

Sebago to the Sea Trail RESOLUTION
Town of Falmouth, Maine

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF A CONTIGUOUS TRAIL CONNECTING SEBAGO LAKE TO CASCO BAY

WHEREAS, citizens, land trusts, conservations groups and municipalities in the Presumpscot River Watershed are working together to create a contiguous trail connecting Sebago Lake to the Sea at Casco Bay; and

WHEREAS, members of these groups have formed the "Sebago to the Sea Coalition" to advance the planning and construction of the trail; and

WHEREAS, a trail linking these destinations would benefit the residents of and visitors to the region; and

WHEREAS, a trail linking these destinations would serve as a regional transportation and recreational corridor; and

WHEREAS, along existing rail corridors, trails and rails are compatible; and in such corridors the trail will be located as to preserve the option of future rail service; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Falmouth seeks more regional connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Falmouth supports trail use as a healthy and desirable activity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Falmouth, in collaboration with the Sebago to the Sea Coalition, supports the planning and development for the Sebago to the Sea Trail.

Adopted by _____ this _____ day of _____, 2010.
/s/

ATTEST:
/s/

Town Clerk

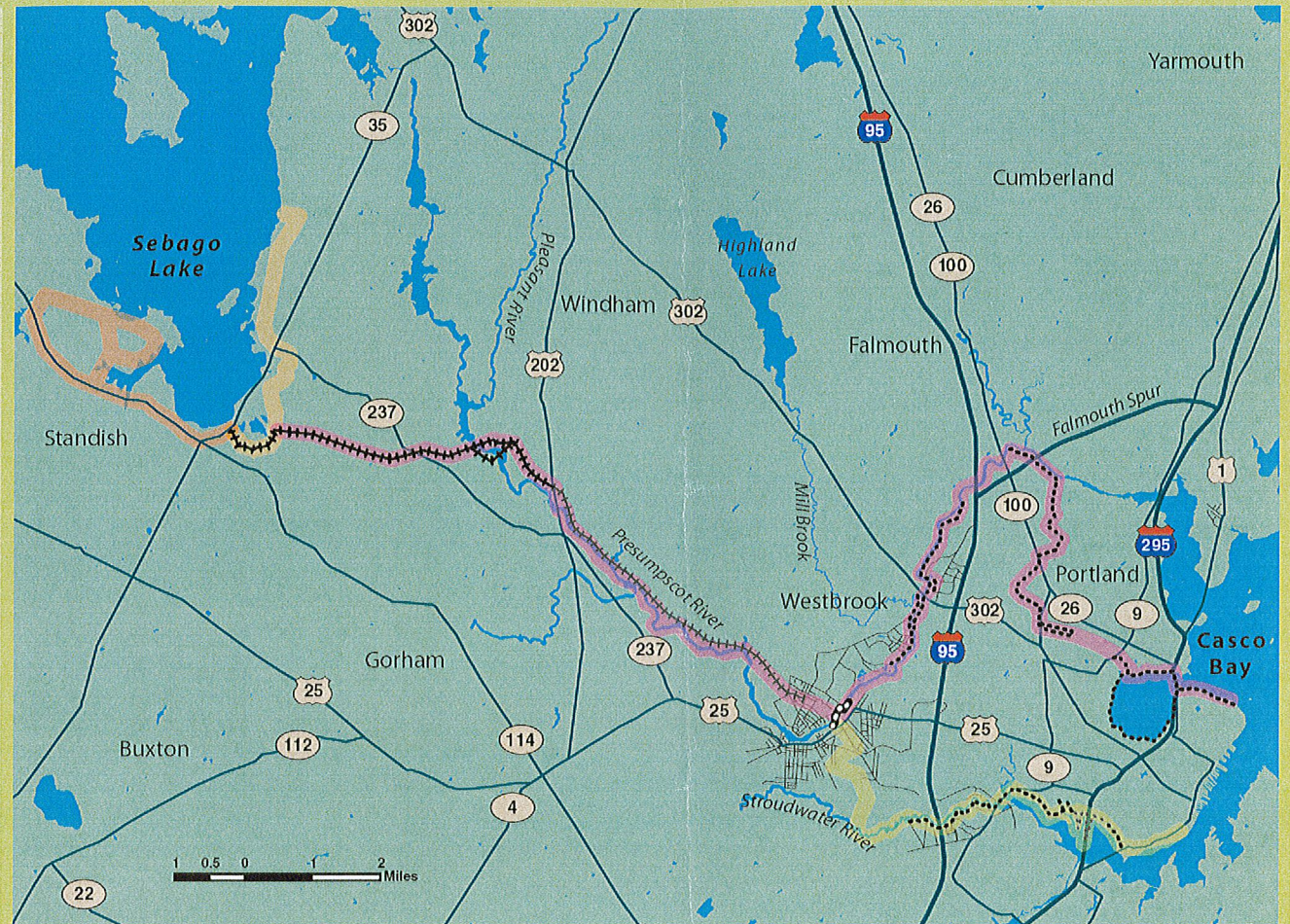
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Connecting Communities

