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Mission Statement

The Roosevelt International Trail (RIT) is proposed as an unprecedented coastal trail system extending around Passamaquoddy Bay and the Saint Croix River located along Eastern Maine and Western New Brunswick, Canada. The RIT will consist of over a hundred miles of improved trail for hiking, biking and major portions are planned to be wheel chair accessible. The trail will be a world class destination offering a variety of venues and scenery. The goal of the RIT is to provide a contiguous trail looping on or as close as possible to the scenic vistas of Passamaquoddy Bay and surrounding villages.

Points to Consider

1. When completed and linked with the Downeast Sunrise Trail, the RIT will be a part of a continuous hiking and biking trail system linking Brewer, Maine to the Canadian towns of St. Andrews, St. George, St. Stephen and Campobello and Deer Islands.
2. The Canadian portion of the proposed trail includes 125 miles of trail. The U.S. portion includes over 35 miles of trail. Combined this will produce a coastal loop including 160 miles of trail.
3. The trail will link the communities of Campobello Island, Eastport, Sipayik, Perry, Robbinston, Calais, St. Stephen, St. Andrews, St. George, Deer Island and many other small communities.
4. The trail will provide not only a draw for tourists bringing money to the region but also a year round recreational resource for local residents.

Where will the trail be built?

The trail will cross both public and private lands. Sections of the trail will be routed alongside existing roads or atop abandoned roads. Other sections will need to be built from scratch. Tax incentives will be offered to landowners who permit the trail to cross their property.

Project Funding

The project will be funded using a combination of private donations and state and federal recreation grants. A non-profit organization will be established to seek funding and oversee construction and long-term maintenance. The initial study has been paid for by Sidney and Nancy Unobskey in combination with the St. Croix Recreation Foundation.

