

City of Biddeford

Budget Committee

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IMPACT REPORT 2020-21 & Budget Request for FY22

ADAPTING TO CHANGE

HOB facilitated installation of the Midtown Court, and staffed the downtown amenity for four months in order to benefit downtown businesses.

Heart of Biddeford Impact Report & Budget Request

FOSTERING RESILIENCE

All of us at Heart of Biddeford appreciate the partnership between our organization and the City of Biddeford. Your FY21 contribution enabled us to provide events, communications, marketing, beautification, business support and volunteer engagement. In addition, your support helped us leverage funds from grantors, sponsors and supporters to create more results in Biddeford.

Biddeford showed impressive signs of cooperation and resilience through a devastating pandemic this year. HOB played a unifying role for the community, and we remain committed to providing an exceptional return on the City's investment. We look forward to another year of seeing Biddeford through this pandemic while working to promote and raise the visibility of our downtown and our community.

BUDGET REQUEST FY22

HOB respectfully requests the same level of support as last year for HOB's Operations, Event and Marketing efforts:

Operating:	\$34,500
Marketing:	\$ 4,500
RiverJam/Other Events:	\$ 5,000
TOTAL:	\$44,000



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Heart of Biddeford Impact Report & Budget Request

OPERATING

Operating support enables HOB's staff to coordinate community development, volunteer engagement, economic development, beautification, start-up support, marketing, and event planning. Due to the City's support in FY21, HOB was able to quickly shift gears and respond effectively to the pandemic.

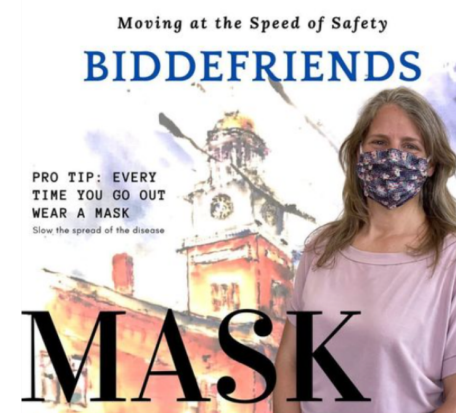
Design for Distance

Launched June 5, 2020



THE CITY'S INVESTMENT IN HOB LEVERAGED MORE BIDDEFORD SUPPORT

- Operating grants from Sewall (\$20,000), Virginia Hodgkins Somers (\$10,000), and Sam L. Cohen (\$5000) Foundation.
- \$3500 grant from Maine Community Foundation for a visitor-focused website upgrade, and a grant from Maine Humanities Council to offer a Zoom bookclub.
- HOB implemented projects related to COVID-recovery for the City's Healthy Maine Communities grant, including Design for Distance, marketing campaigns, COVID-safe events, and the Mid-town Court and Shevenell Park improvements.
- Coordinated Holiday Lighting, Adopt-a-Park and hundreds of volunteer hours.
- Hired an Americorps Vista to develop Biddeford's Community Gardens program.
- Continued to cultivate lasting working relationships with UNE student organizations and departments.
- Raised \$14,000 for Share the Love (benefitting businesses and frontline workers), and 60 boxes of food and clothing for Share the Love 2.



Heart of Biddeford Impact Report & Budget Request

EVENTS

Event support from the City covers a portion of the expenses for free HOB events. All of our events were re-conceptualized to ensure COVID-safety.



HOB'S FREE 2020-21 EVENTS

- Fall Into Wellness
- Halloween Drive-Through
- Online Veterans Day Ceremony
- Downtown Holiday Ride
- Share the Love Fundraisers
- Hanukkah Menorah Lighting
- MLK, Jr. Day, Sock & Pantry Drive
- WinterWeek
- Coming Up: Restaurant Week
- Considering Music in the Park



Heart of Biddeford Impact Report & Budget Request

MARKETING

Marketing support enables HOB to increase engagement with the entire Biddeford community as well as with visitors in our region and out of state. This year, we launched a new website, increased awareness of COVID-safety, and added new holiday season promotions through our website, paid social media and print ads, and a television commercial.

Heart of Biddeford is featuring **25 Days of Gift Giving Ideas** from local businesses. We sincerely appreciate your support of our local businesses. Have fun!

Gift Idea #1



Lovely hand-blown glass ornaments made by **Casco Bay Glassworks**, at Engine, 163 Main Street.

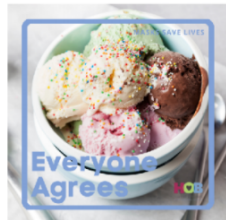
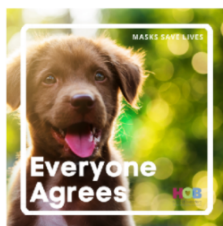
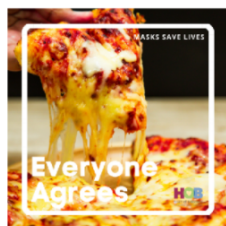
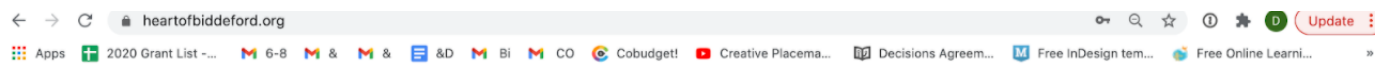
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Gift Idea #2



A-frame crew neck, super cozy sponge fleece from **Hills & Trails**, 140 Main Street.

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February 11, 2021

James Bennett
City Manager
City Hall, 205 Main Street
City of Biddeford

Dear Mr. Bennett and Budget Committee,

Attached you will find McArthur Library's proposed FY22 budget.

During the past year, McArthur Library (much like other libraries throughout the world) has reinvented itself to continue providing a wide range of services during the pandemic. With new challenges facing public spaces every week, we innovated and met community needs in the safest way possible, and continue to do so. We were recognized nationally for our creation of hundreds of virtual programs and creative services delivered remotely, and have had an outpouring of support from our Biddeford patrons who appreciated our responsiveness and care. We hope 2021 will bring a return to a level of normality for our in-person services.

The Library is requesting a level budget this year of \$552,849 from the City of Biddeford. We have kept our costs very conservative and are pleased we are able to make a flat request with expected additional revenue from donations, the McArthur family trusts, and our own investment fund. We faced higher operating costs and will continue to do so, specifically with regard to keeping our facility safe, secure, and clean. We have actually lost more revenue by being closed than we have saved through expenses, since staff have continued to provide services on site (albeit remotely).

While the Staff and Benefits line in our budget does show an increase, the majority of this expected rise will come from an estimated 12% increase in group health insurance, rather than payroll.

We look forward to being able to meet with the Budget Committee and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeff Cabral", is placed below the word "Sincerely,".

Jeff Cabral
Library Director

McArthur Library Association Proposed Budget for FY22			
		FY21 Final Budget	FY22 Proposed Budget
Expenses			
Collection and Patron Services		\$89,270	\$106,980
General Operating and Building		\$199,400	\$195,800
Staff and Benefits		\$789,339	\$814,700
Administration and Overhead incl Investment Fee Adjustment		\$107,509	\$111,300
Capital Expenditure for Existing Required Projects		\$40,000	\$40,000
COVID-19 Related Expenses		\$75,000	\$35,000
Total		\$1,300,518	\$1,303,780
Funding			
Meeting Room Donations		\$500	\$0
Library Income (Copying, Fees, Non-Resident Cards, etc)		\$18,500	\$9,000
McArthur Association Funding		\$156,401	\$171,155
Investment Fee Adjustment		\$19,009	\$20,000
Lena McArthur Trust		\$199,000	\$209,000
Jane E. Owen Trust		\$270,000	\$268,000
Interlibrary Loan Replacements		\$1,300	\$1,100
Fundraising Campaign and Donations		\$13,000	\$20,000
City of Biddeford		\$552,849	\$552,849
Total		\$1,230,559	\$1,251,104

Norton, Kendi

From: Alison Garrison
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:19 AM
To: Norton, Kendi
Subject: FW: Conservation Commission

From: Alison Garrison
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 5:57 AM
To: Alison Garrison <alison.garrison@Biddefordmaine.org>
Subject: Conservation Commission

From: kbuechs@earthlink.net [<mailto:kbuechs@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:30 PM
To: Alison Garrison <alison.garrison@Biddefordmaine.org>
Cc: chrystina <Chrystina.gastelum@gmail.com>; Rhames, Richard <rerhames@gmail.com>; Dr. Daly <meaghanelizabethdaly@gmail.com>; denis <drioux001@maine.rr.com>
Subject: Re: Request for funds for FY22 City of Biddeford Budget process

Alison, by way of introduction, my name is Ken Buechs (pronounced bix) and I am secretary of the Conservation Commission. I am pleased to meet you, despite the COVID limitations on personal contact.

By vote of the BCC we are requesting a \$5,000 budget for fiscal year 2021/2022, an amount we received each year until last year when COVID limited our plans and commitments.

Thank you,

Ken

-----Original Message-----

From: Alison Garrison
Sent: Jan 25, 2021 1:05 PM
To:
Cc: "Matherne, Gerry"
Subject: Request for funds for FY22 City of Biddeford Budget process

Hello!

It is that time of year and we are looking for your request for funds for the FY22 Budget process. If you have not already done so, can you please email or mail your request to us before the end of January?

Thank you so much,

Alison

Alison J. Garrison
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February 4, 2021

To: Allison Garrison, Finance Director City of Biddeford
From: Mark J. Nahorney, President
City Theater Associates Board of Directors

Subject: Request for Annual Allocation F/Y 2021 - 22

Dear Ms. Garrison:

Last year the City Council approved \$30,000.00 to continue with the capital repairs, additions and improvements to the theater. We thank you.

City Theater Associates Inc. is requesting \$30,000.00 for the continuation of the facility upkeep, health and safety repairs, restoration/renovation projects, and updating of facility systems. This year, with the pandemic, we are in need of upgrading our ventilation system. The requested funds will be used to continue with the leasehold improvements and upgrades to the theater.

Priority is based on the following criteria:

- Emergency and health & safety concerns
- Age and condition of project items
- Patron service and comfort
- Enhancing the artistic level of events
- Cost savings
- Supporting long term use of the facility
- Contractor availability
- Scheduling
- Matching donor or grant money

Biddeford City Theater is in its 125th year of existence. This year we have remained “open” producing our own virtual shows, hosting a few filmmakers and bands doing virtual shows. Our staff has remained employed. The previous year of full operation, the Theater set new seasonal (over 14,000 patrons) attendance records and number of events at 67. We once again received special notice and awards from the publication *Broadway World*. Broadway World selected City Theater as one of the top 5 theaters in the state along with 4 professional ones.

The Theater has been an integral part of the revitalization of Downtown Biddeford. City Theater Associates (CTA) Board of Directors, a volunteer driven, not-for-profit organization, and over 400 volunteers have provided the time and energy to move the Theater forward, while keeping the Theater in excellent financial health. Volunteers contribute over 9000 hours at a value of over \$160,000.

Capital improvements are not something the CTA can afford to undertake alone, necessitating our annual funding request to the City of Biddeford. Without this annual City funding, we will have capital improvement issues that will not be properly addressed and will likely become an emergency issue, or require more costly solutions in the future. Building problems do not go away, they just get more expensive the longer one waits to take care of them.

The City Theater extends its gratitude for the City’s continued support regarding these projects. Please contact me at thecitytheater@gmail.com or at 207-590-7277 with any questions and further assistance in this matter.

Thank you for supporting Biddeford City Theater.

Expenditures over the past few years:

Complete replacement and upgrade of the air conditioning system
Refinishing the entrance staircase and lobby hardwood floors
Replacing and maintaining carpeting
Electrical system upgrade
Sound system upgrade
Fire retardant drapery
Marquee lighting upgrade
Concession area refrigerators
Regular theatrical lighting unit replacement
Energy efficiency upgrades
Attic costume storage racks
Theater exterior side door replacement
Main Street entrance exterior refinishing

Upcoming expenditures:

Complete replacement and upgrade of heating boilers and relays
Regular theatrical lighting units and dimmer replacement
Exterior stage doors
Refinishing the orchestra section hardwood floor
Aisle railings in the balcony
Finish the Main Street entrance refinishing
Renovating Theater bathrooms - especially air circulation
Renovate concessions area
Refurbishing and some replacing of Theater seats

Anticipated Future Projects:

Upgrade Venilation System to levels that will manage the spread of Covid-19

Supplement roof-top air exchange units with ionixation units. Add additional fresh air and UV light air purification.

