



September 16, 2025

Maine Trails Program
Bureau of Parks and Lands
54 Independence Drive
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Maine Trails Program Review Committee,

We are writing as members of the Casco Selectboard in support of funding for Loon Echo Land Trust's Rolfe Hill Trails Project.

Rolfe Hill Forest was recently conserved by Loon Echo Land Trust after being identified within a conservation focus area within Casco's 2006 Open Space Plan. The property provides important connectivity to other open space areas and trail systems and has long been used by a variety of recreational users. The property is already seeing significantly increased recreational use by the local community thanks to a new parking area and loop trail constructed by LET in 2024. The Selectboard is particularly enthusiastic about the new trails at Rolfe Hill that would be built to accommodate adaptive mountain bikers and other adaptive trail users – as this project proposes.

In January of 2024, the residents of Casco adopted a new Comprehensive Plan. The Plan states that "Residents expressed the desire to have increased access to the outdoors but noted the difficulties in accessibility." The plan recommends to "seek private and public funding to expand the number of trails and pedestrian/bicycle paths" and to "create trails and water access points that are ability-inclusive."

We fully support this proposal because it aligns with the vision that the residents of Casco have for our community. We encourage you to give it the highest possible consideration.

Sincerely,

Grant Plummer, Chair

Robert MacDonald, Vice Chair

Mary Fernandes, Member

Scott Avery, Member

Eugene Connolly, Member