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Good morning,

My name is Ken Nelson and I live at 565 Middle Rd, Steep Falls, ME 04085. I would like to commit my support to having the railway repurposed for a public recreational bike and hike trail. I was raised in the Northern Virginia area and have witnessed first-hand what a similiar repurposing of the Washington & Old Dominion railway did for that area many years ago. It created boundless recreational opportunities to countless individuals of all walks of life. It was an economic boom to the local merchants and businesses that existed and subsequently emerged directly from the repurposing. To this day, that bike and hike trail continues to enhance the lives and livelihood of so many residents and business owners and entire neighborhoods have sprouted along its path. Not investing the money and time to this similar project would be the opposite of a public service for the greater good. Thank you for you time.