Estimated costs.....\$20,000.00

Updates and repairs to public restrooms

The addition of the heating system (2001) left areas of missing tile and holes. Handicap accessibility and better privacy both need to be taken into consideration. The metal stalls are severely rusted in the men's room and have etched graffiti in the ladies' room. There is no ventilation in either room. Quotes will be researched to make these improvements attractive, functional, and cost effective.

Estimated costs.....\$50,000.00

Upgrading the Concessions area

Paint, lighting, counter tops, cabinets, electrical service, heat and storage would be addressed. Estimated costs.....\$15,000.00

Upgrades and repairs to backstage dressing room and bathroom areas

Painting and patching holes in the hallways

General maintenance, upgrade in fixtures, and repairs are needed on an ongoing basis due to the high use of these areas. Estimated costs.....\$10,000.00

Finish the Main Street entrance refinishing

Refinish the wood ceiling and walls to match the doors that were refinished last year. This will need to be done when the weather agrees. Estimated at.....\$2,500.00

Continued upgrade of electrical service backstage

Over the past three years upgrades to electrical service backstage has been started. The major electrical panel stage right was replaced and new switches installed. Work needs to expand into other off stage areas, specifically the dressing rooms.

Estimated costs.....\$15,000.00

Continued upgrades to “fly system” with the goal of installing a counterweight system

As stated in previous reports, the current “fly system” above the stage is the original 100+ year old system. In the very near future the entire system will need to be replaced. We are currently taking steps that are “band aids” (new rope and pipes). While still safe to use, these are temporary measures until we can replace the current system.

Estimated cost for new system.....\$1,500,000.00

Addition of a split system air conditioner in stairwell

The stairwell in the lobby is not air conditioned. In the summer this area becomes very humid. The high levels of humidity are ruining the plaster and causing it to fail. A very noticeable musty smell is also apparent in the entry way during the summer months. The solution to these issues is the installation of a split system air conditioner. This would benefit both the second floor landing and stairwell of City Hall and the City Theater lobby stairwell.

Cost & installation of system.....\$15,000.00

Repair to plaster in stairwell due to excessive humidity

Excessive humidity during the summer months has caused the plaster to crack and chip in several areas of the stairwell. Once air-conditioning is installed, repairs to these highly visible areas are needed.

Cost of plaster repair and painting by Tony Castro.....\$7,500.00

Replacement of exterior stage doors in the rear of the building

The current doors are metal. There is no awning or gutter system to divert the rain above the doors. Driving rain seeps into the top of the door and is corroding the metal. Several attempts have been made to repair these doors, but they continue to have issues and are reaching the end of their lifespan. The handicap ramp door was replaced last year. There are still 2 doors that need replacing.

The cost of new doors and installation of rain redirecting barrier above the door is still being priced.

Estimated cost for two doors.....\$5,000.00

Refinishing the orchestra hardwood floor

The regular, increased use of the Theater has worn the hardwood floors. A thorough refinishing should bring back the floors to their original condition. Estimated at.....\$5,000.00

Theatrical lighting unit and systems replacement

This is a recurring expense as we take aged lighting and dimmers out of use

Estimated cost\$7,500.00

Aisle railings in the balcony

We will work with the Codes Enforcement Office to confirm what our architect stated about adding these railings. It would dramatically improve safety of patrons. Estimated at.....\$5,000.00

Additional lobby and concession space

The current lobby space is no longer adequate to serve the large number of people who are attending the Theater's productions. Discussions have been held with city officials regarding the possible addition of space.

Estimate of costs.....1,500,000.00

Set build shop and storage area

An addition of a shop and storage area would allow the stage/theater to be open to more use. Currently without such a space, we build on the stage three to four weeks before a production; thus preventing use of the theater for other events. Discussions have been held with city officials about such a space. No estimate of costs.....2,500,000.00



La Kermesse Franco-Américaine

P. O. Box 289
Biddeford, ME 04005-0289

JANUARY 26 ,2021

To Alison Garrison
Finance Director

As in previous years, please accept this request for the amount of \$6,000 for La Kermesse organization to continue decorating the city for the Christmas season. Hopefully we can to continue having your support. Please feel free to contact me if any questions come up.

e-mail bfp808@zwi.net or 229-2024

Sincerely

Paul N. Gagne
Treasurer



Date: January 12, 2021

To: City of Biddeford

Re: Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request

The Biddeford-Saco-Old Orchard Beach Transit Committee hereby requests an allocation of \$200,000 from each of its three parent municipalities for FY22, beginning July 1, 2021. This is an increase of \$35,000 from the current year and is the amount that was initially projected for FY21.

Due to financial uncertainty directly resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic, we offered to keep the FY21 municipal contribution flat to owner municipalities, which was accepted by all three. Thus, we reduced our previously shared request from \$200,000 and stayed at the \$165,000 of the previous fiscal year.

While we are able to access CARES Act support to cover expenses that would normally have been supported by fare recovery and fare related revenue, there is an end to this support in calendar 2022. We need to be prepared to continue as a viable service when that happens. There is wide spread industry understanding that ridership will take many years, if ever, to return to pre-pandemic levels. This will result in reduced fare recovery and fare related revenue for an indefinite period that we must be ready to address to continue reliable service and avoid a fiscal cliff.

During the current fiscal year, we were able to purchase two new highway coaches to support our Zoom Express service. Our local match was over \$200k, which had been put aside for this purpose. These reserved funds that took many years to build are used at this point. We have also been able to secure funding for eight new trolleys with an anticipated arrival of calendar Q2 2021. We have been fortunate to get the 20% local match requirement for these trolleys through ME DOT, which has allocated VW funds and state bond monies to help. Local match is mission critical to any transit organization. With the average age of our fleet over 14 years, this results in higher than average costs for repair and maintenance. To plan for a sustainably modern and safe fleet, we must develop a local match fund that will be available to keep our fleet within healthy age parameters.

Therefore, we will be requesting \$200,000 for FY22, and planning on \$220,000 for FY23 and \$240,000 for FY24 as has been shared in recent municipal workshop sessions. Please notify us of a day and time to present and answer questions from your council that were not addressed in the pre-budget presentations. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony J. Scavuzzo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "Z" at the end.

Anthony J. Scavuzzo
Executive Director

Biddeford Saco Old Orchard Beach Transit

Norton, Kendi

From: Alison Garrison
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Norton, Kendi
Subject: FW: Municipal Services Budget

From: Biddeford Historical Society [mailto:biddhistsoc@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:42 PM
To: Norton, Kendi <Kendi.Norton@Biddefordmaine.org>
Cc: Dana Peck <danap67@gmail.com>; Alison Garrison <alison.garrison@Biddefordmaine.org>
Subject: Municipal Services Budget

Hello Kendi and Alison,
Catherine Glynn here, Director of the Biddeford Historical Society. I am aware that budgets must be due soon for Municipal Services, but haven't heard anything about a date. Is there a date for our budget to be submitted to the City?
Best regards,
Catherine

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Catherine Glynn
Executive Director
Biddeford Historical Society
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February 25, 2020

Alison J. Garrison
Finance Director
City of Biddeford
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Please consider this the official annual request to appropriate \$5,000 for fiscal year 2022 to assist the Eastern Trail Management District (ETMD) in continuing to build and maintain the Eastern Trail.

Now, more than ever, people are searching for a semblance of order, solace, and connection outdoors. As a wide multi-use path that is safe for walking, running, biking, skiing, and snowshoeing, while maintaining physical distancing, greenways like the Eastern Trail are essential to helping us maintain mental and physical health now and into the future. Since the onset of COVID 19, we estimate that trail use has at least tripled compared with prior years.

Our 2018 economic impact study showed the Eastern Trail's usage had grown from 90,000 in 2014 to over 250,000 in 2018, and we estimate that 2020 may have provided recreational opportunities to upwards of 750,000 residents and visitors. The economic benefits to communities increased from \$1M per year to over \$3M during this same period because of trail related activities identified in the 2018 study. We hope to undertake similar studies in the future to better understand the economic contribution the Trail provides to cities and towns.

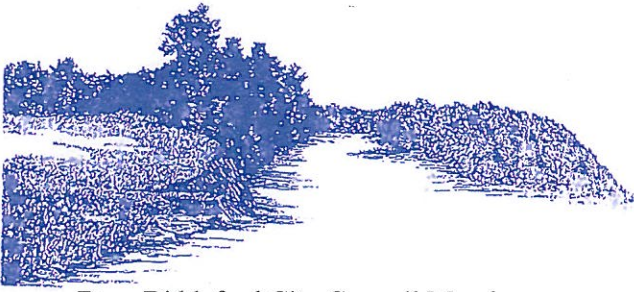
We have begun planning for one of the newest off-road sections of the trail: connecting the off-road section that currently ends at Thornton Academy in Saco with the off-road section that begins at SMMC in Biddeford. While this 3-mile section through downtown Saco and Biddeford is currently entirely on road, we are exploring off-road options, as well as possible on-road enhancements where needed to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for users. Thanks to support from MDOT, the cities of Biddeford and Saco, and the Eastern Trail Alliance, we are in the process of hiring an engineering consulting firm to provide feasibility for improvements to this important section of the Eastern Trail connecting the two cities. Additionally, we are undertaking feasibility for building new trail between Kennebunk, Wells, and North Berwick, which would provide options for making excursions further south along the Trail.

Thank you in advance for continuing your support of the Eastern Trail in FY 2022. Financial support from the City of Biddeford is critical for the Eastern Trail in our effort to provide a first-rate recreational amenity to each of the communities it passes through. Please let me know if you have any questions or if any additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Jon Kachmar
Executive Director
Eastern Trail Alliance/Eastern Trail Management District

PO Box 250, Saco, ME 04072
207-248-9260, patti@easterntrail.org



Saco River Corridor Commission

"Communities Working Together To Protect Our Rivers"

January 25, 2021

Dear Biddeford City Council Members:

The Saco River Corridor Commission continues into 2021 with the important work of protecting the land and water quality of the Saco River watershed. Last year, the Commission completed the 20th consecutive season of our Water Quality Monitoring (WQM) Program, which includes 37 sample sites over 130 river miles along the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee Rivers. This data is collected and analyzed to provide more available information to Corridor municipalities on existing water quality and ensure any negative impacts to water quality are monitored and addressed.

The Commission has expanded the WQM Program to include sampling for additional parameters and monitoring at new sites. We take this program seriously as we know the Saco River serves as the City of Biddeford's drinking water reservoir. Last year the EPA, ME DEP, and NH DES approved the Commission's QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan) for another 5 years, ensuring the data collected through the program is viable and useful. The data and analysis provided through the WQM program act as an early warning system for the public water supply in Biddeford. One of the primary reasons that we monitor the waters upstream is to ensure that the City's drinking water is protected.

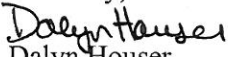
Last year the WQM program identified several potential sites with declining water quality throughout the watershed including increases in nitrogen, phosphorous, and bacteria levels. Some of these sites are in Biddeford and are mentioned in the enclosed data and analysis report. The Commission will continue to monitor these areas to assess any potential negative trends in water quality. The Commission is also in the process of working with FB Environmental on a 10-year analysis of water quality in the Corridor through a grant obtained from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund.

The Land-Use Regulatory Program is another critical aspect of the Commission's function and provides an essential service to the City. In 2020, the Commission reviewed a total of 120 applications, 28 of which were for development projects in the City of Biddeford. The many hours the Commissioners spend working to protect this vital resource makes a tremendous difference in the protection of the water quality of the Saco River, the quality of life in Southern Maine, and in preserving the scenic Maine shoreline.

The Commission respectfully submits its FY2022 budget request of \$10,000 to the City of Biddeford to help support our programs. It is important that our drinking water supplies are not left unguarded because diminished water quality represents a diminished quality of life for everyone. In your City, the river not only supplies your drinking water and the water used for domestic and commercial purposes, but the river and the city share a common identity. The City of Biddeford is linked irrevocably with the river that defines your vital downtown area. This connection will grow in importance as Biddeford moves forward revitalizing and enhancing the area's riverfront property. Protecting your drinking water quality is a good investment now and for the future.

The City of Biddeford's help and support in this community-based venture is appreciated and necessary to protect the future of the Saco River, all waterways within the corridor, and the lands they flow through. The Commission will continue to work on behalf of the protection of the Saco River Corridor and public health in Southern Maine, but we do need the City's participation to succeed. We thank you for your steadfast support in our programs over the years. It is due to this support that our programs have been so successful.

Sincerely,



Dalyn Houser

Executive Director

S|M Southern Maine
F|A Finance Agency

January 4, 2021

Mr. James Bennett, City Manager
City of Biddeford
P.O. Box 586
Biddeford, Maine 04005

Re: FY 2020-2021 Budget Contribution to Southern Maine Finance Agency

Dear Jim:

This letter is to request the drawdown of the Biddeford budget allocation of \$10,361 for the Southern Maine Finance Agency for fiscal year 2020-2021. Please submit a check to the address below at your earliest convenience.

