

#1 - The Baskahegan River

Features

- Mix of flat water, fast water, some rapids and lake
- 8 miles of flat water/lake navigable all seasonal
- Multiple maintained campsites
- East grand HS outdoor program/ Dave Conley worked on building and maintaining campsites with Stetson Fund/TIFF \$
- Paddle segment of East Grand Adventure Race held for 15 years on Baskahegan stream
- Baskahegan Co. is main land owner supportive of river use/ elevating stream to water trail designation
- Good bass fishing

Limitations

- Water above lake available only in spring high water
- Water below lake available only in spring high water
- Some rocky spots in low water sketchy/Hells Rips

Benefit to Local Economy

- Regional waterway recognition will attract more interest
- Extends water trips for tri-county region for 1-3-day trips for guided or DIY trips
- Increases access for fishing and boating for local cabins/lodges
- local business grocery, gas, eating, hardware

Infrastructure Priorities

1. Signage
2. Identify organization and funding for ongoing support for maintenance
3. Add parking areas for canoe put-in sites + portage
4. Launch improvement
5. Improve launch in downtown Danforth - remove building blight near and around
6. Research historic site at confluence of Baskahegan and Mattawamkeag – opportunity?
7. Develop increased Website presence for the river

