



Main Street Skowhegan January 2011
Draft Template for Economic Restructuring/ Downtown Planning

Instructions: please feel free to fill in as much detail as you know-this is a first draft only

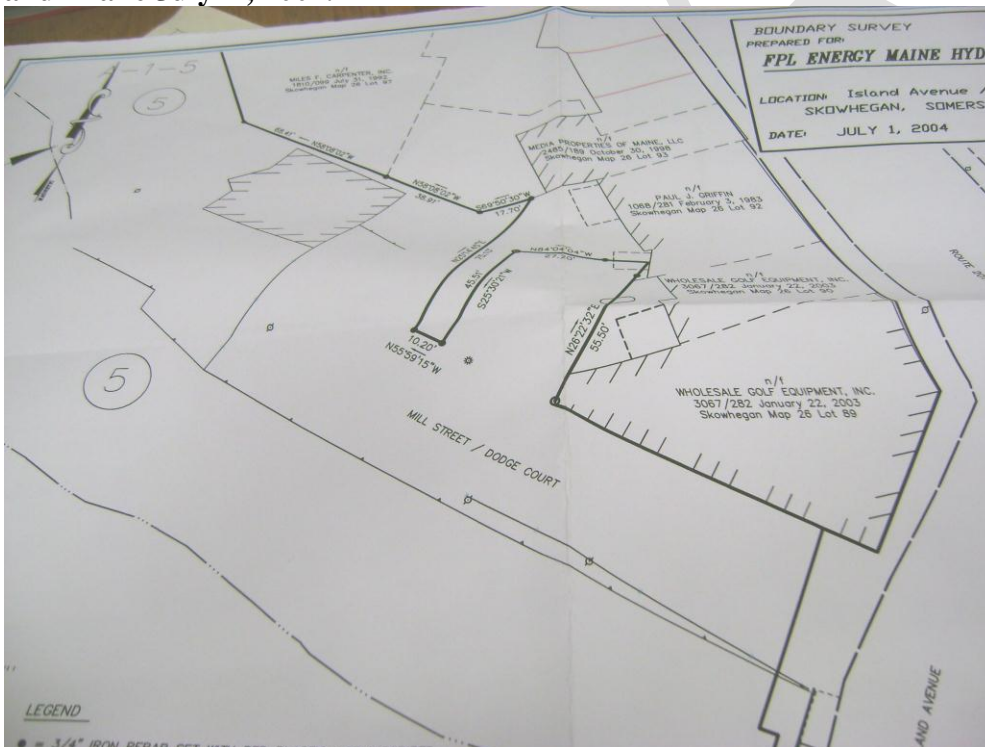
Project Name: **Dodge Court Parking Lot**

Project Type: Infrastructure, Transportation and Traffic, Economic Development, Public Safety, Environmental, Waterfront Development, Public Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, etc. (Pick as many as apply, or add others)

Infrastructure, Transportation and Traffic, public safety.

Summary: History, Progress to Date, Timeline for next phase, collaboration partners and lead agency/individual, existing plans, specs and data

Dodge court has been under dispute for many years, the town may have some rights along dodge court. The area at the end of Dodge Court has multi owners as shown on the Boundary Survey done by Sackett and Brake July 1 , 2004.



The problems of this area is multi, minimum parking, high hazard entrance and exit, and visual impact on the downtown. The existing parking is extremely rough and hazardous to vehicles.

FPL has express interest in working to make changes in the area.



Scope of Work by phase

- **Total Survey and Elevation of area**
- **To make the existing entrance to Dodge court one way, no exits**
- **To Regrade the parking area to allow more and better parking**
- **To establish a new Exit/Entrance to Elm st.**
- **To landscape the area as a entrance to downtown.**

Sample done by Terry Dewan in 1999 (Part of the Riverfront Renaissance Project)

This is not the final design



Cost (total and breakdown, if possible)

Renaissance Project

Dodge Court to Elm Street			Cost Estimate
Roadway	500	18	\$30,000.00
Parking	150	32	\$17,500.00
easements			\$15,000.00
Surveying			\$4,000.00
Misc20%			\$13,300.00
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Total Estimate			\$79,800.00

Jobs created

With increase safe parking, business would have increased income, which in the long run cause increase employment.

Public health, education, quality of life benefit

Public safety would be a major plus for this project. At this time all vehicles enter and exit off the Water St. entrance, which is a extremely hazardous location. The large trucks of FPL have many times come very close to having accidents because of the line of sight.

Historic significance

Dodge Court had many different mills over the years and you can still see the foundations along the river banks.

Public Participation and sponsors (historically and/or potentially)

- **Possible DOT safety funds**
- **Possible State Bond (Downtown)**
- **Some Town funds**
- **????**

Potential Funders

- **FPL**
- **Susan Blaisdall, Personal Representative M26 Lot 89**
- **Eugene Behn M 26 L 90**
- **Paul Griffin M 26 Lot92**
- **Media Properties of Maine M26 L93**
- **Dave Ellis M26 L94**
- **Chuck Carpenter M26 Lot 97**
- **Town of Skowhegan**

These are all of the owners of the sites.

Public and Municipal impact

This project would improve safety, attractiveness of the downtown, and increase parking.

Presented by: