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I am Clare Stansberry, a resident of Bowdoinham, Maine, and I am writing this in enthusiastic support for the Merrymeeting trail. I grew up in central Montana, and have lived in Maine for most of my adult life. My hometown, Lewistown, went through the process of converting an unused rail line to a trail when I was a teenager. In the 2 decades since then, the trail has grown, expanded, and connected the community in ways that I never predicted. As a high schooler I was able to bike to school. The path began as gravel and over time funding was secured to pave it.

When I think about the change I want for my current community, I know that having a similar connective trail would link Bowdoinham, Richmond, Topsham, Brunswick, Gardiner and transform how the community moves between those places. It would be an incredible gift to our communities to have such a resource.

Please support this effort, it "ought to pass!"