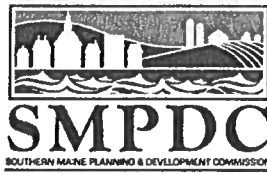
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 282-1748. Thank you for your consideration and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



William O Armitage II
President

CC: Mathew Eddy



Serving the Municipalities of Southwestern Maine For Over 50 years

December 24, 2020

James Bennett
City Manager
City of Biddeford
PO Box 586
Biddeford, ME 04005

Dear Jim;

The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) would like to thank you for your dues payment last year. Your dues payments are the means for SMPDC to provide quality services to your community at an affordable cost, match our state and federal contracts, provide access to federal and state grant programs and work on issues of regional concern. They are the foundation for the technical assistance that we are able to provide to all the cities and municipalities in the region.

The attached page highlights the benefits that all communities are eligible to receive through the payments of dues. To see some of the work we have undertaken in your community, please click on your town on the map on our website at www.smpdc.org. Your town may also participate in our cooperative purchasing program. In many cases, the savings in cooperative purchasing savings alone exceed the amount of dues requested.

The value of these services are also greatly increased when one considers the state and federal dollars we have brought into the region through the writing of grants and assisting other non-profits and towns. For instance in the last year alone, SMPDC assisted in distributing 35 million dollars in state grants funds to businesses throughout the region; received a \$150k grant to study sea level rise in the region, received a \$220,000 grant to develop strategies to mitigate traffic impacts of the Naval Shipyard; and provided support to many communities on the impacts of climate change on their infrastructure. Our work on Brownfields redevelopment and through our new 1.4 million dollar EDA Revolving Loan program throughout the region has leveraged over 100 million dollars in private investment, created over 500 jobs and 350 units of new and affordable housing. It is important to note that while some of these projects may take place in a certain community or communities, they benefit our entire region and far surpass the amount of money we request in dues. Furthermore, with our federal Economic Development District status, we can provide additional funds and project money to support economic development activities in the region.

SMPDC is not requesting an increase in dues for the upcoming year. Based on population and number of communities, our dues structure is still far less than other similar regional planning agencies across the state. These dues are for the upcoming fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021.

Your dues amount for 2020-2021 will be \$ 9,196.00. This amount is based on a method that accounts for both valuation and population of the community. Please feel free to give me a call (571-7065) to discuss these services and how your dues money is used.

We are grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,


Paul Schumacher, Executive Director

Norton, Kendi

From: Alison Garrison
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Norton, Kendi
Subject: FW: Municipal funds request

From: Favreau, Brad
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 2:37 PM
To: Alison Garrison <alison.garrison@Biddefordmaine.org>; Eddy, Mathew <Mathew.Eddy@Biddefordmaine.org>
Subject: RE: Municipal funds request

Hi Alison,
The Historic Preservation Commission would like to request \$800, which is flat from last year.

I'll let Mat report back top you on the DDC.

Brad

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Alison

Alison J. Garrison
Finance Director
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To: Alison J. Garrison
Finance Director, City of Biddeford
From: Diane P Cyr, President, BCHC
Subject: Request for \$10,000 Allocation
F/Y 2021-2022

January 27, 2021

Dear Ms. Garrison,

Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center (BCHC) would like to thank the City of Biddeford for its financial support, which has allowed us to grow as an organization and focus on our mission. In this unusual year of COVID, times have been difficult for all, so we are especially appreciative of the City's consideration of this request for continued funding in the amount of \$10,000.

BCHC accomplished many things this year, which can be found on our annual report [online](#). A few highlights follow:

Highlights of the Past Year

Public Events and Programming

- Purchased A-V equipment (pre-COVID) for presentations and events
- Held a "Bridging the Gaps" conference day
- Presented "The Franco-Americans of York County" at Huntington Commons (pre-COVID)
- Presented "Biddeford and Maine Help Save the Union" by Brian Swartz (via Zoom)
- Held a day-long virtual Veterans Day event focusing on local veterans
- Participated in Wreaths Across America program in Biddeford
- Inducted five new members into the Annual Hall of Fame (delayed until October due to cancellation of La Kermesse) and recorded for Public Access viewing; printed and hung street banners
- Redesigned Museum in the Streets brochures to facilitate reading and navigation of sites
- Replaced five damaged or missing Museum in the Streets plaques
- Continued Voices of Biddeford Oral History program, to the extent possible under COVID; completed six interviews (posted on the website and the BCHC YouTube channel); purchased membership to an online newspaper archive and foot pedals for transcription purposes

Archival Activity

- Formed a Collections/Archives Committee



- Acquired significant cultural donations and, as a recipient of the Maine CARES Act Grant, obtained an archival assessment with plan of action and training included
- Purchased shelving and a limited amount of archival supplies
- Cleaned archival collection space (generously donated by La Kermesse Association) as recommended by archivist

Internal Efforts

- Worked to diversify board representation by recruiting and training two new board members
- Redesigned website for enhanced viewing

Collaborative Work

- Continued participation in the Biddeford Cultural Coalition
- Worked in conjunction with the U Maine system in a collaborative effort for Bicentennial Grant Funding
- Participated in a statewide cultural group working to illuminate the struggles COVID has wreaked on the cultural organizations statewide and to address changes needed to assure their survival and growth

In addition to organizational, marketing and program costs, there were some unexpected financial losses as a result of COVID. These included the following:

Unexpected Financial Losses Due to COVID

- Non-refundable deposit of \$500 for tent rental
- Purchase an online newspaper subscription due to library closures
- Purchase of online tools, including Zoom, mail chimp memberships, etc.
- Costs associated with holding two Hall of Fame Ceremonies in one fiscal year (about \$3,000), each) and added printing fees due to date changes
- Purchase of additional general liability insurance necessitated by the receipt of significant donations of artifacts

BCHC has several goals for the year ahead. They include the following:

Goals for the Coming Year

- Obtain the services of an archivist on-call or part-time at the cost of \$75/hour
- Continue processing BCHC collections; purchase archival storage supplies; work on collection policies and committee



- Continue with programming and events: Hall of Fame, Voices of Biddeford, Museum in the Streets, presentations, archives, volunteer services
- Hold fundraising events, as able
- Hold Board Training event
- Solidify policies and work on capacity building
- Continue to work in partnership with local non-profit organizations
- Install rolling displays at various public areas of the city to share artifacts with the public and bring awareness of the organization to community members
- Purchase equipment, such as an alternative heater, for archival collections in the current space being used
- Continue to work on Native American Monument planning and development; hoping for grant funding to assist with this endeavor
- Secure a space to house and exhibit artifacts and documents (currently being explored by BCHC's Heritage Preservation Committee)

The fiscal year of BCHC is October 1st to September 30th annually. Of the funds spent last year, 40% went to programs, 34% was organizational, 14% marketing, 5% Volunteer Services and 7% Fundraising.

On behalf of the Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center, I thank the City of Biddeford for its continued support and appreciate your consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact me via email or phone should you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Diane P. Cyr
President, Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center
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Bchc04005@gmail.com



SOUTHERN MAINE

Beach Profile

MONITORING PROGRAM



342 Laudholm Farm Road

Wells, Maine 04090

207-646-1555 x115

October 20, 2020
James Bennett, City Manager
City of Biddeford

Dear Mr. Bennett,

On behalf of the Southern Maine Beach Profile Monitoring Program Steering Committee, I want to thank the City for continuing to support the monitoring program over the past year.

Thanks to the City's backing, Maine Sea Grant has again been able to provide data oversight as well as volunteer management services to six, community-based beach monitors working on Fortunes Rocks beach, and we hope to continue this tradition of beach profile monitoring in Biddeford.

The beach profile monitoring program's data is comprehensively analyzed and interpreted every two years by Maine Geological Survey (MGS). The findings are summarized in the biennial *State of Maine's Beaches* report by MGS. The most recent report from 2019 can be viewed at <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/explore/marine/beaches19/contents.htm>. This report includes chapters on each monitored beaches, Fortunes Rocks among them. A caption from the report section on Fortunes Rocks beach was provided in my letter sent in October, 2019. That report also describes trends in storm impacts between 2017 and 2019. Of particular note is the caption below related to the series of 2018 northeasters.

2018 Storms (pages 10 - 14)

March 2018 was a month of repeated northeasters... The biggest March storm was the first one on March 2nd. The highest wave height of March was 28 feet (B01) and 18 feet (44007) and was accompanied by a 3-day storm surge of 2 feet in Wells, Portland, Bar Harbor and Eastport. This surge coincided with spring high tides that were just half a foot below flood stage so coastal flooding accompanied the high surf. Flood stage (12.0 feet MLLW) in Portland was exceeded for 6 consecutive high tides. John Cannon of the National Weather Service alerted the beach profile volunteers of the pending event to mobilize to capture before-and-after dune and beach surveys. On March 2nd significant flooding occurred in Boston, Massachusetts where the northeast wind piled ocean water into Massachusetts Bay. In Maine, dramatic washover occurred and Long Sands and Short Sands Beaches in York, at beaches in Wells, and at Goochs Beach in Kennebunk. Beaches in Saco experienced significant dune loss and sand transport across the entire frontal dune over 100 feet inland in many places. Waves also overtopped Surf Street in Saco and resulted in erosion in and around houses with some structural damage to a foundation. On March 3, 2018 the Portland Press Herald reported widespread damage to coastal roads and businesses (PPH, 2018). This landward beach sand transport into the dunes was one of the most significant such events since 2007 (Slovinsky, 2018a, b). Surf remained in the 8 to 14-foot range with a long, 15-second period through March 8 when a smaller storm with 20-foot waves passed through the region leaving very little time for beach recovery.

These results were also shared at 2019 The Beaches Conference. Documentation of the entire conference can be found at <https://seagrant.umaine.edu/extension/the-beaches-conference/2019-beaches-conference/> including a presentation

by Peter Slovinsky of MGS on beach profiles. Historically, the Beaches Conference has been a biennial event, however circumstances surrounding the pandemic have resulted in the next conference being postponed until summer, 2022.

Also, you, your staff, and community members can view and graph beach profiling data directly at https://www.mgs-collect.site/mgs-collect/hooks/beach_profile_graphing.php.

In addition to the data use in the development of *The State of Maine's Beaches* report, the data are also routinely used in beach management applications such as:

- the design of dune restoration plans,
- evaluation of replacement seawall options and beach nourishment efforts,
- in the assessment of accelerated erosion and investigations of new erosion mitigation technologies,
- during review of Natural Resource Protection Act permit applications,
- and referenced as one of the few data sources that could be used to monitor proposed beach nourishment by the Army Corps of Engineers, to name a few.

In 2021, we will begin our 22nd year of the program and continue to be the longest-running, volunteer beach profile monitoring program in the country. This longevity provides for a robust data set that becomes more valuable as time passes, since erosion can only be effectively tracked through the long-term trends that are now available through our data set. Therefore it's our intent to continue the program and provide long-term data into the future.

With this goal in mind, we respectfully request a total of \$1000 for monitoring at Fortunes Rocks beach for the coming fiscal year (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022). In an effort to align with the City's fiscal year schedule, a statement will be sent in April, 2021 under separate cover, directly from the University of Maine's bursar's office. If this arrangement does not meet your needs or interests, please be in touch and we can consider options.

Across Southern Maine, beach profile monitoring can help us relate localized erosion to large-scale processes taking place along the coast, thereby helping us to make informed beach management decisions. We hope the City of Biddeford continues to view the municipal expenditure of \$1000 for profiling services for the upcoming year at Fortunes Rocks beach as a sound investment in the future. Thank you for joining with us to make beach profile monitoring a lasting effort.

Please contact me with any further questions or comments and thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristen Grant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristen" written in a more compact, stylized manner and the last name "Grant" written in a more open, cursive style.

Kristen Grant, Program Manager
Maine Sea Grant and UMaine Cooperative Extension
kngrant@maine.edu
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September 22, 2020

James Bennett, City Manager
City of Biddeford
P.O. Box 586
Biddeford, ME 04005

Dear James,

Every six hours, LifeFlight answers a call for help from EMS and fire/rescue agencies and hospitals across Maine. Whether seriously injured in an accident or suffering from a critical illness in a small community hospital, these patients desperately need the lifesaving care that can only be found at a distant medical center. To help make sure that LifeFlight can answer these calls, we reach out to municipalities across the state to help us meet this critical need. **Last year, more than 240 Maine communities made a contribution to support our work.** We hope that this year the City of Biddeford will be among those who value this lifesaving service by joining them.

