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Piscataquis County Economic Development Council Receives \$500 Plum Creek Foundation Grant

GREENVILLE, Maine – The Piscataquis County Economic Development Council (PCEDC) recently received a \$500 grant from the Plum Creek Foundation to help fund improvements to the parking lot at the Appalachian Trailhead, and the company is also supplying boulders for use in the project.

The Appalachian Trail crosses Route 15 in Monson, and the location marks the beginning of at least 100 miles of the Appalachian Trail before the ascent to the top of Mt. Katahdin. The trailhead is utilized as a starting point for hikers, outdoor enthusiasts and mountain climbers. As a heavily used parking lot, the PCEDC is working to create a more clearly defined and maintained parking lot at the trailhead, which will increase both its safety and attractiveness. The project will include creating a green space buffer along the road, re-grading the parking lot and adding new gravel and crushed slate, blocking access to two logging roads with boulders, and posting parking lot signage along the highway.

“The increased popularity of recreational and outdoor tourism has created a surge of visitors to the Appalachian Trail, and this parking lot is a popular access point to the area’s trail system,” said Ken Woodbury, community development specialist. “With the help of Plum Creek’s generous grant, we are excited to complete this project and provide area residents and tourists a better place to begin their outdoor adventures.”

The mission of the Plum Creek Foundation is to provide philanthropic contributions to support and improve the general welfare of life in the communities that Plum Creek serves. The Foundation board meets quarterly to review applications submitted from organizations in the company’s operating communities. Visit the Community Involvement page on Plum Creek’s Web site at www.plumcreek.com to download an application.

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