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Groton Planning Commission to host Open House at the Future Gateway Park

Groton, VT (June 11, 2024): The Groton Planning Commission is seeking public comment in developing a community vision for the Groton Gateway Park Master Plan. The Town of Groton will soon be acquiring the former Lower Groton Hydroelectric Dam property which is adjacent to existing town property (the former stump dump & town gravel pit) on Little Italy Road. This acquisition will allow for expanded public use and recreational access along the Wells River adjacent to the railbed trail and across the River from the Village Center.

Developed concurrently with recreation project improvements to the Groton railbed and in conjunction with Cross Vermont Trail and VAST Trail system, the proposed Groton Gateway Park Master Plan seeks to enhance community use and recreational access on Town land while ensuring appropriate conservation and land management practices for the area within the Wells River floodplain.

All community members and recreational users of the railbed are invited to attend the public meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm just off Little Italy Road in Groton, Vermont, with a brief project presentation overview at 6:15pm. The location of the meeting is the town-owned property on Little Italy Road. To get to the open house, turn onto Little Italy Road from Powder Spring Road and follow the signs for the Open House (Approximately 1/4-mile down on the left).

For those who cannot attend, there will be an opportunity to provide feedback via a survey posted to the town's website during the public comment period from June 26 to July 14, 2024. The public's input will play an important role in shaping the future community use and recreational access in Groton Gateway Park.

Visit the Town's website at www.grotonvt.com to learn more about the event and to participate in the public comment process.