

Annual Report of the Schoodic Scenic Byway Corridor Management Committee

The Corridor Management Committee of the Route 1 / Route 186 "Schoodic National Scenic Byway" is happy to report several noteworthy accomplishments in 2002 -2003.

- ♦ In April, 2002 the byway received \$81,000 in federal and state grants for gateway signs, rest area facilities and planning. In April, 2003 we were notified of additional \$223,000 in grant awards.
- ♦ The Town of Sullivan completed gateway flagpole project immediately east of the Hancock-Sullivan bridge last summer.
- ♦ Directional signage was installed marking the byway route from the Hancock-Sullivan bridge to Prospect Harbor. A new State Scenic Byway logo will be added to future signage.
- ♦ A 2002 National Scenic Byway Map and a 2003 Maine Byway Brochure were produced this year. Copies of the state brochure have been delivered to your town office.
- ♦ MEDOT initiated byway-funded work at the Long Cove rest area. Unhealthy trees were removed and plans were approved for construction of a handicap-accessible outhouse facility. Completion of this project is anticipated for the spring of 2003.
- ♦ Peter Drinkwater attended a course on interpretive planning in Wisconsin producing a model sign for Long Cove.
- ♦ MEDOT cleared debris from land by the Hancock-Sullivan bridge. This site may serve as a gateway to the Schoodic Byway and downeast Maine.
- ♦ The byway committee is working with area towns, businesses and the National Park Service to promote transportation alternatives, such as ferries, buses and bicycles in the region. Shuttle bus service will be tested throughout the summer of 2003.
- ♦ MEDOT approved more than \$2 million for improvements to Route 186, including road reconstruction and limited shoulder paving. Route 1 reconstruction planning is progressing and will probably begin in 2004 or 2005.

We would like to thank all who have supported byway planning efforts, including members of the select boards, planning boards, Town offices, historical societies, Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations. We would also like to thank the Hancock County Planning Commission, the Maine Department of Transportation and Acadia National Park for their technical and financial support. You can learn about the byway at www.schoodicbyway.org or by calling Jim Fisher, Hancock County Planning Commission at 667-7131.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Shanahan, Chairperson