

## MEMORANDUM

To: Bowdoinham Selectboard  
From: Yvette Meunier, Director of Planning & Development  
Date: February 3, 2026  
Re: Recommendation for Community Action Grant Application

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### **Recommendation:**

In July the Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) was granted permission to apply for a \$75,000 no-match Community Action Grant (CAG) through the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future's Community Resilience Partnership Program to hire a consultant to write a municipal Open Space Plan with the CPC using community input. The goal is to survey the public through events, websites, and other engagement activities to find out where the town should be focusing on conservation efforts and recreation opportunities, and where commercial and residential developments efforts should be directed. The Open Space Plan will act as a community-oriented guide to elected and appointed town leadership decision-making, that identifies high-priority properties to protect, acquire, or bridge connectivity between. To create an equitable future, all residents should have an opportunity to share their voice and influence planning efforts in the town they call home.

We are pleased to inform you that Bowdoinham's application has been selected and we are asking for permission to accept the grant funds.

### **Proposed Scope**

- February 2026 – Prepare project narrative and bid documents.
- March 2026 – Bid opening and review/Bid award
- March 2026 – February 2027 – Data gathering, public engagement.
- March - May 2027 – Final Plan development and review by project partners
- June 2027 – Town Meeting Adoption
- January – December 2027 – Ordinance Review & Draft Ordinance Changes Based on Open Space Plan