



PENOBSCOT CLIMATE ACTION

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Happy National Bike Month!

In celebration, this newsletter will share bicycle and pedestrian safety tips, local bike/ped initiatives, and how improving active transportation can support our climate and community goals.

Bicycle Coalition of Maine Resources

BCM works to make Maine a better and safer place to bike, walk, and roll. Check out the links below to find bicycle safety tips (as a cyclist or motorist), how to select a helmet, how to maintain your bike, and more!

[BIKE/PED
EDUCATIONAL
RESOURCES](#)

[SAFETY TIPS
FOR
BICYCLISTS](#)

[MAINE'S
BICYCLING
LAWS](#)

Active Transportation Strategies In Our Climate Plan

Check out the following PCA Recommendations for more information about how our region can support pedestrians and bicyclists.

- [Toolkit #5 \(Foster Complete and Walkable Neighborhoods\)](#)
- [Phase 2: Appendix A \(Additional Strategies\)](#)



High Potential
to build community
resilience



Moderate Potential
to achieve greenhouse gas
emissions reductions

Local Bike/Ped Initiatives

City of Bangor: The City is working on expanding and improving active transportation infrastructure (such as bike lanes and sidewalks) to improve safety and access. Some exciting project locations include: State St, York St, Center St, and Harlow St.

City of Brewer: The City is in the early stages of implementing new zoning for land along the Penobscot River to make downtown a more walkable area. Brewer also received a grant from Maine Bureau of Public Lands for a trail and river overlook project.

MaineDOT: The State is beginning work to replace the I-95 interchange (exit 187, Hogan Rd in Bangor) to improve motorist and pedestrian safety. The project will include protected sidewalks across the overpass.

Northern Light Health: The Northern Light Health system is looking to harness the therapeutic power of nature by installing a walking trail behind Acadia Hospital and an accessible walking path behind EMMC. Bike racks have also been installed at both hospital locations.

Penobscot Nation: The Penobscot Nation's Medicine Trail boardwalk is undergoing a full replacement to improve safety, accessibility, and visitor experience. This upgrade preserves the trail's cultural and environmental significance while ensuring long-term sustainability.

City of Old Town: A municipal initiative in Old Town is working on preliminary plans for trail development.

Town of Orrington: The Town is developing two different business parks which include walking trails. They also have a Landing Project which includes trails on the Penobscot River.

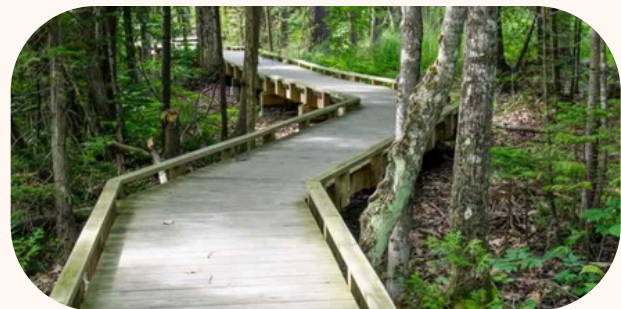
Region wide: As part of the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All program, several communities in the region are using low cost and temporary materials to test whether an altered road design can improve safety, reduce speeds, and reduce crashes. The following locations are scheduled for installation this year:

- Bangor: Hammond St. & Union St. intersection
- Bradley: Cram St.
- Hampden: Main St. North (by the Skehan Center)
- Orono: Route 2 & Westwood Dr. intersection
- Veazie: Chase Rd. (between Davis Dr. and Route 2)

LOCAL PHOTOS



Bike rack at EMMC



Penobscot Nation's Medicine Trail Boardwalk

THANK YOU FOR FOLLOWING ALONG!

Visit the project website for more information or to get involved:
<https://www.penobscotclimateaction.org/>