ask MDOT to renew our License Agreement that allows KRRT to be in the R/R Right of Way. The existing 20 year license will expire in November 2020.
- Continue to be active in the discussion and planning of the south one quarter mile of the Trail to Gardiner's Water Front Park.
 - The new pedestrian bridge over Cobbossee Stream, parallel to Maine Avenue will not give the KRRT a connection to Water Front Park.
 - The south end of the Trail was stated in the application for Federal funds in 1994 “is to connect with Depot Street (Water Front Park)”.