



## *Media Release*

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The Piscataquis County Economic Development Council announces the receipt of a \$400,000 grant for the town of Dover-Foxcroft to construct a walking trail along the Piscataquis River and the rehabilitation of the second floor of Central Hall.

“This represents a significant impetus to restore the former Moosehead Mfg. property in downtown Dover-Foxcroft as well as to renovate the community meeting space on the second floor of Central Hall, the former town hall” according to Dr. Kenneth B. Woodbury, Community Development Director of PCEDC.

The grant is being provided through the Communities for Maine’s Future bond program approved by Maine’s voters last year. The Maine Office of Community and Economic Development administers the bond program.

The construction of the Olde Mill River Walk involves a quarter mile 60” wide pedestrian path of crushed stone and fines leading from Moosehead Lane at East Main Street down to and along the Piscataquis River to the Hydroelectric Plant at the Mill and dam.

The River Walk will include a picnic gazebo, six exercise stations, bike rack at the head of Moosehead Lane, tree identification markers, interpretative signage, benches of recyclable materials, trail signage and a flag pole. The Olde Mill River Walk will be handicapped accessible and its construction will be advised and overseen by the Piscataquis YMCA, Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District and Senior Network Program.

Matching funds for the Olde Mill River Walk are being provided by Jonathan Arnold of Arnold Development Group, project managers for the rehabilitation of the Mill.

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The rehabilitation of historic Central Hall's second floor involves repairing the roof, scrapping and repainting exterior wood trim, removing all plaster and lathing from the auditorium walls and ceiling, installing sheet rock, adding foam insulation to the auditorium ceiling to replace the blown-in insulation and rewiring the auditorium.

The second floor auditorium has been and now will continue to be the social hub of downtown Dove-Foxcroft. Owned by the Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society, Central Hall's rehabilitation is being overseen by the Friends of Central Hall that has been instrumental in raising funds and community awareness of the importance of Central Hall to the continued vitality of downtown.

Central Hall was recently awarded a \$105,600 Community Development Block Grant to remove hazardous materials, such as lead paint and asbestos.

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