

For Immediate Release

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Re: Bike Racks for Bath

BATH- Bath Trails, a collaboration promoting bike and pedestrian trails in Bath, was recently awarded a grant to purchase 15 bicycle racks at a greatly reduced price through a program subsidized by the Maine Department of Transportation and GO Maine Commuter Connections.



For a \$75 tax deductible donation, individuals and businesses can sponsor a rack – increasing Bath’s reputation as a bicycle friendly community, encouraging healthy transportation, and freeing up parking spots. The Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT) sponsored this effort by writing the grant for the subsidized racks and the City of Bath Public Works Department has offered to install them.

The high quality “U” shaped bike racks usually sell for \$206 so this is a great deal for all!

The racks will be installed primarily at recreation areas like South End Park, Thorne Head, Waterfront Park, Varnum Field, Lambert Park Community Center and the northern boat ramp.

The racks are ready for installation by the City. So far six donors have stepped forward to sponsor a rack including Café Crème, Bath Cycle and several individuals.

Bath Trails is a local group devoted to linking and creating a system of trails throughout Bath. Their initial project, scheduled to open this fall, is the Whiskeag Trail – a five mile off-road non-motorized trail from the Bath Area Family YMCA to KELT’s Thorne Head Preserve. Bath Trails is lead by Bath’s Department of Parks and Recreation and the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust. Other participants include: YMCA, Bath schools, Healthy Maine Partnership, Cool Bath, local businesses, bicyclists and interested citizens. The project is in its second year of receiving assistance from the Rivers & Trails program of the National Park Service.

Checks made to Bath Trails can be mailed to P.O. Box 1128, Bath 04530. For more information please contact: Steve Kilburn, Bath Trails, 939-3361, skilburn@yahoo.com, or Steve Balboni, Director of Bath Parks and Recreation, 443-8360, sbalboni@cityofbath.com. A donation form is available at:

www.cityofbath.com/bath_bathtrails.