

**Resolution #08-10**

**Downtown Waterfront MITF Grant Application (May 7, 2008)**

Whereas the City of Gardiner's Comprehensive Plan, Waterfront Master Plan and Downtown Revitalization Action Plan cite the Waterfront as a critical component of the Downtown and call for development on the community waterfront.

Whereas continued development of this key parcel would create a destination waterfront park for residents and visitors with the completion of boardwalk, green space, lighting, parking areas and other necessary improvements.

Whereas the site can support a broad range of economic and recreational activities.

Whereas the "Kennebec Corridor" is now recognized, and being celebrated as:

- a) An international "heritage" corridor (Chaudiere Kennebec); and
- b) A branch of the East Coast Greenway
- c) Part of the MDOT supported (four-town) Kennebec River Rail Trail.
- d) Key site within the Kennebec River Initiative's 2008 Corridor Action Plan.

Whereas the expansion of the waterfront will provide significantly increased economic activity in the downtown area.

Therefore, be it resolved that – the Gardiner City Council authorize the submission of a grant application to the Maine Department of Economic & Community Development Maine Investment Trust Fund Program for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. This grant application, which is being submitted in partnership with the City of Augusta, shall request the maximum award of \$500,000 (with \$380,000 requested by Gardiner and \$120,000 requested by Augusta). In turn, the Gardiner will provide match of \$380,000 of cash and in-kind services.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeff Kobrock  
City Manager