

**City of Gardiner, Maine**  
**2006 Waterfront Redevelopment Project**  
**Fast Facts**

- Expanding Gardiner's waterfront park site will provide greater access to the Kennebec River for fishing, boating and other outdoor recreational uses, all within walking distance of Gardiner's historic downtown.
- Project will be built in phases. 1<sup>st</sup> phase includes 520 feet of new timber boardwalk. When 2<sup>nd</sup> phase is complete, the project will have 770 feet of continuous boardwalk.
- New boardwalk will have many fishing platforms, all meeting ADA requirements.
- New fender pile system will also accommodate installation of docks, if docks are added in the future.
- A kayak/canoe boat launch will be installed in a cove just beyond the end of the boardwalk and next the new waterfront trail.
- New boardwalk park connects original waterfront park to scenic new waterfront trail. Trail is located on State of Maine easement.
- Approximately ½ mile of shoreline and over 10 acres of public land now combined into an open space and waterfront recreation area.
- Gardiner's waterfront is one of only four public boat launches on the Kennebec River within the 30+ miles between Waterville and Richmond. The amount of public shoreline in such a close proximity to a historic downtown makes this park a true benefit to the City and region alike.
- In close proximity to Kennebec River Rail Trail, which will eventually connect Gardiner with Augusta.
- Land purchased for new waterfront expansion previously hosted a 400,000 gallon oil storage tank (now removed).
- The City has been awarded approximately \$850,000 in grant funding from a number of state agencies. These are: Maine Department of Economic Development; MaineDOT; Maine Department of Conservation and, Land for Maine's Future. All funders have played a key role in making this project happen.

- Gardiner's Rotary Club was instrumental in obtaining the 1<sup>st</sup> area know as the original waterfront park/boat launch area and were also key in obtaining the land for the expansion.
- Gardiner's Waterfront Committee helped shape the vision for the waterfront park expansion. The final design would not have been possible if not for their guidance and recommendations.
- Phase I Boardwalk will be complete in May/June of 2007.
- Future phases, such as additional boat trailer parking and green space for recreation will be installed once more grant funding has been obtained.

### **Original Waterfront/Landing**

- Boat ramp and steel bulkhead constructed in 1984.
- Over 375 lineal feet of docks installed in 1996.