

# GRAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT

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November 17, 2009

Dear Friend of Libby Hill,

This time last year we sent out our first appeal in the Save Libby Hill Campaign. You may recall that our goal was to pay off a \$160,000 loan we took out to buy a 29 acre parcel from the Hancock Land Corp. I'm pleased to report that with the generous support of trail users and supporters we've raised \$136,500, leaving us \$23,500 more to raise by June 2010.


You may already know that the Libby Hill Forest is Cumberland County's hottest free, year-round, multi-purpose recreation area. There truly is something for everyone. At various times of the year you can find people hiking, trail-running, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, horseback riding, mountain biking, bird watching, geo-caching, and orienteering. But don't just take my word for it- here's what a few of our trail users say:

- "Great set of trails! Wonderfully maintained!! Beautiful snow grooming!! Thank you!"
- "Just rode the trails for the first time today- great mountain biking hidden out there! Keep me posted on any work dates to complete the Ghost trail or creating other trails."
- "Please don't change a thing. It is a wonderful place for peace and exercise close to home."
- "I have hiked many mountains/trails in my short life time, but I have to say that your trail system was the most thoroughly marked that I have ever seen. It was well blazed, and it was really nice at each of the trail junctures to find a trail map. That was just phenomenal... I plan on coming back much more, as well as raving about you to all the people I know!!!"

Every time I use the trails on Libby Hill, at any time of day, in any season, I feel so lucky to have them. A few weeks ago the Canadian geese were making a racket on the pond as I jogged out Turkey Trot, and the brilliant red leaves of the maple trees on Moose Odyssey stood out against the deep blue autumn sky. I felt proud that we have come together to save this land from development, and deep satisfaction that, long after I am gone, a runner on Turkey Trot might smile to hear the geese quarreling on a crisp fall afternoon.

These are hard economic times and many people are struggling. Yet during times like this we also focus on the things that are truly important in our lives. Your individual donation, whatever you can afford, will help us meet our goal of preserving these wonderful trails that give such joy to all who use them. **Checks may be made out to Gray Community Endowment, and sent to us at PO Box 1376, Gray, ME 04039.** You can also donate online at the [www.libbyhill.org](http://www.libbyhill.org) website. GCE is a 501c3 nonprofit, so donations can be tax deductible.

We deeply appreciate your support, and look forward to seeing you on Libby Hill!



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