

GARDINER WATERFRONT PUBLIC WORKSHOP QUESTIONNAIRE

Results from: 4 groups (in orange); 21 individuals

Indicate whether you support, don't support, or are unsure about the items below. <i>[Comments from questionnaires in italics]</i>	Support	Don't support	Unsure
Keep the same design elements as in the Downtown (i.e. lampposts, benches, trash receptacles, etc.) <i>Lampposts like Rail Trail; Continuity in all areas not necessary; lampposts like Rail Trail (x3); similar but not necessarily exact</i>	Groups: 3 Indiv: 18		Indiv: 2
Build an amphitheater/performance space at the north end of the park (next to the pump station and Cobbossee Stream) <i>Amphitheater behind Depot/train station</i>	Groups: 4 Indiv: 20		
Create a mini park and a few parking spaces at the Steamboat Lane/ Water Street lot next to Bailey's <i>If safe; parking spaces where they are currently</i>	Groups: 4 Indiv: 18		Indiv: 1
Explore the opportunity for future mini park and/or parking at the Gardiner Feed site <i>Not in our lifetime; Gardiner Feed building must stay, support mini park/parking at parking lot; limited parking, but as part of gateway plan; some visual draw</i>	Groups: 3 Indiv: 14	Groups: 1 Indiv: 4	Indiv: 1
Add a gazebo to the Waterfront Park <i>If safe; can't build, check statutes</i>		Groups: 2 Indiv: 12	Groups: 2 Indiv: 7
Add a pergola or picnic shelter(s) (instead of a gazebo) <i>If safe; can't build, check statutes; if allowable; good idea, family/ group units</i>	Groups: 4 Indiv: 19	Indiv: 1	
Add gateway archways <u>signage</u> <i>Not archways but some structure as a lead in; gateways but not archways; do signage on bridge; something to highlight entrances</i>	Groups: 3 Indiv: 11	Groups: 1 Indiv: 6	Indiv: 3
A "green" theme for the Waterfront: e.g. ecologically responsible plantings/stormwater treatment, alternative energy (solar/wind power) <i>Architectural fit with existing buildings; what about keep lighthouse, add wind generators as needed in future?</i>	Groups: 3 Indiv: 12	Indiv: 1	Groups: 1 Indiv: 5
Extend the Kennebec River Rail Trail from the Gardiner/Randolph bridge to the Waterfront <i>To Bowdoinham</i>	Groups: 4 Indiv: 19		
Create a pedestrian trail along the School Street right-of-way (connecting the Waterfront to School Street and the Common) <i>Needs maintaining</i>	Groups: 4 Indiv: 19		Indiv: 1
Include public art in the park, such as sculpture <i>Yes if done in granite; what constitutes "art"; already seen damage of sculpture</i>	Groups: 2 Indiv: 13	Groups: 1 Indiv: 5	Groups: 1 Indiv: 2
Provide a space for seasonal ice skating <i>Family skating only [no hockey]; as long as well lit</i>	Groups: 2 Indiv: 16	Indiv: 3	Groups: 1 Indiv: 2
Improve & maintain the public restrooms on the Waterfront <i>Special room for shower/washer-dryer [boating]; Lighting & security; keep clean; add shower/washers, with permit paid to dock</i>	Groups: 3 Indiv: 19	Indiv: 1	
Other: <i>Classic signage; lighting & possible security cameras; Maintenance of benches, performance space; maximize parking for boat trailers; lighting & security cameras (x2); classic signage; sculptures to guide people along</i>			

Which layout (parking, green space) is preferred?

