

November 23, 2008

Planning Department
City of Ellsworth
1 City Hall Plaza
Ellsworth, Maine 04605

Re: Bikes Belong Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:



Many thanks to the City of Ellsworth Planning staff for giving the East Coast Greenway Alliance an opportunity for input on the Bikes Belong grant proposal. I have viewed the draft documents on the City's web page and want to demonstrate strong support for this project.

The proposed bike path will clearly provide improved opportunities for recreational and commuter biking. Specifically, the project will accomplish the following:

- Linking existing bikeways will create an important new cross connection and a new possibility for major bike routes.
- Increased bicycling will improve the general health of the community and conserve energy.
- Additional bicycle commuters will decrease road traffic and congestion in the urban area.
- The City's status as a service center and "Lifestyle Center" for the region will be enhanced.

The East Coast Greenway Alliance is happy to support this application and hope the LAB sees fit to award money to the City of Ellsworth for this most worthy project. The trails in Maine are beginning to be connected and that is the goal of many organizations up here. Your assistance will be most appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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