Maine Trails Coalition
Strategic Convening on Long-Range Trail Funding
July 20, 2026
90 Blossom Lane (Deering 101), Augusta

Overview:

12-1pm - Room available to assemble, set up, eat lunch, etc.
1-4pm - Formal meeting (20-30 participants)
4-5pm - Informal conversations, departures

Purpose: to bring key players to the table, listen closely, and help support a collaborative framework that serves everyone

Anticipated outcomes:

1. **Understand current work** and existing initiatives happening across this sector.
2. **Gauge future strategies** that could successfully secure permanent, long-term funding for Maine's outdoor spaces.
3. **Identify how the MTC can best support** this collective effort over the next year of foundational groundwork.

Agenda

1. Welcome & logistics (1:00-1:15)
2. **Context - current funding landscape overviews** (1:15-1:45)
    a. Maine's conservation and trails/outdoor rec funding ecosystem
    b. Statewide considerations
    c. Funding mechanics
4. **Small Group Discussions** (1:45-2:35 - *includes room transition*)
    a. What are the urgent, shared **needs** across our sectors right now?
    b. What are the primary **barriers** or fears when it comes to partnering across sectors?
    c. Where might our **future strategies** naturally overlap or align?
5. **Report out & Synthesis** (2:35-3:00)
6. BREAK (10 min)
7. **Full Group Discussion** (3:10-close)
    a. Based on the alignments identified so far, what is the most critical bridge we can build together over the next 12 months? (20 mins)
    b. To keep this momentum moving forward over the next year without overextending any single organization, what are manageable ways our organizations can advance a piece of this foundational groundwork? (20 mins)
8. Closing, announcements
9. Adjourn 4pm