

Commissioner Bruce A. Van Note
State of Maine Dept of Transportation
16 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0016

RE: Federal Highway Administration FY 2024 National Scenic Byway Grant Program
Application project titled – **Schoodic National Scenic Byway Discovery & Recreation Hub**

Dear Commissioner Van Note:

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the Town of Sullivan, ME is writing in support of the National Scenic Byway Program Grant application: **Schoodic National Scenic Byway Discovery & Recreation Hub**

This Byway Project, if funded, will abut the Town of Sullivan's playground and skateboard park, the Sullivan Town library and our local Historical Society. The location will enhance access and drive economic benefit to everyone in the community by creating a significantly visible outdoor recreation area and an attractive visitor center at the entrance to the Coastal Downeast Route One corridor.

The Town of Sullivan Parks and Recreation Committee is committed to supporting this project by fund raising, grant writing and volunteer recruitment. We have already begun to identify small grant opportunities that can support this project while meeting our organizational mission to provide facilities, spaces and programs that enrich the lives of Sullivan residents and visitors to our community.

We have been working on the concept and development of this project for two years; meeting with community members, surveying residents and reaching out to other organizations to build a shared vision for the Schoodic Byway Recreational Hub. There is no doubt the project will be a recreational, social, cultural and economic asset to the Schoodic community, Maine Department of Transportation, and visitors to the State of Maine.

Sincerely,

Town of Sullivan - Parks and Recreation Committee

Bonnie Sparks, Misty Gleason, Gary Edwards, Yvette Grindle, Don Snokes, Kim Brooks,
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