

Machias Dike History

1835

Private toll bridge in operation

1845

Private bridge purchased by Town of Machias

1866

State Legislature authorized Town of Machias to build dike across the Middle River

1868

Dike completed

1877

Machias Park opened to public

1890s

Dike enlarged for Washington County Railroad

1930

Current structure built (upstream section)

1944

Structure widen downstream

2008

Repairs made to Dike Bridge/ Concrete slab built over box underneath road

2009

December MaineDOT initial public meeting

2011

MaineDOT completes surveying work

2013

Sewer line extend to east end of causeway

2014

MaineDOT feasibility study begins

2018

MaineDOT identifies in-kind replacement as preferred alternative

2020

Federal resource agencies indicated concerns with preferred alternative

2020

MaineDOT commits to reevaluating all reasonable alternatives

2021

MaineDOT public meetings on alternatives, (March and September)

2022

MaineDOT identifies bridge as preferred alternative