Since 1998, 99 Biddeford residents have been cared for by LifeFlight, with 6 patients treated in the past year. Since the beginning there have also been 2 scene calls - where LifeFlight has landed directly in your town to support your local Fire/Rescue and EMS care for a patient.

LifeFlight provides a variety of services to your community and citizens, including:

- Direct scene response when called by EMS and Fire/Rescue agencies
- Transport of critically ill or injured patients, including those needing organ transplants, who are already in a hospital but need access to specialized care at medical centers across the eastern US
- Mutual aid during disasters
- Clinical education for EMS providers
- Support for critical aviation infrastructure initiatives, such as airport runway improvements

Over the past 22 years, LifeFlight has cared for more than 30,000 patients, and the need for our service continues to grow. Each year requests for LifeFlight increase due to Maine's demographics, changes in stroke and cardiac care, and changes in services at our community hospitals. LifeFlight sends out medical teams from our bases in Sanford, Lewiston, and Bangor, using three helicopters, a fixed wing airplane, rapid response vehicles and specialized ground ambulances. These teams care for Maine by partnering 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year with your local EMS, Fire/Rescue and hospital providers.

This year, COVID-19 has severely impacted LifeFlight—as it has everyone in the state—as we care for Maine's most critically ill patients needing interhospital transfer. New equipment, supplies, PPE, and biocontainment systems will add \$1.8 million dollars of new costs in the next two years.

In a serious emergency, every minute counts. In meeting Maine's need for critical care, every town's participation counts. Town support for our aircraft fund helps us leverage private donations and allows us to direct our operating funds to patient care. We hope Biddeford will join our partner communities across Maine by supporting LifeFlight with a donation of \$2,000 for the aircraft fund or the COVID relief fund. If no fund is selected, donations will go toward the aircraft replacement fund. **Thank you for helping us be there when needed.**

We have attached background information and our financial summary from Fiscal Year 2019. **Please contact Victoria Bathgate at The LifeFlight Foundation at 207-230-7092 or vbathgate@lifeflightmaine.org with any questions.** If additional information or a specific town application form is required with this request, please let us know. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Thomas Judge
Executive Director
LifeFlight of Maine



Kate O'Halloran
Executive Director
LifeFlight Foundation

P.S. If a past request was recently approved and an invoice is required, please contact us so that we may submit the invoice.

LifeFlight to Biddeford - Facts and Frequently Asked Questions

- **LifeFlight is a private non-profit charity with a public mission serving all of Maine--** We care for all patients regardless of insurance status or ability to pay for care 24/7/365 with helicopters based in Bangor, Lewiston and Sanford, a fixed-wing airplane based in Bangor, rapid response vehicles, and specialized ground ambulances. In FY2020 LifeFlight provided \$1.7M of care to patients without insurance.
- **2,267 patients were LifeFlighted in FY20** from 118 communities, islands, and unorganized townships-- about 1 patient every 4 hours. LifeFlight has cared for more than 30,000 patients since September 1998.
- **How has COVID affected LifeFlight?** As LifeFlight cares for the most critically ill patients in Maine, we have been caring for COVID patients since March 17, 2020. Managing these complex patients is a huge challenge, and as there is uncertainty in emergent illness, essentially every patient LifeFlight cares for must be treated as if they had COVID. The financial impact on LifeFlight for equipment, supplies, and biocontainment systems is estimated at \$1.8 million in new costs between February 2020 and January 2022.
- **How is LifeFlight funded?** LifeFlight operates much like a hospital emergency department, taking care of all patients and billing insurance companies. We contract with all major payers including Medicare, MaineCare and commercial insurers. Our operational expenses are covered by patient fees, but we rely on the LifeFlight Foundation to support purchasing aircraft, medical equipment, and providing clinical education.
- **LifeFlight helicopters, airplane, and specialty ground ambulances are equipped as fully functioning mobile intensive care units.** LifeFlight's critical care teams bring the trauma center intensive care unit -- skills, medical technology, pharmacy, blood, and more -- directly to a patient's side.
- **What types of patients do you transport?** Critically ill or injured patients of all ages needing specialized care beyond what can be provided by local hospitals - including premature infants, cardiac and stroke patients, complex traumatic injury, organ transplant, sepsis, burns, and serious obstetric complications. We use the strictest medical utilization criteria in the country to make sure all flights are medically necessary. Emergency medical providers are guided by state-mandated protocols based on the latest research and best practice.
- **About 85% of patients are transported from community hospitals** to major specialty centers, and 15% are transported directly from the scene of an emergency - roadsides, woods, mountains, and islands. While most patients are transported to EMMC, MMC and CMMC, about 12% of patients are transported to Boston and beyond for specialized care not available in Maine.
- **LifeFlight is lean.** We are among the most efficient providers in the world, we pay attention to costs, maintaining a very small administrative team and with the lowest costs and charges in New England and the country.
- **LifeFlight of Maine's average cost per transport** is approximately \$17,000 (modified by distance). We participate with all major insurers, Medicare, and MaineCare, so there are negotiated discounts and we do not "surprise bill" patients. (The average cost of others in New England is around \$23,000 while the average in western New England, New York, and nationally is \$55,000 - \$70,000.)
- **What other benefits to our town and region does LifeFlight provide besides critical care and transport?** We provide local critical care training to medical providers in specialized areas such as traumatic brain injury and pediatric trauma diagnosis and treatment.
- **What do the Towns support and what is the formula used for the ask amount?** This year, in addition to our aircraft fund, you may choose to allocate your support to our COVID relief fund. We realize that 2020 has been a challenging year, and that you, like Lifeflight, likely had to bear additional costs to get through the pandemic. We are intentionally not asking for increased support this year and would be extremely grateful if Biddeford would consider a donation of \$2,000.



February 1, 2021

To: City Manager, James Bennett, and City Budget Committee
Re: Budget request for FY 2022

Dear Mr. Bennett and Councilors:

The Biddeford Mills Museum is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year, having been incorporated as a 501(c)3 in 2011. During the ensuing years the museum has established a collection of artifacts, photographs, and stories of the people who worked the mills. We have told the history to hundreds of school children and thousands of local residents and visiting tourists as we have led them through the complex of old weaving rooms and down into the canals that kept the mills running in earlier times.

We have a major exhibit in the Pepperell Center, installed with the assistance of the Maine Historical Society and Bangor Savings Bank, which continues to draw visitors today, a full 2 years since it opened in March of 2019.

In November of 2019, the Museum leased space on the mill campus where we built three new exhibits, and opened our archives to the public for the first time. When public gatherings were restricted, our doors closed temporarily to the public, but our cadre of volunteers continue to work.

We manage an annual operating budget of about \$25,000 which is funded by tours, donations, and project-specific grant monies. We are an all-volunteer organization, so 100% of our income is returned to the community through rent, utilities, insurance, office expenses, exhibit design and graphics, etc. As we reopen post-pandemic, we will be positioned to again be an active partner in the city's economic growth.

I am asking, on behalf of the Biddeford Mills Museum, that you recognize the work this organization is doing to preserve the role of the mills and the citizens who built the mills and this city so others may know the story.

We would be most grateful if the city would support our work in the amount of \$2,500 in your FY2022 budget.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Mathes, Treasurer



Engine's mission is to connect and inspire our community through art, design, and education.

February 3, 2021

Attn: Alison Garrison, Finance Director alison.garrison@biddefordmaine.org

To City Manager, and City Council:

Engine respectfully requests \$15,000 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for operating funds. Engine's approved 2021 operating budget is \$248,981. This support will enable our organization to continue to provide essential arts and cultural programs for its residents.

Founded in 2010, Engine is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that sprang from the idea that arts are essential to economic and community development. Since its founding, the organization has sparked a new vitality in Biddeford's downtown through its exhibitions, events, and education programs. Engine's mission is to connect and inspire our community through art, design, and education. Engine envisions a community and economy in which art, design, and education are valued, integrated, and celebrated. We believe that commerce follows culture, art should integrate, not alienate, and that art, in its fullest expression, not only impacts individuals but transforms communities.

Creating space for creativity benefits Biddeford by supporting a diverse, culturally-rich, and connected community. All fee-based programs are offered on a sliding scale, and our free community events are open to the public. Our long-standing collaboration with community-based, municipal, non-profit, and for-profit stakeholders has made Engine and Biddeford an arts and innovation leader in York County. The organization applies human centered design thinking to approach our shared challenges and uplift diverse voices.

A keystone creative economy organization serving Biddeford for the last decade, our programs and activities include:

- Community celebrations, events, artist talks, and performances including PechaKucha, ArtWalk, FringeFest, and York County MakerFaire.
- Gallery and retail storefront showcasing local professional, student, and community artists.
- Affordable workspace for artists and creatives.
- Shared making facilities, including a darkroom and FabLab.
- Workshops, classes, afterschool, vacation and summer camps for youth and adults.
- Compass Project, a mentoring/boat-building program serving at-risk youth in which participants build academic skills, develop self-esteem and confidence.



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- Organizational leadership on Biddeford's Cultural Coalition and Public Art Committee.
- Leading property redevelopment initiatives in collaboration with the Marble Block Redevelopment Corporation.
- Engine's new IGNITE incubator slated to launch in 2021, supporting designer-artist entrepreneurs in launching creative, sustainable businesses with mentoring through the University of Maine Foster Center for Student Innovation and a team of advisors working in the entrepreneurial community.

Operating support will grant Engine the flexibility and confidence needed to continue to deliver on current programs while remaining responsive to the needs of our community. We intend to continue with our educational and outreach programs serving at-risk youth throughout 2021 which require additional staffing and technical support to meet new safety and accessibility demands presented by COVID-19. The City's support guarantees continued and increased access to our programs for all as we continue to adapt to COVID-19 and work to serve ESOL, New Mainers, and persons with disabilities in Biddeford. Already activating our storefront on Maine street with free public performances, film screenings, and art installations to kick off 2021, we are excited to spearhead Biddeford's Public Art Committee's work in bringing more safe, accessible, and engaging public art experiences to our community in the coming year. Engine is excited to continue to grow the cultural life of the city as a member of the steering committee for Biddeford's new cultural plan.

Operating funds will also support the organization's focus on capacity building, Board development, financial health, and establishing a new strategic plan. Engine recently hired Jessica Muise as the new Executive Director to replace its founding director, Tammy Ackerman. An artist and maker, Muise brings significant expertise in non-profit community art centers, arts advocacy, and creative economy initiatives.

Engine's work as an arts and culture non-profit has been essential to creating the 'buzz' of Biddeford's downtown, cultivating a sense of belonging through celebration, and supports the health and well being of our residents. We look forward to continuing this work together with your support.

Sincerely,

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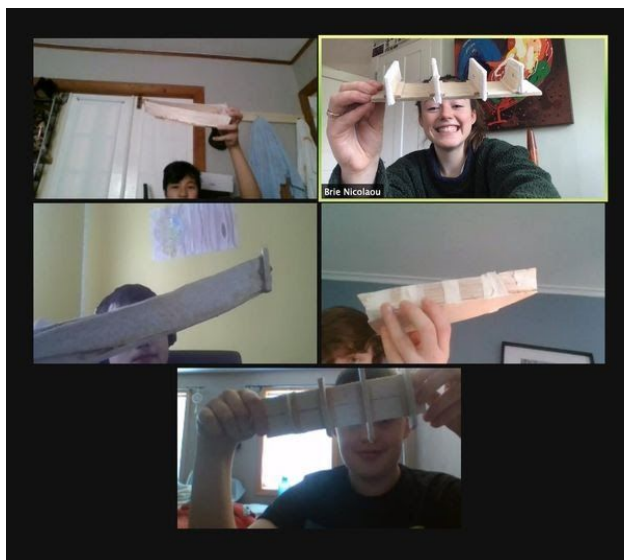
Jess Muise
Executive Director, Engine
207-494-7125



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Scenes from Engine's 2021 Programs

Compass project continues with virtual and in person classes, our gallery and retail shop goes online, and our Main Street storefront transformed for safe socially distanced performance and film installations.



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Norton, Kendi

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From: Eddy, Mathew
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 3:10 PM
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DDC has not yet decided. In the past (not last year), they have been reducing their requests, as they shifted more to a policy committee. I will double check with them, but for now, \$1,500.

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"It all begins with a meal..."

February 19, 2021

Alison J. Garrison, Finance Director
City of Biddeford
205 Main Street, PO Box 586
Biddeford Maine 04005

Dear Alison,

Per your request I am outlining the three requests we intend to make for funding from various departments of the City of Biddeford for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Overnight Warming Center

- **\$ \$23,400** - from the municipal budget (not sure if this is the correct name of the budget) This official request was submitted to Jim Bennett on February 16.
- **\$ 18,000** – Community Development Block Grant – the RFF has not yet been issued officially

Drop-in Center feeding program – this RFF is usually requested in late spring/early summer via Kristen Barth

- **\$ 20,000** – Social Services budget; the reason for the \$2,000 increase is due to the suspension of services by In-A-Pinch. We have had to respond to the demand by providing personal care and household products during a period where our major in-person fundraising events were canceled, significantly depleting our income due to the pandemic.

I hope this helps in understanding the history and reason for the requests.

You referenced in your email that the current year's CDBG allocation not being expended, but that is because it was for our Overnight Warming Center program which didn't kick off until December 1 and is ongoing. I have submitted two invoices to Abigail for reimbursement but it is my understanding that HUD has still not approved certain agreements with the City. We hope those funds will soon be forthcoming as we have already incurred the expenses.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Warm regards,



Rev. Shirley Bowen, Executive Director

Cc: Kristen Barth
Abigail Smallwood
Mat Eddy



Getting Biddeford area youth "out there" since 2001.

January 29, 2021

Alison Garrison
Finance Director, City of Biddeford
Via email: Alison.Garrison@biddefordmaine.org

Dear Alison,

On behalf of Biddeford's youth, please accept this request for funding in support of Apex Youth Connection programs. Apex programs leverage the power of human connection to get youth "out there" – into their community, into nature, and moving toward their futures. We still use bicycles as a primary tool to engage youth, and now offer other adventure-based and hands-on activities so more youth can engage in more ways than ever. Apex programs get kids off their phones and *connecting*; mentors and peers guide and support them as they aspire to achieve, persist through challenges, and explore the world around them.

Apex Youth Connection receives no state or federal funding. Our funding comes primarily from grants and donations, including the generous support of the City in 2020. We are working hard to increase our sustainable revenue through fee-based contracts with BSD and other schools (where we provide school-day curriculum around STEM, job readiness and skill-building for at-risk students and students with disabilities) and revenue generated through our job readiness program, Apex Bike Factory. With COVID restrictions, however, we have been unable to pursue that growth. In fact, we've lost all contract income for the past 10 months. This heavy hit is a real threat to Apex.

When we can once again pursue them, our sustainable funding efforts will boost our consistent revenue and help keep our after-school and summer programs *free* and as low-barrier as possible for any youth wanting to participate. The vast majority of those youth are from Biddeford – they ride their bikes from BHS, and walk or ride from BMS and BIS (we serve youth from 5th grade through high school). Through special funding, we now have two vans and plan to offer pick-up at BMS once restrictions allow. Even through COVID, Biddeford youth still come to Apex every day. *We are still open and we are still there for them.* They come to work on bikes, as always, though now they also come to rock climb or hike, to snowshoe, to develop entrepreneurial businesses (seriously!), to meet employers online and in-person, to learn leadership, to connect, and to just get outside. As soon as possible, they'll once again take field trips to the beach, to local and area resources and businesses, to kayak, camp, and hike, and to provide service throughout the area. Even at this first level of engagement, they broaden their horizons and begin to see themselves fitting in to a bright future as a contributing part of their community – this community.

Aspire. Persist. Explore.

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We are requesting \$10,000 for 2021 to support our free after-school and summer programs. These programs are the most difficult to fund yet they are arguably the most important as they are the gateway to engagement for youth. These lowest-barrier programs lead to our higher-level Leadership & Empowerment and Job Readiness programs. (See the attached for an overview of current program structure and long-range outcomes.) Apex's free engagement-level programs are a shrewd investment for the City with significant impact for a very low cost.

Apex Youth Connection's five priorities for youth include 1) development of overall positive character, interpersonal and intrapersonal skills, 2) self-awareness and skill development, 3) healthy lifestyles teaching and practice for lifetime integration, 4) social responsibility and service, and 5) job readiness. These priorities are present in all our programs and begin at the first level of engagement, our "gateway," after-school and summer programs. By investing in these programs, you are investing in developing Biddeford's next generation of neighbors, parents and community members. You are investing in programs that will connect Biddeford youth with their community through local resources, human connection, and giving back. In doing so, you are building a generation that understands they have a place in and a responsibility to the future of Biddeford.

Finally, your investment will provide youth – many of whom are at-risk – with a stable, consistent, relationship-based environment where they are connected. "Tom" is currently a Senior in high school. Five years ago, when he began coming to Apex, he would barely speak. He experienced homelessness several times over those years, but Tom would always get to Apex one way or another. He still does. Apex is where he knows he belongs and that connection paves the way for everything else. Tom is now the Youth Manager of our job readiness program; he has a concrete plan for his future and is excited for what is next.

For nearly 20 years, Apex has been connecting with Biddeford youth. This small and mighty "little engine that could" represents the scrappy, smart, simple priorities that make it part of the fabric of this community. Your help keeping it here for another 20 years is appreciated – especially in these difficult times.

Thank you for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information or with questions.

Sincerely yours,

Melissa Cilley

Executive Director

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Cc: Favreau, Brad <Brad.Favreau@Biddefordmaine.org>
Subject: Biddeford Climate Task Force FY 2022 Budget Request

Greetings all,

As a new ad-hoc committee established this year with the goal of creating a workable climate action plan, our first task was to assemble a team, establish a charter and prioritize our tasks which includes community outreach and engagement. We have accomplished the first two objectives and are working on the third.

We are acutely aware of the city's need for fiscal restraint in the budgeting process. Please bear in mind that we are following a course set by other municipalities in Maine in establishing a greenhouse gas inventory as a first step. We need to know where our GHG baseline is in order to establish a plan for mitigation. The costs we envision for the 2022 FY budget are as follows, but as stated, we are early in this process.

We humbly request the following:

	International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI Membership)	\$ 600
2	Conferences/Research/data collection	\$1,200
	UNE intern (to assist in greenhouse gas inventory study using ICLEI tools	\$1,200
T	Total:	\$3,000

Thank you,

Steve

Steve Reiter

Chair

Biddeford Climate Task Force

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Conservation Commission Budget Request

2021 Budget request: \$5000

- Re-ignite classroom work on water quality (UNE collaboration)
- Continue contract work with field biologist to inventory natural resources
- Community engagement programs like Yard Smart and other outreach

Typical Budget: \$5000 per year

2020 Budget ask/allocation: \$3500

- Reduced need because school program was cut due to COVID

BSOOB Transit City of Biddeford FY '22 budget presentation

Date: Monday, March 22, 2021

Presenter: Craig Pendleton

Title: Director of External Affairs/Interim Deputy Director

Budget overview

- Ridership down 50% from pre-pandemic levels.
- Means fares and fare related revenue recovery is down at least 50%.
- CARES Act keeping us whole for the short term. Planned for augmented funding into 2022 through our MPO (PACTS).
- BSOOB Transit provided fiscal relief in the form of keeping municipal contributions flat for FY '21.
- Fiscal cliff will be present with ridership predicted to stay at low levels for foreseeable future. Beginning to plan now to avoid tough decisions.
- Local match must increase to begin to prepare for post CARES Act environment.

Budget overview – System wide

Ridership	
FY 2019	366,527
FY 2020	267,882 (-27%)
FY 2021	Projected less

Fare Recovery	
FY 2019	\$527,000
FY 2020	\$367,029 (-31%)
FY 2021	Projected less

Municipal Contribution
(currently \$165,000)

FY 2022 - \$200,000

FY 2023 - \$220,000

FY 2024 - \$240,000

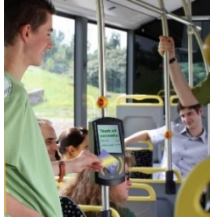
South Portland - \$775,000
Westbrook - \$800,000

Budget overview – New/Increased expenses

- **WiFi on board – powers contactless fare payment system, AVL, public use**
- **Automated vehicle locator**
- **Health insurance increase**
- **Increased payroll expenses to ensure competitiveness**
- **Legal fees to support management of unionization activity**

BSOOB Transit Project Update

Electronic Fare collection – “DiriGo” system launched October 1.



New Zoom coaches – Currently in revenue service.



New Trolleys – Taking delivery of 8 new trolleys in summer 2021 at no additional expense to our owner municipalities.



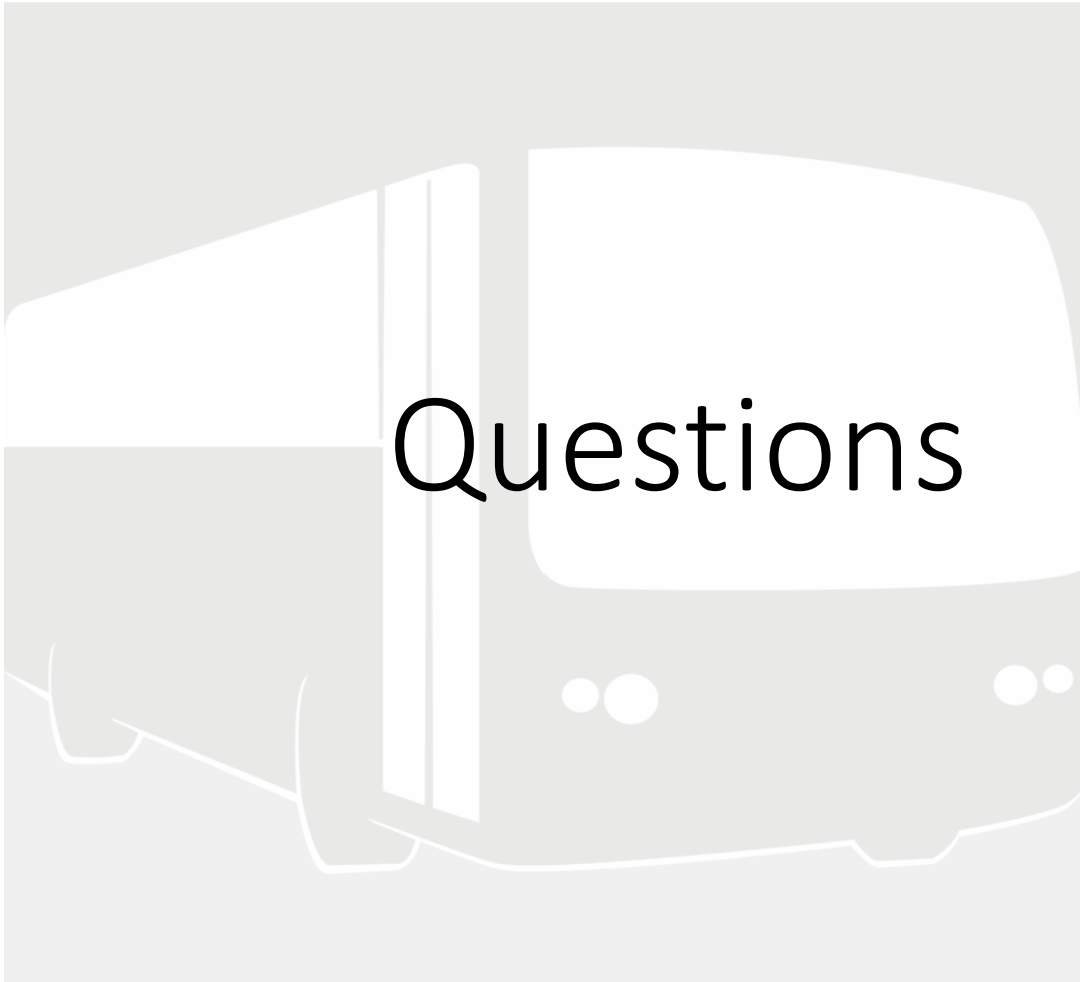
Electric buses – Delivery date October 2021 of two of the first four electric buses in Maine. Will begin our journey to fleet electrification.



Downtown Circulator – Launching mid-August 2021.

Budget synopsis

- Requesting an increase of \$35,000 for FY '22.
- Will adjust the current municipal support from \$165,000 to \$200,000.
- Starts to move the BSOOB Transit collective local match closer to being in line with what other local communities provide to public transit.
- Begins to address decreased fare and fare related recovery due to COVID-19.
- Helps start to build foundation to address potential fiscal cliff when CARES Act support ends.
- Supports recent evolution to a 21st century transit organization.



Questions

Biddeford Historical Society



First Parish Meetinghouse

- Built 1759, remodeled 1840.
- Acquired by Biddeford Historical Society in 1970.
- A lens through which to view eighteenth century Biddeford history and beyond.
- Offered as a venue for local cultural events: lectures, performances, and concerts.



