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## NEW AUBURN RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AND PRESS CONFERENCE

AUBURN, ME. -- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Barker Mill Trail Extension on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 1:00 PM near the entrance to the Barker Arms Apartments on Mill Street in Auburn. The new quarter mile trail connects Downtown New Auburn to the Barker Mill Trail and provides a safe eight foot wide walking path for residents of New Auburn and residents at the Barker Arms Apartments.

The project was funded through a Federal Highway Administration Recreational Trails Grant, a program run by the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands. Doug Greene, City Planner and project manager said, "We were very fortunate to submit a good project that helps build Auburn's trail system and to have the support of local businesses and the United New Auburn Neighborhood Association. We're seeing lots of users on the trail already!"

Besides a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the trail, a press conference will be held regarding the City of Auburn's Northern Borders Regional Commission grant application. The grant application was submitted to seek funding to construct phase one of the New Auburn Village Center Plan. Mayor Jonathan LaBonté and City Councilor Leroy Walker will be on hand to discuss the grant and a River Day celebration planned for September 17, 2016.

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