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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Run of River Project seeks to preserve and enhance the Kennebec River Environment to benefit the physical and economic well being of the greater Skowhegan area through:

- Developing recreational and educational potential;
- Conserving and enhancing environmental integrity and natural beauty;
- Recognizing and highlighting historical significance;
- Promoting and assuring safe access and use.

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Seeking to preserve and enhance the Kennebec River environment in the greater Skowhegan area

# THE SKOWHEGAN RUN OF RIVER PROJECT



## THE VISION

The Run of River Project will enable public use of the Kennebec River Gorge and its environs for a diverse and complimentary variety of land and water based recreation activities. This project will serve the needs of local residents and seeks to provide a regionally important attraction that will draw recreationists and tourists to the greater Skowhegan area.

The Run of River Project encompasses the construction of a new whitewater park in the Skowhegan Gorge area of the Kennebec River. Along with enhancements and improvements to existing recreation sites, this project would serve existing recreation facility users, visitors to and residents of the downtown area, and visitors to and residents of the state of Maine. The Run of River project, in addition to potential increased recreation opportunities, would also complement the Town's broader community, tourism, and economic revitalization activities.

## GOALS

The preliminary concept for the Run of River project included five goals:

- River Cleanup
- Habitat Restoration
- Increased Public Access
- Improved & New Hiking Trails
- Improved and New Recreation Facilities including construction of a Whitewater Park.

A feasibility study of the potential project determined that the goals of the committee were conceptually possible to implement and construct, and would require extensive funding.

The feasibility study laid out a critical path which identified specific tasks and activities, working toward full project realization. Essential to these tasks, as outlined below, is acquisition of funding to accomplish engineering and economic studies in support of the project.

## PHASE II

- Secure Study Funding
- Secure Whitewater Design Specialist for preliminary design
- Preliminary Design, sketches, constructability
- Environmental Analysis
- Economic Development Study
- Develop Computer models of hydraulics
- Identify Land Acquisition
- Secure Construction Funding

The committee is currently working towards their funding goals and will accomplish the requisite tasks as funding becomes available. Please send your donations to :

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