



# Project Summary 2010

SB-2010-ME-56117: Schoodic Byway  
Prospect Harbor Visitor Access

State Submission Date

Mar 18, 2010

Division Submission Date

Apr 16, 2010

State Priority

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This application must be completed online at <http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/>, and submitted electronically and in printed form.

## Project Category

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Which category best describes the location of this project?

- Project that is associated with a highway that has been designated as a National Scenic Byway, All-American Road, or one of America's Byways.
- Project along a State or Indian tribe scenic byway that is carried out to make the byway eligible for designation as a National Scenic Byway, an All-American Road, or one of America's Byways.
- Project that is associated with the development of a State or Indian tribe scenic byway program.
- Project along a State or Indian tribe scenic byway.

Choose from the following categories of eligible work the type that best fits your project.

- Byway Programs
- Corridor Management
- Safety Improvements
- Byway Facilities
- Access to Recreation
- Resource Protection
- Interpretive Information
- Marketing

Is this application a resubmission of an unfunded project from a previous year?

- Yes
- No

## Project Location

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State(s) involved in project:

Maine

Indicate the byway's regional location within the State. Reference prominent landmarks such as parallel major highways, natural features, counties, or large cities, that makes the byway(s) easy to locate in a road atlas.

Coastal downeast Maine on US Route 1 and State Route 186 in the towns of Hancock, Sullivan, Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor and Acadia National Park.

Briefly describe the project's location(s) on the byway using references to route numbers, byway gateway communities, project location communities and landmarks so any reviewer can identify the project sites.

Prospect Harbor is the eastern terminus of the Schoodic National Scenic Byway. The proposed gateway scenic turnout will be located within a short walk of the end point on the byway. A map indicating the location is attached and at [www.schoodicbyway.org](http://www.schoodicbyway.org).

### Associated Byways

State	Byway Name
ME	Schoodic Scenic Byway

Is this project consistent with the Corridor Management Plan(s) for the byway(s) involved?

- Yes
- No / CMP not available

### Congressional Districts

State	District	Representative (at time of application)
ME	2	Michaud, Michael H.

### Abstract

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#### Project Description

Complete the sentence "This project will..." before adding remaining information.

This project will create a new visitor pull-off area and support walking tours for residents and visitors in the village of Prospect Harbor. Local funds have been committed to land acquisition and village improvements. This grant provides support for land acquisition for a parking area, landscaping, interpretive and way-finding signage and connections to cultural activity areas. The parking area will be located close to the village library that houses books and displays featuring local history and culture.

#### Byway Benefits

Complete the sentence "This project benefits the byway traveler by..." before adding remaining information.

This project benefits the byway traveler by providing more convenient access to the village area with the addition of parking on the east end, interpretive and way-finding information and improved connectivity. Prospect Harbor is an intact fishing community with lobster boats, recreational craft and New England's only sardine cannery. The village is also a cultural center with the town office, a church, library, community center and school all within a short walk. This picturesque setting attracts a summer residents and vacationers, but lacks adequate parking and connectivity for safe and convenient walking tours.

### Narrative

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#### Project Summary

Completely describe all the major elements of your proposed project in a concise but complete summary.

The eastern gateway for the Schoodic National Scenic Byway is located in the small fishing village of Prospect Harbor in the town of Gouldsboro, Maine.

This grant matches local investments to provide a convenient parking and interpretive area for 10 automobiles that will serve visitors and residents. In addition to parking, this facility will include attractive landscaping, places for people to sit while waiting from the summer Island Explorer shuttle bus, and interpretive information about local culture and natural resources.

In addition, this grant matches local efforts to connect this parking area with village facilities with a 300 foot combination sidewalk and trail. Illustrations and a draft plan are attached to this proposal.

## Benefit to Byway Traveler

Describe how the proposed project will benefit a byway traveler, add to their travel experience or fulfill an important objective of your CMP.

Visitors to Prospect Harbor often miss important local activities and displays due to unfamiliarity and inadequate connectivity among the venues. Visitors will benefit from this project by arriving at a pull-off and parking area at the starting point of the byway where they will find information about the village, history and recreational activities.

The Dorcas Library, located next to this parking area maintains historical documents and displays about the region. Dorcas Library also offers a coastal view and opportunity for indoor and outdoor reflection.

Creating a reception area here and improving connectivity to the village will encourage visitors to get out of their cars. These small investments will also increase livability in the community, a factor that appears to be particularly effective in attracting a retaining visitors to coastal Maine.

## Prior Projects

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Describe any relationship between this project and previously funded National Scenic Byways Program grant projects. In addition, discuss how the proposed work relates to any multi-year work plan byway leaders have developed.

Previous grants for the Schoodic National Scenic Byway have funded creation of a gateway facility in Prospect Harbor. This facility leverages limited local parking with open space, a granite sculpture, a small veterans memorial and interpretive signs. This grant builds on the gateway site by adding parking and connectivity to encourage visitors to “come closer.”

## Project Coordinator

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Please provide contact information for a person responsible for this project.

