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I am in favor of developing a multi-use gravel trail to connect to Topsham, Bowdoinham, Richmond and Gardiner that can be used for walking, biking, and horseback riding similar to the Eastern trail which I have ridden horses on and easily shared with bikers and hikers.

As more land has become private and trails closed off it forces equestrians, bikers and walkers to the sides of the road which is a safety concern for all. The increase of people using the trails would benefit the small local businesses in these towns which struggle to stay open. I have shared multi-use trails in nearby states of N.H. and Vt., both states have established a system of trails successfully from old railroad beds. Thank you for your work and please vote "Ought to Pass".