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RSU #38 AND READFIELD TO DEDICATE NEWEST WALKING TRAIL

RSU #38 and the Town of Readfield will dedicate its newest walking trail on the morning of Saturday, October 25th from 9:00 – 10:30. The new trail begins at the RSU #38 Superintendents' Office on Millard Harrison Drive and connects an existing path to Maranacook Community School with the trails on the Readfield Fairgrounds property. The new trail winds up through an open field offering panoramic views over Maranacook Lake.

“Ten years ago the only way to walk between the school and the village was on the shoulders of busy roads. We now have a wonderful network of interconnected trails and sidewalks for kids and adults to travel on and use for exercise,” stated RSU #38 Superintendent, Donna Wolfrom. “Over two miles of scenic and safe paths right in the middle of the village – what a fantastic asset for the school and the community.”

The dedication will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting at the Superintendent's Office followed by guided walks on the new trails led by members of the Readfield Trails Committee. Readfield Historian, Dale Potter Clark, will provide a brief history of the Readfield Fairgrounds. Refreshments will be served at the Superintendent's Office after the walks. Dedication will happen rain or shine.

The project was funded through a grant to RSU #38 from the Recreational Trails Program administered by the Maine Department of Agriculture Conservation & Forestry. The local match for the grant was provided by the Readfield Trails Committee which contributed over 150 hours of tractor work and an additional 200 hours of manual labor to expand and improve the trails on the Readfield Fairgrounds property over the past two years.

“These trails have been designed and constructed to be accessible to people of all ages and abilities, including those with disabilities, stated Milt Wright, Chair of the Readfield Trails Committee. “They have a crushed gravel all-weather surface with very easy grades. Very few towns in Maine can offer its residents and visitors comparable in-town trail and sidewalk walking opportunities.”

The interconnected network of trails and sidewalks connects major destinations in Readfield including Maranacook Community School, the Village Center, the Town Beach, and the Town Office. It creates many loop opportunities up to two miles in length for walkers and runners.