- A. Keep parking nearer boat launch, leaving a larger green space
Groups: 2; Individual: 6
- B. Keep parking back along the railroad, leaving more green space along the water
Groups: 2; Individuals: 12

Comments:

- ◆ *Handicapped access/elderly; like B but would endorse A*
- ◆ *Handicapped parking in front/near boat launch (x4)*
- ◆ *Need some people to be able to park and view water*
- ◆ *More parking*

The railroad underpasses:

- 1. Should both be pedestrian only. [Individuals: 2]
- 2. Should both allow vehicle access. [Groups: 1 – Individuals: 4]
Both under both (x2)
- 3. Steamboat lane only should have vehicle access. [Individuals: 1]
Steamboat lane should be pedestrian only (x2)
- 4. The right-of-way next to Bailey's only should have vehicle access. [Groups: 3 – Individuals: 11]
One way, exit only (x3); same gateway/archway as main entrance; arch like main entrance

Comments:

- ◆ *Bicycle [access]*
- ◆ *The "Webber property" historically known as Steamboat Lane, use RR overpass for steamboat murals: Kennebec, Sagadahoc, Della Collins, The Islander – a welcoming & interesting gateway to steamboat wharf*

Which of the design concepts for the pump station building is preferred?

- 1. A lighthouse and architectural façade improvements
[Individuals: 7]
 - ◆ *There are other lighthouses along the Kennebec and today's river travelers will appreciate the light, add wind fans parallel to RR*
 - ◆ *Because it's unique and could be an icon*
 - ◆ *Need to tie into historic Gardiner/New England aspects, make it more visible*
 - ◆ *Traditional, consistent with river trade*
 - ◆ *Traditional, river culture, less expensive*
- 2. Railroad depot inspired façade improvements
[Groups: 2 – Individuals: 7]
 - ◆ *Needs to be authentic if built*
 - ◆ *With a lit cupola & custom weathervane, would fit in historically with Gardiner, would be "mid-sized" not overwhelm Gardiner in the background*
 - ◆ *Similar to Depot*
 - ◆ *RR depot fits in more with downtown*
- 3. A "green" building, e.g. solar/wind, green roof, etc.
[Groups: 1 – Individuals: 2]
 - ◆ *Like alternative energy, but can't visualize it on pumphouse*
 - ◆ *Doesn't lead people to a building where nothing is happening, very forward thinking*
- 4. Other: façade improvements (to start)
[Groups: 1 – Individuals: 2]
Other: Caboose or icehouse façade [Groups: 1]

What other ideas for the Waterfront Park do you have, that you think would help make this a regionally significant park?

Groups:

- ◆ *Build terraced amphitheater, natural lawn area*
- ◆ *Historic signage: Steamboat Land, railroad bridge & entrance to Steamboat Wharf*
- ◆ *Paint murals [Steamboat Lane underpass retaining wall] of steamboats that used wharf*
- ◆ *Build ice skating area by kayak launch*
- ◆ *Vendors/food, events/music*
- ◆ *Historic signage/info for downtown businesses*

Individuals:

- ◆ *Entertainment at the river, access to have lunch/shop after kayaking the river*
- ◆ *Build berms near kayak launch to fill with water for winter skating*
- ◆ *Vendors, music/events, historic signage*
- ◆ *Events, music, theater*
- ◆ *Signage for area businesses, maintenance*
- ◆ *Regionally significant events, historic waterfront [info], large boats for excursions*
- ◆ *Build the sturgeon bowl [?]*
- ◆ *Having docking facilities for large boats that cannot get further up the river, historic signage*
- ◆ *Accessible green space for family recreation*

Of all the ideas for the Waterfront Park, which four are the best or most important?

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- 4, 2 Picnic, seating
- 2, 3 Green space
- 1, 3 Connect to City/downtown
- 1, 2 Improvements to pump station
- 1, 2 Maintenance
- 1, 2 Boating opportunities/docks
- 1, 1 Amphitheater
- 1, 1 Multipurpose, serve variety [of people/functions]
- 1, 1 Law enforcement
- 1 Lighting
- 1 Tie in walking path along Cobbossee Stream
- 3 Parking
- 2 Signage
- 2 Lighthouse
- 1 Public gathering/events
- 1 Improved restrooms
- 1 Traditional Maine, classic look
- 1 Sturgeon bowl
- 1 Sculpture, gateway arch
- 1 Get waiver for a marina/boat income