Congregational Church, Pool Road, Biddeford, Maine. Built in 1730 49



Archives & Collections

- Earliest Biddeford, primary source records
- Staffing to enable access to rare, original records
- Plans in 2021 to digitize early records for ease of access

Monday the twenty Sixth day of July instant at
House of the Clock in the afternoon being the
Fourth Monday in said Month to give in their
Votes on this question — Is it expedient that the
District of Maine shall become a Separate and
Independent State upon the terms & Conditions
provided in an Act intituled an Act relating to the
Separation of the District of Maine from Mass^{chusetts}
proper and forming the same into a Separate and
Independent State — And Make return hereof to us
At or before the opening of said meeting —

Given under our hands & seals at Biddeford
This July 9th 1819

Nathaniel Goodwin } Selectmen
Sam^l Merrill } of Biddeford
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Biddeford July 17th 1819 By virtue of the within
Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said
Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the
time & place therein mentioned by posting up the
Substance of this warrant at both of the Meeting
houses in said town

Edmund Coffin Constable.
True Entry
Attest Edm Coffin Town Clerk

Monday July 26th 1819

Met in town Meeting agreeable to
the foregoing warrant and gave in sixty nine
Votes of which 50 were in favor of the

Support from the Municipal Services Helps:

- Maintain the Meetinghouse at a basic level for use now and into the future.
- Provide storage materials and software for precious archives and objects and access to the them.
- Provide educational programs which illuminate early Biddeford history: lectures, history walks, and the Biddeford High School Essay Contest.

Dana Peck, President
Paul McDonough, VP
Sandra Schuld, Treasurer
Charles Butler, Jr.
Karen Casey
Ryan Minzy, High School Liaison
Michael Cantara
Dan Leblond
Abby Zoldowski



Thank you! Questions?

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SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION

BIDDEFORD 2020 WATER QUALITY REPORT

Dalyn Houser
Executive Director





Regional Interstate Volunteers for the Ecosystems and Rivers of Saco



- Founded in 2002 after a pilot year in 2001
- Joint venture between Green Mountain Conservation Group (GMCG) and the Saco River Corridor Commission (SRCC) that monitors 62 sites throughout NH and ME
- Each group follows a shared Quality Assessment Project Plan (QAPP) that is approved by both MEDEP, NHDES, and the EPA (renewed in 2020)
- Citizen science program run by trained staff and volunteers throughout the watershed community
- Sampling occurs biweekly from May through September and occurs weekly at popular swimming areas during the summer months



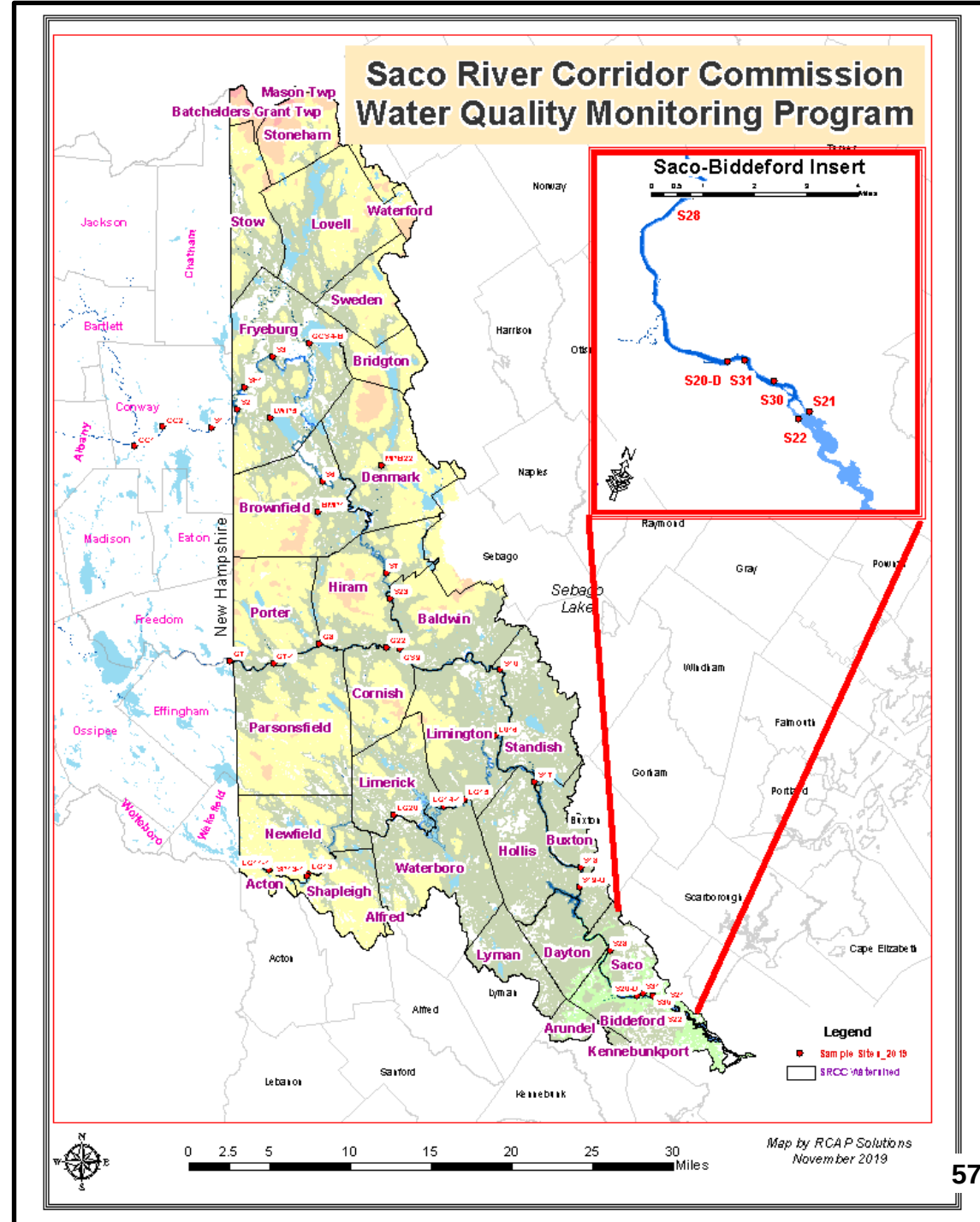
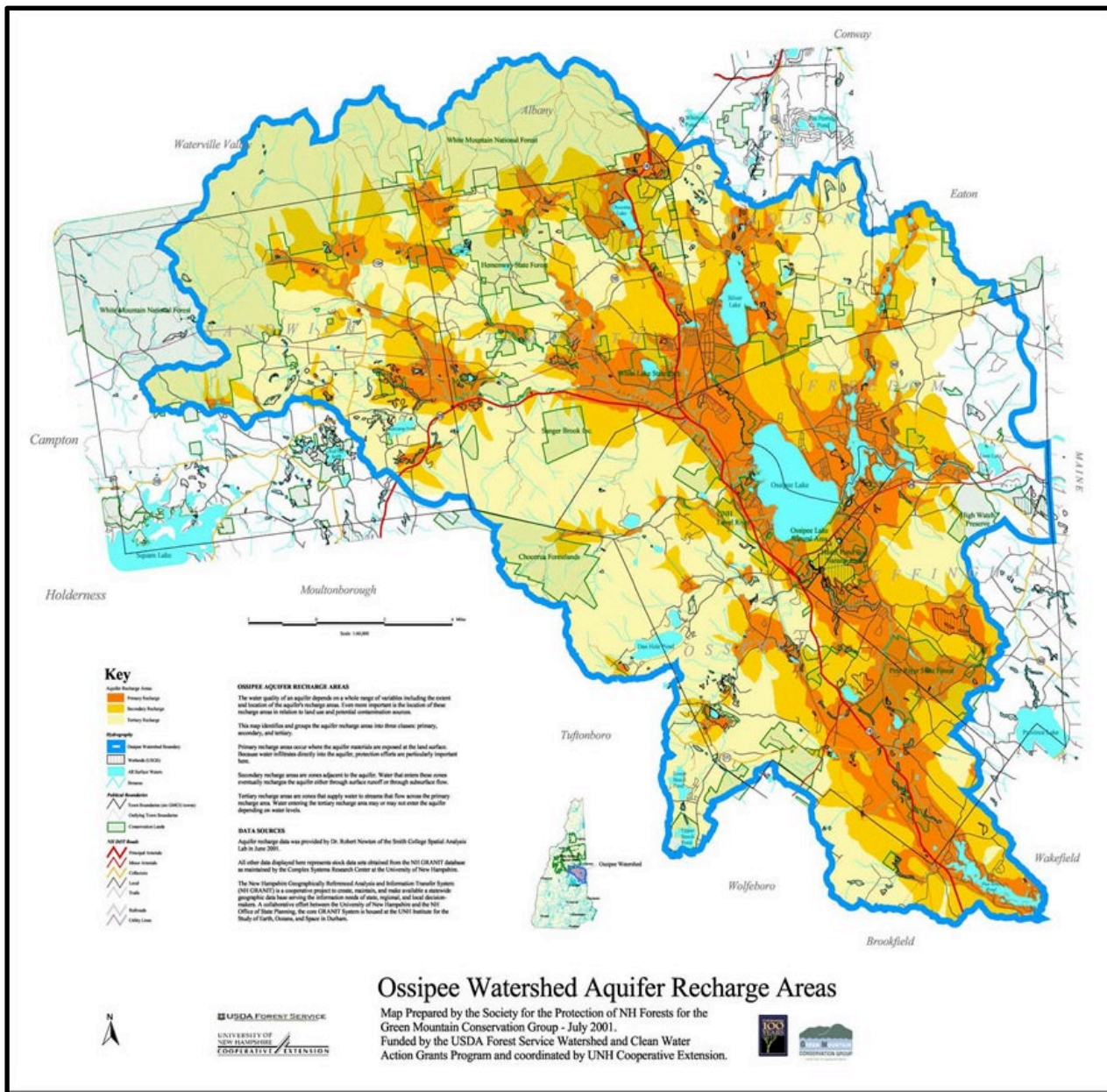
RIVERS Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring (WQM) Program

Priorities of the WQM Program:

- 1) Generally characterize water quality and gather baseline data.
- 2) Understand the general condition of water in each designated area of the river.
- 3) Test to determine if degraded water quality exists.
- 4) Decide what further testing/actions or further investigation is needed to diagnose and solve problems.
- 5) Broaden the understanding of water quality in the community through outreach and education.



SRCC Joint Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program with GMGC in New Hampshire.

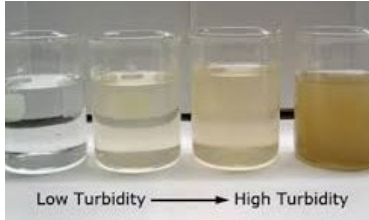


RIVERS parameters

SRCC staff and volunteer tested parameters

■ Turbidity

- Clarity of the fluid
- Higher level of suspended particles = higher temperature



■ Temperature

- Metabolism increases with higher temperatures, which can result in lower DO readings
- Different organisms prefer different temperatures



■ pH

- Pure water is 7.0
- Aquatic life prefers pH between 6.5 and 8.2



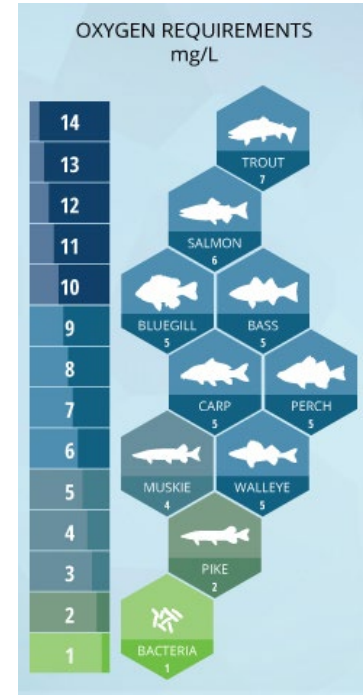
■ Dissolved Oxygen

- Measures ability to support life
- Aquatic plants produce oxygen during the day, while respiration (oxygen consumption) occurs continuously. Therefore, at dawn levels of DO are at their lowest.

