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**Gardiner Common Site Plan
Public Workshop February 25th**

Gardiner, ME, February 22, 2008 — On January 14th, many residents got together to discuss Gardiner's most visible and historic public park, the Common. Kent Associates presented information about the Common, and then facilitated a discussion on issues surrounding the park. Residents discussed the Common's historic significance, concerns about public safety, maintenance, past, present and future use of the space, and location of the playground, among many other issues. The meeting was extremely useful as people brought up a number of great ideas and important concerns. This process was the first step in helping to build consensus for a Final Site Plan.

In order to reach a final plan, Kent Associates will continue to help guide the City through the process. The next public meeting is scheduled for February 25th at 6:30 PM, to be held at City Hall. Following a presentation, which will include various design options, people will be asked to form focus groups and provide feedback to various design options and other issues. For a complete agenda, please [click here](#). This is a great opportunity to get involved in deciding the future design and use of the Common!

The Common planning project is included in a group of 12 other City planning and design projects, referred to in the Bundled Projects RFP. Several other "bundled" planning projects have started, as well. Most recently, the City held a public meeting on improving access to upper floors in downtown buildings, last night. If interested in learning more about the Common, or other planning projects, please contact Jason at 207-582-6888, or email to econdev@gardinermaine.com. All public meetings are posted on the City's website calendar as soon as they are scheduled, so please check back often!