



**NOW OPEN First Five Miles
Biddeford-Arundel-Kennebunk Section**



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MaineDOT Commissioner David Cole cuts the ribbon as Kennebunk's Recreation Director Brian Costello, Biddeford Mayor Joanne Twomey, and Arundel Selectwoman Velma Jones Hayes hold the ribbon.

On a crisp clear November morning, Eastern Trail Management District, joined by 60+ supporters, celebrated opening the first section of trail south of the Saco River.

ETA President John Andrews presented awards of appreciation to each of the three towns newly connected by the Eastern Trail. He thanked them for sharing our vision and their generous support and patience even as towns to their north were enjoying the ET within their borders.

ETA also presented awards of appreciation to HNTB for project design, to Brown Industrial Group (BIG) for project construction, to Unutil for granting permission to build the ET on its corridor, to Southern Maine Medical Center for donating ET

parking space, and to Commissioner Cole for supporting the ET during his eight years as Maine Commission of Transportation.

Senator Collins, represented by Bobbie Reynolds, sent her greetings. Judy Haley, VP of BIG, designed and presented opening ceremony T-shirts for speakers and those who came to celebrate.



Photography by Alan Perkins

Kennebunk River ET Bridge Now Connects Arundel with Kennebunk

After the ribbon cutting, two groups formally initiated and enjoyed the new section to Kennebunk : student bikers from the Community Bicycle Center led by Andy Grief; and walkers led by Tom Daley.

Further enhancement are in the wings, including way-finding and informational signs, benches, additional parking, and connecting the final mile to West Kennebunk.

For Jim Bucar's opening ceremony photos see:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/53937668@N05/sets/72157625510802584/>

For Steve Minich's WMTW TV8 opening ceremony segment see:

<http://www.wmtw.com/video/25965096/detail.html>



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Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Presents Award to ETMD

In a ceremony at the Augusta Civic Center, IF&W recognized ETMD as The Outstanding Maine Land User Group of 2009. Considering the hundreds of older organizations that use Maine's Great Outdoors, ETMD was both astonished and humbled by this unexpected honor.

Paul Fecteau, Real Estate Analyst for Central Maine Power Company, nominated ETMD after it had built trail on CMP's land in OOB. CMP has also graciously granted ETMD use of its land in Scarborough and Saco.

IF&W, having granted ETMD permission to build the ET on its land on Scarborough Marsh, reminds all of us:

**Accessing Private Land Is Not a Right.
It's a Privilege.**

Trout Swim on Old Rail Corridor

Between Rte. 35 and the Maine Turnpike, where tracks were removed in 1945, ground water created a trout stream above Unutil's high pressure natural gas pipeline. With Department of Environmental Protection, and gas company safety engineers guiding the challenge, a new stream route was developed as shown below.



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Before ET — Trout Stream



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After — Trout Stream Beside ET

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