The Sebago to the Sea Trail vision is to establish a contiguous trail from Sebago Lake to Casco Bay connecting Standish, Windham, Gorham, Westbrook, Portland and Falmouth. Members of the Sebago to the Sea Coalition are working with partners within each corresponding town to acquire rights of way. Connecting six towns, this trail will provide residents and visitors with wonderful biking, hiking, walking and commuting opportunities.

Sebago to the Sea Coalition Members:

- City of Westbrook
 - Cumberland County Healthy Maine Partnerships-Healthy Casco Bay; Healthy Portland; and Communities Promoting Health Coalition
 - Maine Department of Transportation
 - Mountain Division Alliance
 - National Park Service, Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program
 - Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (Project Facilitator)
 - Presumpscot River Watershed Coalition
 - Portland Trails
 - Portland Water District
 - Town of Falmouth
 - Town of Gorham
 - Town of Standish
 - Town of Windham Parks & Recreation Department
- For more information contact prlandtrust@yahoo.com or go to www.sebagotothesea.org



Existing Trails

- Mountain Division (Rail with Trail)
- Interim Mountain Division (Rail Trail)*
- Portland Trails
- City of Westbrook

*Interim Trail - when Rail returns, this section is planned for Rail with Trail.

Trails Under Development

- Portland Trails, Future

Envisioned Trail Corridor

- River Route
- Canal Route
- Sebago Lake Option 1
- Sebago Lake Option 2

This project has been funded by:

- Cumberland County Healthy Maine Partnerships
- Daveis Benevolent Fund
- Davis Conservation Foundation
- Horizon Foundation
- Maine Coast Heritage Trust's LL Bean Land Trust Grant Program
- Maine Community Foundation
- Margaret E. Burnham Charitable Trust
- National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program
- New England Grassroots Environmental Fund

Much of the trail network shown on this map is currently in place and available for public use. These trails are listed as "Existing Trails". The remainder of the envisioned trail network has not been specifically planned or identified because the necessary land is privately owned, inaccessible, or undeveloped. These undeveloped segments of the proposed network are shown as "Envisioned Trail Corridor" on the map, and they should not (and in many cases may not) be used by the public until we have permission from landowners.



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Town of Standish

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The *Sebago to the Sea Trail* project was developed as part of a visioning session of the Presumpscot River Watershed Coalition (PRWC), and is now facilitated by the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT). The idea had been percolating for years. Since 2007, the PRLT has convened a group process and established a Sebago to the Sea Coalition. The Sebago to the Sea project is a fully collaborative initiative, strengthened by its many partners and advisors.

The *Sebago to the Sea Trail* will begin at Sebago Lake and follow primarily the Presumpscot River, ending at Casco Bay. Much of the trail is already in place, including the 10-foot wide bicycle and pedestrian trail along the Mountain Division Rail Corridor and trails that are part of Portland Trails' 32-mile network. The Standish end of the trail is envisioned on Portland Water District's Sebago Lake Land Reserve.

The *Sebago to the Sea Trail* will enhance a variety of natural and recreational resources in this growing suburban area and will help link the city of Portland to the shores of beautiful Sebago Lake. Much of it will be accessible for off-road bikes, and some of it will be accessible for commuters on bicycle and people of all abilities.

In addition to creating a regional trail, this project will also-

- promote greater land conservation and public access
- enhance watershed protection efforts along the Presumpscot River
- connect a network of green spaces and trails in southern Maine
- increase opportunities for healthy outdoor exercise
- raise awareness of the cultural heritage of the area including the Cumberland and Oxford Canal, the Mountain Division Rail Line and the native Abenaki people
- provide public awareness of existing trails and projects in the Presumpscot River Watershed
- generate visitors and economic activity
- strengthen collaborative partnerships within the Presumpscot River Watershed to enhance future efforts benefiting the region

To be added to our announcements list, get involved in a Regional Committee, or participate in a site walk-contact Tania Neuschaefer, Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, prlandtrust@yahoo.com or check out our website for updates at www.sebagotothesea.org.