

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 27, 2020

To: Greater East Grand Region Planning Group – Trails Committee

From: Elbridge

Re: Recommendation to prepare and print a Brochure for the Baskahegan River Water Trail

If for no reason other than to recognize of all of the past (and current) efforts of Roger Milliken Jr. , the Staff and permission of the Baskahegan Company, Dave Conley of Canoe the Wild, the East Grand School Outdoor Ed Students, the East Grand Adventure Race, funding from the Stetson Mtn Fund, Staff of the Forest Society of Maine, Members of the Advisory Committee, and most recently, the Trails Committee Members and Project Leader of the Greater East Grand Region Economic Planning Group, it is only fitting to prepare a printed brochure highlighting all of the participants and accomplishments embodied in the Baskahegan River Water Trail.

The above recommendation takes nothing away from the promotional work of Dave Conley on the Baskahegan River as found on his Canoe the Wild website at:

<https://canoethewild.com/baskahegan-stream-canoe-trips/> as well as the East Grand Outdoor Ed Student campsite restoration and development work found at <https://canoemaine.wordpress.com/2013/01/26/baskahegan-lake-project-report-2/> and <https://canoemaine.wordpress.com/2013/09/08/baskahegan-stream-campsite-project-summer-2013/>. Most recently, Dave has written narratives and worked with Maine Trail Finder to hoist the Baskahegan River up on the Maine Trail Finder website at: <https://www.mainetrailfinder.com/trails/trail/baskahegan-stream-race-course-and-paddling-route>

I assume a hard copy brochure could be distributed throughout the Region including at sporting camps. Lodges and campgrounds. Research into water trail websites usually have available a PDF of the brochure. For example see west branch brochure from BPL: https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parksearch/PropertyGuides/PDF_GUIDE/prc-seboomook-guide.pdf

Therefore, I propose submitting an application (due end of week) to the Forest Society of Maine for a \$500 grant under the 2020 Stetson Mountain Fund to begin brochure work for the Baskahegan River Water Trail. I have spoken to Dave Conley and he estimates the out-of-pocket cost for a trifold brochure at Lincoln Country Printing (Does Canoe the Wild material) at approximately \$1200.00. It will take considerable time to draft and review information about the history of the River and people, descriptions of the major natural features, recognition of all who help make it happen, rules of the trail, safety, web references to digital materials, potential guides and outfitters etc, etc. Much of the material including pictures, etc are available on Canoe the Wild website.

Unless I hear to the contrary I will prepare an application for the Forestry Society of Maine along the lines as described above. (Maybe should apply for full funding knowing monies to complete are not likely to be made available this year).