



Sebago to the Sea Coalition Members-

City of Westbrook
Cumberland County Healthy Maine Partnerships-
Healthy Casco Bay, Healthy Portland, and
Communities Promoting Health Coalition
Maine Department of Transportation
Mountain Division Alliance
National Park Service, Rivers, Trails &
Conservation Assistance Program
Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (Project
Facilitator)
Presumpscot River Watershed Coalition
Portland Trails
Portland Water District
Town of Falmouth
Town of Gorham
Town of Standish
Town of Windham Parks & Recreation
Department

The *Sebago to the Sea Trail* vision is to establish a contiguous trail from Sebago Lake to Casco Bay connecting Standish, Windham, Gorham, Westbrook, Portland and Falmouth.

The *Sebago to the Sea Trail* project was developed as part of a visioning session of the Presumpscot River Watershed Coalition (PRWC), and is now facilitated by the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT). The idea had been percolating for years. Since 2007, the PRLT has convened a group process and established a Sebago to the Sea Coalition. The Sebago to the Sea project is a fully collaborative initiative, strengthened by its many partners and advisors.

The *Sebago to the Sea Trail* will begin at Sebago Lake and follow primarily the Presumpscot River, ending at Casco Bay. Much of the trail is already in place, including the 10-foot wide bicycle and pedestrian trail along the Mountain Division Rail Corridor and trails that are part of Portland Trails' 32-mile network. The Standish end of the trail is envisioned on Portland Water District's Sebago Lake Land Reserve.

The *Sebago to the Sea Trail* will enhance a variety of natural and recreational resources in this growing suburban area and will help link the city of Portland to the shores of beautiful Sebago Lake. Much of it will be accessible for off-road bikes, and some of it will be accessible for commuters on bicycle and people of all abilities.

In addition to creating a regional trail, this project will also-

- promote greater land conservation and public access
- enhance watershed protection efforts along the Presumpscot River
- connect a network of green spaces and trails in southern Maine
- increase opportunities for healthy outdoor exercise
- raise awareness of the cultural heritage of the area including the Cumberland and Oxford Canal, the Mountain Division Rail Line and the native Abenaki people
- provide public awareness of existing trails and projects in the Presumpscot River Watershed
- generate visitors and economic activity
- strengthen collaborative partnerships within the Presumpscot River Watershed to enhance future efforts benefiting the region

Join us this fall for Regional Public Meetings to learn more about the project-
September 9th, 5:30-7:00 pm, Standish/Windham/Gorham- meeting location TBA
September 16th, 5:30-7:00 pm, Westbrook- meeting location TBA
September 30th, 5:30-7:00 pm, Falmouth/Portland- meeting location TBA

To be added to our Public Meeting announcements list, get involved in a Regional Committee, or participate in a site walk- contact Tania Neuschafer, Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, prlandtrust@yahoo.com or check our website www.sebagotothesea.org.