■ Conductivity

- Ability of water to pass an electrical charge
- Based on other elements in the water that have positive (Mg^+ , Ca^+) or negative (Cl^- , NO_3^-) charges
- Proxy for road salt ($NaCl$ or $CaCl_2$)

	uS/cm
DISTILLED WATER	0.5 - 3
MELTED SNOW	2 - 42
TAP WATER	50 - 800
POTABLE WATER IN THE US	30 - 1500
FRESHWATER STREAMS	100 - 2000
INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER	10000
SEAWATER	55000



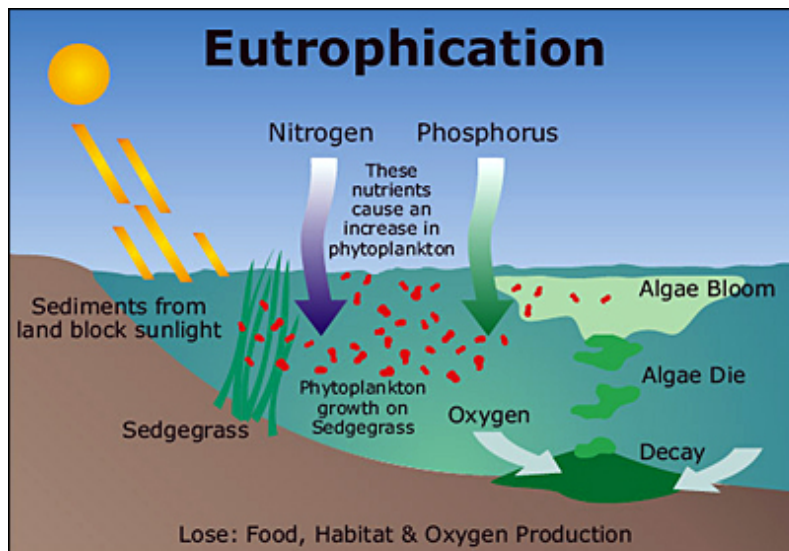
■ General changes to their site

- Road work
- New construction/demolition

Nutrient and bacteria parameters measured Analysis done by Katahdin Analytical Services

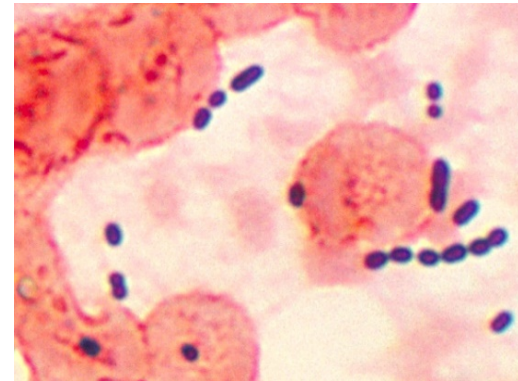
■ Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus

- Nitrogen and phosphorus are major components of organic matter
- Plants use high amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus in order to grow
- Bacteria can fix atmospheric nitrogen into a useable form but must get phosphorus from their environment
- High levels are typically due to fertilizer and/or sewage pollution and are toxic to both plants and animals
- Bacteria can proliferate when high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus are present, which can lead to eutrophication of lakes and cyanobacteria blooms



■ *Enterococcus* and *E. coli*

- Found in lower intestines of warm-blooded animals
- In waterways, *Enterococcus* and *E. coli* are indicators of fecal pollution, either human or animal derived
 - Presence of *Enterococcus* in a water sample suggests other disease causing viruses and bacteria to also be present in the sample, like *E. coli*
 - Many *E. coli* strains are harmless but there are some that can cause diarrhea, cramps, and vomiting if consumed
 - Exposure to these disease vectors can cause swimmers/recreation users to become sick



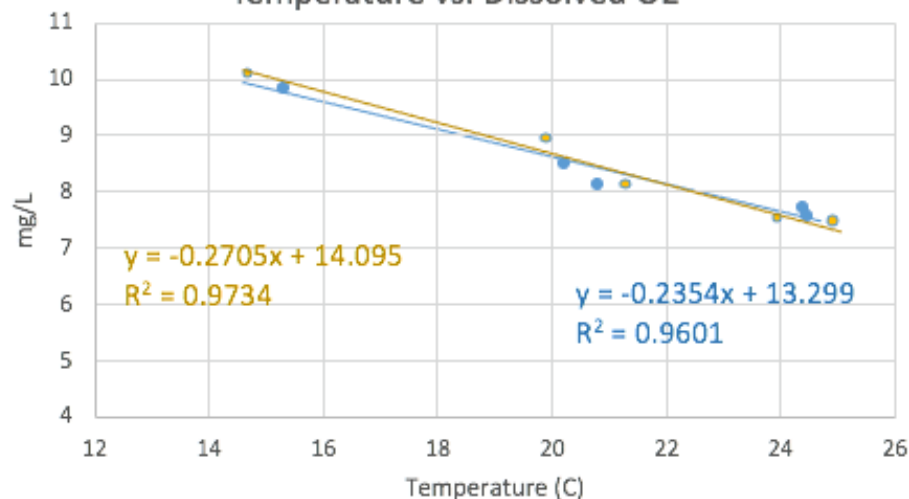
Water Quality Parameters Guideline

Parameter	Acceptable Limits
Dissolved Oxygen	Above 75% saturation; between 6-12mg/L for freshwaters; above 85% in estuary locations for Class SB (Class SA as naturally occurring)
Temperature	No standard
Turbidity	10 NTUs or lower; preferably in the 1 NTU range
Conductivity	Below 500uS/cm in rural areas; 1500uS/cm in urban areas
Total Phosphorus	Below 30ug/L
<i>Enterococcus</i>	Geometric mean below 8 CFU, and single samples must be below 54 CFU for 90% of samples taken in a given 90-day period (Class SA and SB)
<i>E. coli</i>	Naturally occurring for Class AA; below a geometric mean of 64 CFU for Class B
pH	Between 6-8; usually around 6.5
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	Below 0.5mg/L

S20 - Off of South Street, Biddeford

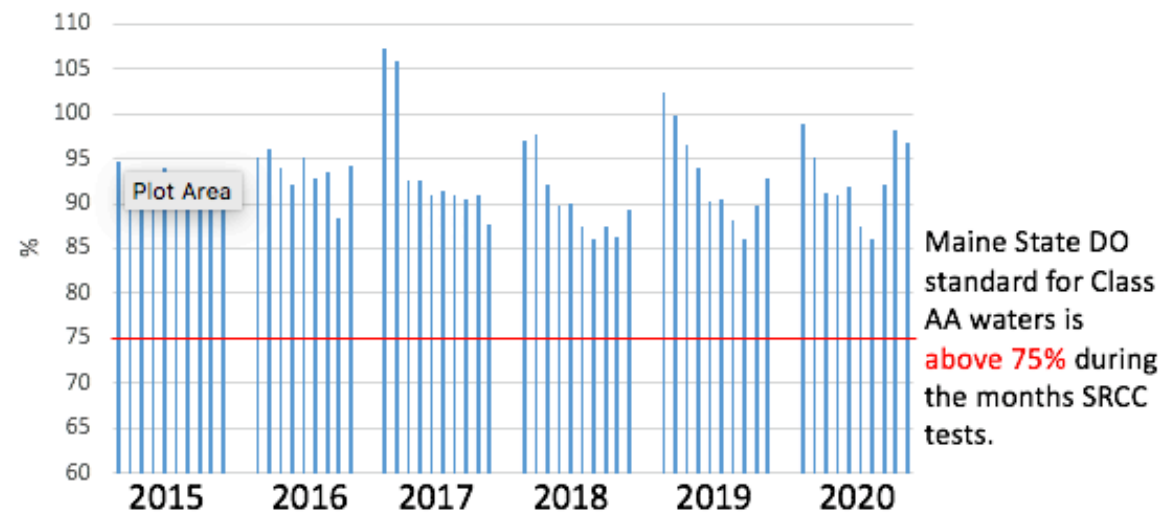
Monitored since 2001

Temperature vs. Dissolved O2



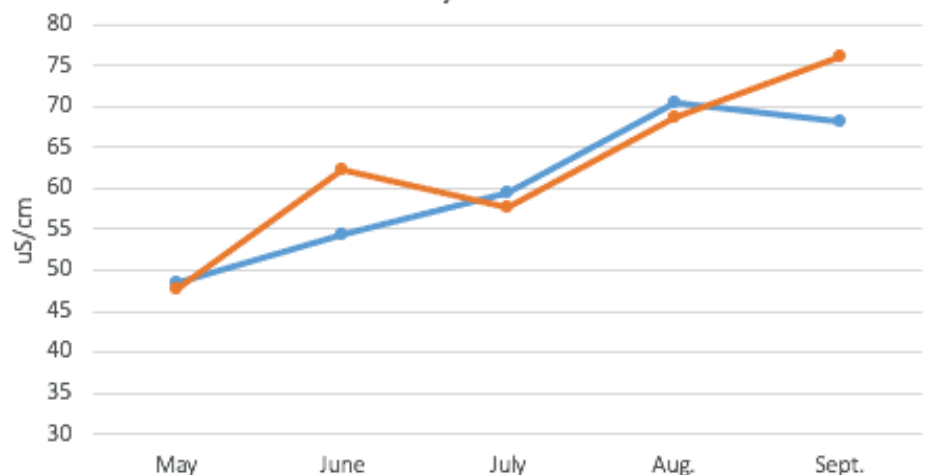
Dissolved Oxygen (DO) has an inverse relationship with temperature: as temperature increases DO decreases. The R² values from 2020 (orange) show a similar value compared to combined 2014-2019 values (blue) which indicates not much change overall for DO levels.

Dissolved O2 % Saturation



Maine State DO standard for Class AA waters is **above 75%** during the months SRCC tests.

Conductivity 2019 vs. 2020



As water levels decrease over the summer, conductivity levels tend to increase. It is not because the salt level increases, but rather the water level decreases so the salt is more concentrated.

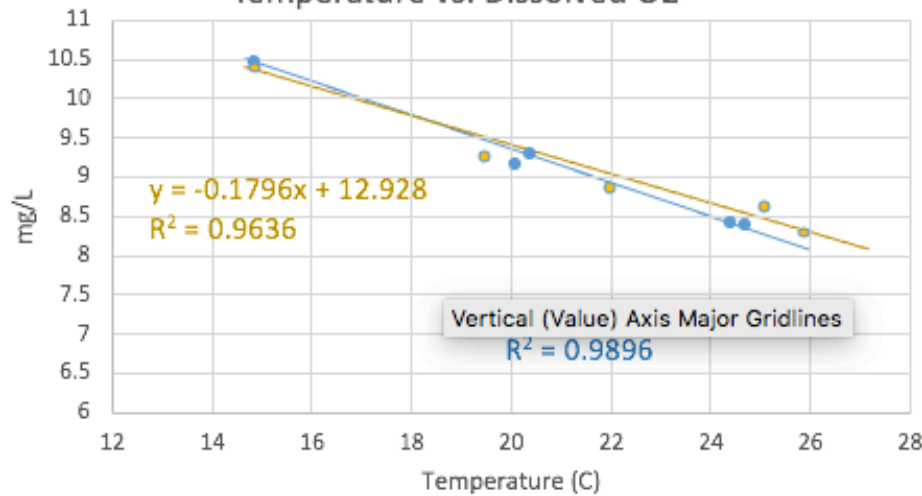
Parameter	Trend	Explanation
pH	Stable	Low variability, no significant trends
Turbidity	Stable	Low variability, no significant trends
TKN	Degrading	Approaching nuisance levels
TP	Stable	Low variability; no significant trends

Trends observed from 2015-2020 show stable levels within appropriate ranges

S22 - Rumery's Boat Yard, Biddeford

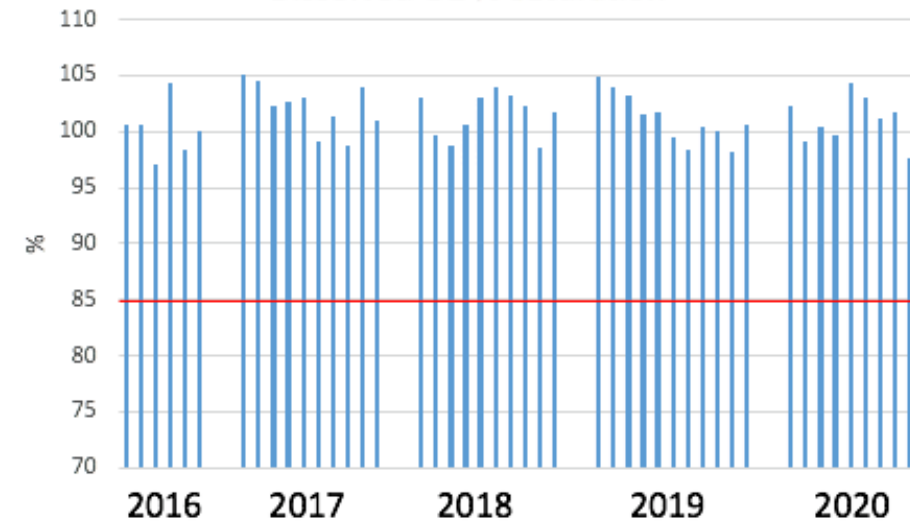
Monitored since 2016

Temperature vs. Dissolved O2



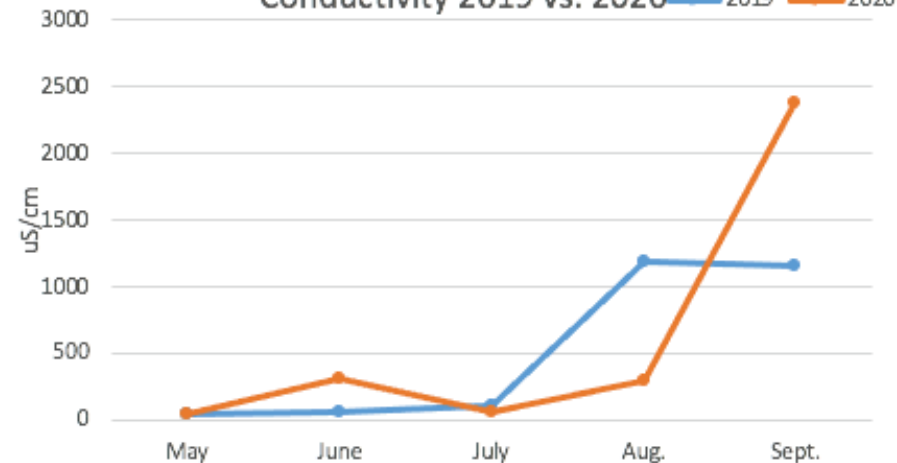
Dissolved Oxygen (DO) has an inverse relationship with temperature: as temperature increases DO decreases. The R^2 values from 2020 (orange) show a similar value compared to combined 2016-2019 values (blue) which indicates not much change overall for DO levels.