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Title: Senior Planner

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## Work Plan

Milestone/ Task	Start Date	Duration	Responsible Party	Justification
Establish funding agreement with State	AAD*			
Preliminary Engineering	AAD + 1 day*	6 months	MaineDOT, Hancock County Planning Commission	<p>HCPC will work with the Schoodic Byway Corridor Committee, the Town of Gouldsboro and the Maine Department of Transportation to prepare a simple master plan of the visitor area and connecting trail/sidewalk. This step should be completed by the time the land acquisition has been completed in order to move directly to construction.</p> <p>Maine Department of Transportation will prepare the final engineering plan for this facility. The plan will iron out details such as providing adequate drainage, preserving wetlands and providing ADA access.</p>
Property acquisition	AAD + 1 day*	6 months	Prospect Harbor Dorcas Library Association, MaineDOT	<p>The Prospect Harbor Dorcas Library wishes to create a visitor parking area that will serve this small public facility and the village as a whole. They are prepared to contribute the majority of funds toward acquisition. The library provides visitor information on local culture and history. Their free wireless broadband access is extremely popular with visitors.</p> <p>The MaineDOT will lead on acquiring right-of-way for pedestrian ways connecting this facility with other visitor facilities in the immediate village.</p>
Construction Engineering	AAD + 1 day*	12 months	MaineDOT	Construction engineering assures that the project is designed and built correctly and in compliance with local, state and federal laws. This funding will pay for MaineDOT staff to manage the overall design and construction process.
Construction	AAD + 6 months*	6 months	Town of Gouldsboro and HCPC	The Town and HCPC will work together to administer construction of this project. Construction will be carried out in a way to minimize impacts on local traffic movement.

\* AAD = Actual Award Date (estimated to be September 01, 2010)

## Budget

### Cost Breakdown

#	Description	Total Cost	Requested	Match
1.	Preliminary Engineering	45,000	45,000	0
2.	Property Acquisition	168,000	88,000	80,000
3.	Construction Engineering	9,000	9,000	0
4.	Construction	127,200	127,200	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$349,200</b>	<b>\$269,200</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>

### Matching Funds

Source	Type	Description	Amount
Prospect Harbor Dorcas Library Association	Cash		80,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$80,000</b>

### Funding Allocation

Do the byways involved in the project cross any Federal Lands? (Check all that apply)

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- USDA Forest Service

If this project is selected for funding, please indicate your preference for carrying out the project (check one):

- FHWA allocates the funds for the project to the State DOT
- FHWA allocates the funds for the project to one of the Federal Land Management agencies marked above (provide contact information below)
- FHWA allocates the funds for the project to an Indian tribe or tribal government (provide contact information below)

If funding should be allocated to a Federal land management agency or Indian tribal organization, please provide contact information for that organization:

Name:  
Title:  
Organization:  
Address:  
Phone:  
Fax:  
E-mail:

## Application Checklist

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The following statements are for informative purposes. Please read and check each statement.

- I understand that this is a reimbursement program - funds are not available up-front.
- I have reviewed and responded to the Complete Application statements as outlined in the Grants Guidance.
- I have been in touch with the State scenic byway coordinator and have responded to recommendations or requirements of the State.
- I have verified with the State byway coordinator that this proposed project can receive authorization to proceed from the State and FHWA division before the end of the fiscal year for which the application is made.

## Attachments

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Use this as a checklist to verify that all attachments are provided with your printed application.



**Byway Location Map**

The attached Map indicates the location of the Schoodic Byway in Maine. The proposed project is located on the eastern terminus of the byway in the village of Prospect Harbor.

Digital version: [schoodicbywaymap.GIF](#) (40.3 KB)



**Project Budget**

The attached spreadsheet provides detailed costs of the project.

Digital version: [ProspectHarborBudget031810.pdf](#) (22.5 KB)



**Historic Sidewalk**

This photo illustrates the historic wooden walkway that served to connect the village. Clearly the walkway enhanced livability in the community when muddy roads prohibited

walking. Our 21st century challenge is to restore walking in light of higher volumes of traffic. Visitors greatly appreciate walking connections in these historic New England Villages.

Digital version: [prospectharborsidewalksmall.JPG](#) (93.3 KB)



□ **Visitor Area Photographs**

The attached document illustrates existing condition of the proposed site. These include the Dorcas library, waterfront view and the proposed site for the visitor area.

Digital version: [ProspectHarborVisitorArea.pdf](#) (283.1 KB)



□ **Visitor Area Concept Plan**

This illustration highlights utilization of the parcel to be acquired for the parking and interpretive area. Facilities include parking, interpretive signs, picnic tables, a kiosk and landscaping.

Digital version: [concept plan\\_1.jpg](#) (82.2 KB)

## Signatures

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### Application Completeness

I certify that this application is complete and correct, and is eligible for National Scenic Byways funding. (This should be completed by the State's scenic byways coordinator.)

Please print name: Frederick L. Michaud	Title: Maine State Byways Coordinator
Signature:	Date:

### Matching Funds Certification

I certify that the matching funds for this project are available for use at the time of application.

Please print name: Thomas E. Martin	Title: Executive Director, Hancock County Planning Commission
Signature:	Date: