



The City of Gardiner has a rich history dating from 1754 when Dr. Sylvester Gardiner, a Boston druggist, settled in this "ideal location" to establish a business.

From the beginning – when shipbuilding, manufacturing, ice, paper and transportation were the primary industries – to the present, Gardiner has been known as a market hub.



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Historic downtown Gardiner underwent major revitalization in the 1980s with emphasis on retaining and updating the city's exceptional architecture while making public-friendly infrastructure improvements. Results from recent comprehensive market research provided city planners with new, vital information enabling Gardiner to implement the next phase of revitalization and development. Specific actions include structural and streetscape enhancements, promoting public/private partnerships with existing and new businesses, The creation of Enterprise Zones for downtown and business park development, creating open spaces for public access, and developing the new 140-acre Libby Hill Business Park.

***Central Maine
Never Looked Better***

Gardiner is characterized by a thriving, forward thinking community complemented by the essence of country living. This diversity makes Gardiner an ideal place for business, living and recreating. A short drive (or boat ride) away is Maine's famous coast and mountain region. These factors, combined with the city's close proximity to the Kennebec River and the Cobbosseecontee Stream, direct access to I-95, I-495 and Route 201, and our central location with access to 75% of Maine's year-round population within a 50-mile radius give Gardiner a clear advantage.

***An ideal place to
grow your business....***

Gardiner exemplifies leadership in economic and community development. The City of Gardiner, working with the Gardiner Board of Trade, area businesses, and local financial institutions has created several programs designed to assist businesses with:

- ★ Site location, planning, and development costs
- ★ Special financing programs
 - Revolving loan fund
 - Loan guarantee program
 - Tax increment financing for designated zones (Libby Hill Business Park, Downtown Gardiner, Associated Grocers Business Park).

Community Highlights

Gardiner is one of the most community oriented cities in Maine. From our schools and cultural attractions to the beautiful natural resources that surround us, Gardiner is an excellent place to raise a family and grow a business. Here are a few highlights:

- ★ Exceptional schools: elementary, middle and high school where major investments in technology have been made.
- ★ Churches of many denominations.
- ★ Historic Gardiner Public Library.
- ★ Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center offers live concerts and classes.
- ★ Retail shopping includes a major food store chain, a major Maine discount store and small shops, plus fine dining and fast food restaurants and other service oriented businesses.
- ★ Health care services plus a regional Alzheimer's center.
- ★ Public dockage on the Kennebec River—which flows to the ocean at Merrymeeting Bay in Bath.
- ★ Waterfront Park with plans to expand the park and develop other public open spaces.