Dissolved O2 % Saturation



Maine State DO standard for Class SB waters is **above 85%** during the months SRCC tests.

Conductivity 2019 vs. 2020



As water levels decrease over the summer, conductivity levels tend to increase. It is not because the salt level increases, but rather the water level decreases so the salt is more concentrated.

Year	CFU	Rating
2020	18.47	Above class SA and SB standards

Maine state *Enterococci* standards for Class SA waters is below 8 CFU/100mL for geometric mean and below 54CFU/100mL for 10% of samples

Parameter	Trend	Explanation
pH	Stable	Low variability, no significant trends
Turbidity	Stable	Low variability, no significant trends

Trends observed from 2016-2020 show stable levels within appropriate ranges

Rotary Park, Biddeford

Monitored since 2013

E. coli only at this location

Testing done from June through August

- From 2013 to 2017, Rotary Park was monitored weekly for *E. coli* by taking one sample per week.
- In 2018, three samples were taken weekly.
- In 2019, five samples were taken weekly.
- In 2020, three samples were taken weekly.

Year	CFUs	Rating
2013	38.83	Good
2014	61.32	Poor
2015	57.15	Fair
2016	24.55	Good
2017	29.47	Good
2018	47.32	Fair
2019	27.58	Good
2020	36.25	Good

Maine state *E. coli* standard for
Class B waters is below 64 CFU.

Overall comments on Biddeford water quality

- Biddeford's water quality for the sites tested in 2020 is mostly good, though some parameters at sites have been above or are approaching EPA/ME DEP acceptable limits.
 - *Conductivity, typically a proxy for salt, is seasonally high at S22. Levels over 1500uS/cm in urban areas are considered nuisance levels.*
 - *Enterococcus levels at S22 have been above Class SA and Class SB limits of 8 CFUs over a 90-day period.*
 - *Nitrogen levels at S20 were high in 2019 and higher overall in 2020, approaching nuisance levels.*
- Ways to improve/protect water quality:
 - *Make sure there is good riparian vegetation near running water.*
 - *Best Management practices to prevent erosion and nutrient loading.*
 - *Reduced/no salt areas around bodies of water.*
 - Recalibrate trucks so salt stays on the road.
 - Brining if possible – uses about 25% of the salt annually.
 - *Have septic systems checked regularly.*
 - *Consider having Port-a-Potties at popular swim areas.*
 - *Look for obvious sources of nitrogen loading, such as fertilizer use near waterways.*

Southern Maine Beach Profile Monitoring Program Operating at Fortunes Rocks Beach, Biddeford

Update Report to Biddeford City Council Budget Committee

Respectfully submitted on March 22, 2021 by Kristen Grant, Program Manager, Maine Sea Grant and University of Maine Cooperative Extension

Background: Volunteer monitoring at Fortunes Rocks Beach

- Volunteer monitoring began at the beach in 1999 with strong participation from roughly a dozen beach residents, and continued through 2007 when health issues experienced by aging volunteers resulted in the retirement of the team.
- With new engagement from Biddeford Pool residents (year-round and seasonal) in 2018, the team was re-established in 2018 with 6 - 8 volunteers routinely monitoring since that time.

Monitoring locations and reporting

- Two profile lines are regularly monitored at Fortunes Rocks Beach:
 - FR-03 which is located in a dune along Middle Beach
 - FR-04 at the southwest corner of the beach along the walled section
- A group of 3 – 4 volunteers monitors at each of these locations
- Maine Geological Survey (MGS) analyzes and interprets the beach profiling data biannually and presents the findings at the Maine and NH Beaches Conference. Due to the pandemic, the 2021 conference has been postponed until summer, 2022. Alternatively, MGS will share abbreviated findings via a webinar in summer, 2021.

Applications of beach profiling data

- Steve Dickson at MGS notes that in recent years there has been a large local investment by the City in upgrading the sewer lines in the vicinity of Etherington Pond where profile line FR-04 is located. Continued monitoring could provide information on how much dry beach width is being lost and hence the level of flood risk to the road and buried infrastructure over the next few years.
 - Dr. Dickson and co-authors noted in the Maine Climate Council Scientific and Technical Subcommittee report [*Scientific Assessment*](#)... the beaches are highly vulnerable to sea level rise (p. 96; esp. Tables 15, 16, 17) of just a foot and a half. The assessment also notes that the beach profile “monitoring program demonstrated that Maine beaches are very sensitive to changes in sea level”(p. 99) – indicating the value of the program to the State.
- Maine Sea Grant has also been recently contacted by representatives from Hills Beach Preservation & Replenishment Committee who have expressed interest in forming a new beach profile monitoring team at Hills Beach. MGS supports the formation of this new team because MGS conducts the Maine Beach Mapping Program there and profile data would compliment those efforts. Also, dredged sand was placed nearby a few months ago, and profile monitoring could help identify any benefits to Hills Beach.

Beach Profile Monitoring Program Funding Request

- There is no change in the program’s request for \$1000 for monitoring at Fortunes Rocks beach in FY22



PROPELLING THE CREATIVE COMMUNITY

FY22 MUNICIPAL SERVICES
BUDGET PRESENTATION
MARCH 22, 2021



DESTINATION BIDDEFORD



WHAT DOES ENGINE DO?

CREATIVE ECONOMY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

STEAM EDUCATION

WORKSPACE FOR ARTISTS & MAKERS

CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS



PROPELLING THE CREATIVE COMMUNITY



From Maine's Arts & Economic Prosperity Study

TABLE 5: Nonprofit Arts and Culture Event Attendees Spend an Average of \$31.38 Per Person in the State of Maine (excluding the cost of event admission)

	Residents	Nonresidents	All State of Maine Event Attendees
Refreshments/Snacks During Event	\$4.29	\$5.91	\$4.51
Meals Before/After Event	\$10.82	\$19.68	\$12.00
Souvenirs and Gifts	\$3.40	\$8.41	\$4.07
Clothing and Accessories	\$1.26	\$1.45	\$1.28
Ground Transportation	\$2.66	\$7.21	\$3.27
Event-Related Child Care	\$0.28	\$0.23	\$0.28
Overnight Lodging (<i>one night only</i>)	\$2.89	\$23.01	\$5.58
Other	\$0.36	\$0.60	\$0.39
Total Per Person Spending	\$25.96	\$66.50	\$31.38

\$1 investment in arts organizations
= \$8 spending in the local economy

Your \$15K investment will result in an
additional \$125K investment into Biddeford's
local economy from spending alone.

From Maine's Arts & Economic Prosperity Study

TABLE 2:
Total Economic Impact of Spending by Nonprofit Arts and Cultural ORGANIZATIONS
in the State of Maine

	State of Maine	Median of Participating Statewide Study Regions
Total Organizational Expenditures	\$92,577,604	\$423,849,454
Full-Time Equivalent Jobs	2,884	16,214
Resident Household Income	\$69,193,000	\$360,046,000
Local Government Revenue	\$3,214,000	\$14,323,500
State Government Revenue	\$4,009,000	\$20,720,500

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Aspire. Persist. Explore.

Getting Youth “Out There”

actively and intentionally connecting them with their communities, and onto a fulfilling path to the future.

Through the power of human relationships, Apex Youth Connection challenges comfort zones and expands perceptions, gently pushing youth to set and reach goals they never thought possible. Our programs build youth up from the inside, making them stronger, more confident, and more competent.

Apex youth



- Grades 5-12, boys and girls
 - Seek *belonging*
 - Enjoy being outdoors and/or lack that opportunity
 - Seek exposure to new and different things
 - Embrace challenge in a safe, non-judgmental environment
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- Under-resourced
 - Under-supported
 - Non-traditional learners who may find less success in school and do not see a clear path to their future

Three service lines

Exploration & Adventure

- Adventure Academy
 - Rock climbing
 - Hiking
 - Climbing
 - Camping
 - Skill building (e.g. shelter and fire building, Leave No Trace)
- Wild Wednesdays
- Field Trip Fridays
- Mountain Bike Madness
- Open Ride
- Apex Does

Leadership & Empowerment

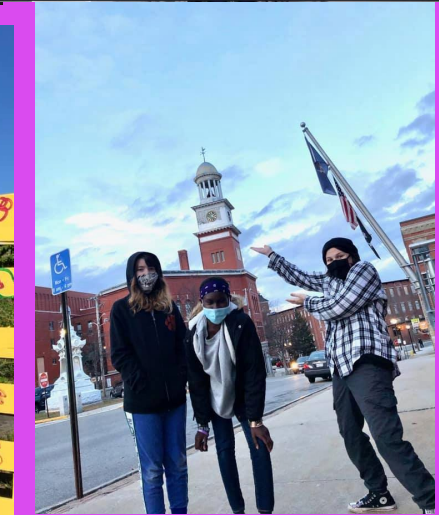
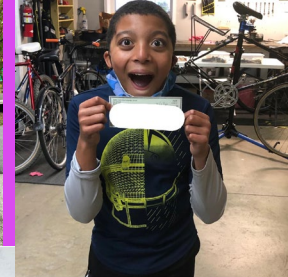
- Trek2Connect
 - 7th grade: Relationships
 - 8th: Exploration
 - 9th: Culture
 - 10th: Environment
 - 11th: Aspirations
 - 12th: Reflection
- LEAD
 - High school mentorship
 - Leadership training
 - Service

Job Readiness

- Apex Bike Factory
 - Leadership: high school
 - Team management
 - Basic HR
 - Inventory control
 - Financial management
 - Customer service
 - Marketing and sales
 - Team: middle/high school
 - Workplace expectations
 - Work ethic
 - Accountability
 - Soft skills
- Junior Mechanics
- Earn-a-Bike



Serving through COVID



Why Apex matters, now more than ever

"Apex is the only thing my son participates in except school, and he often doesn't go to school." Parent of a 7th grader

"Kids really do want to talk and have someone really listen to them." - Nancy, volunteer

"I see a lot of my peers who don't really talk to anyone. They would really benefit from Apex, to be with people and be happier." 9th grader

"Coming to Apex makes me feel more physically healthy. It's helped me feel more positive and open through the pandemic, too." 10th grader

"Isolation from the pandemic has been a challenge for my typically resilient daughter...Apex has been critical in keeping her connected." Parent of a 10th grader

"My son has a sense of belonging at Apex. He feels a responsibility to excel and present his best self." Parent of an 11th grader

Our biggest challenges

- Mental health needs of our youth
- Keeping our staff mentally and physically healthy. And paid.
- Space
- Significant drop-off in volunteer help
- Funders shifting grants toward hunger and homelessness, away from Apex
- Reduction in numbers of youth served due to restriction – also a silver lining
- Apex growth started before COVID – also a silver lining

Looking ahead to FY21-22

- Full summer programs, Monday through Friday, 9-5
- BSD school-based programs anticipated to resume in the Fall
- Work to rebuild capacity and youth numbers
- Continued focus on mental health – developing collaboration with Sweetser for consult
- Marketing and visibility push for 2021-2022 to reach more youth



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