

Annual Report of the Schoodic Scenic Byway Corridor Management Committee

The Corridor Management Committee of Schoodic National Scenic Byway is happy to report several noteworthy accomplishments in 2004 - 2005.

- ♦ MEDOT moved ahead on several road renovation projects along the byway.
 - ♦ Route 1 renovation in Hancock was completed during the summer of 2004.
 - ♦ Planning for Route 1 renovation in Sullivan moved ahead with a public meeting in 2004 and a design review in 2005. Construction is planned for late summer of 2005.
 - ♦ Major renovation of Route 186 in Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor is also moving ahead in 2005. Construction is planned for late summer of 2005.
- ♦ A new handicap-accessible outhouse facility was added to Long Cove in Sullivan in 2004. Additional improvements will be added in 2005.
- ♦ A gateway facility is under construction at the Hancock-Sullivan Bridge. This summer will complete the paved parking areas, trails, benches, landscaping and a privy facility. Interpretive signage will be added when the design has been completed.
- ♦ Significant improvements for the Scenic turnout next to Dunbar's store in Sullivan are planned for 2005, including a paved parking area, curbing and sidewalks, interpretive signage and stone benches.
- ♦ Free shuttle bus service ran for the second season throughout the summer of 2004 between Winter Harbor, Acadia National Park and Prospect Harbor. A better bus was used in this second year and ridership rose modestly. This bus connects car-free visitors from Mount Desert Island to the Schoodic Peninsula.
- ♦ During 2004 the byway corridor committee was notified that it will receive \$30,000 for planning and implementation of byway projects and additional grant awards for improvements to scenic turnouts and gateway facilities.
- ♦ Winter Harbor won a Transportation Enhancement Grant in 2004 that will be used to improve sidewalks and shoulders in and around the village area.

This spring the Schoodic Byway Corridor Committee will host a statewide scenic byway conference at the Schoodic Education and Research Center in Winter Harbor. Representatives from across Maine and from the National Scenic Byways program will be attending.

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. Residents in Sullivan, Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor are always welcome at byway meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Shanahan, Chairperson