

**C. FIVE YEAR WORK PLAN, 1 APRIL 2012 - 31 MARCH 2017**  
**(Preliminary draft to be revised by the Executive Committee)**

*"We are faced with insurmountable opportunities."--Pogo*

**Volunteer Recruiting and Training**

A preliminary schedule for MATC 2012 workshops is presented in Table 1. Additional training sessions may be scheduled during the year and will be posted on the MATC web site ([www.matc.org](http://www.matc.org)). **Responsibility:** Workshop leaders

**Table 1. Workshop Schedule for 2012**

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Leader/Host</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Training</b>
21,22 April	MATC/ATC	Skowhegan	Chainsaw
28 April	MATC/ATC	Skowhegan	Chainsaw re-certification
2 June	Dave Field	Blanchard	Corridor monitoring
9 June	Dave Field	Caratunk	Corridor monitoring
6,7 October	MATC/ATC	Windham	Chainsaw

**Work Trip Schedule**

The Maine Appalachian Trail Club's schedule for Club-wide work on the Trail during 2012 is presented in Table 2. (Details are available in the "2012 MATC Work Trip Schedule" at [www.matc.org/worktrips.htm](http://www.matc.org/worktrips.htm)). Maine Trail Crew (MTC) projects are a joint venture of the MATC with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Maine Conservation Corps. Conservancy volunteers join the six-person MCC teams each week. A prioritized project list for 2011-2017, including an historical record of work accomplished from 2005-2010, is presented in Appendix G1.

**Table 2. MATC, Club-wide work trip schedule for 2012.**

<b>Start Date(s)</b>	<b>Leader/Host</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Work</b>
	MCC-PLC	West Baldpate Mt.	Rock waterbars and steps
	MCC-PLC	East Baldpate Mt.	Rock steps, drainage
	MATC	Black Bk. Notch	Upgrade, relocate, or close campsite
	MATC	Sabbath Day Pond LT	Replace acrylic panels with aluminum
	MCC-PLC	Orbeton Stream to Poplar Ridge	Rock steps, waterbars
	MATC	Spalding Mt. LT	Replace acrylic panels with aluminum
	MATC	N. Crocker to Rt. 27	Rock steps, waterbars
	MATC	Horns Pond Side Tr	Rock steps, waterbars
	MATC	Horns Pond LT	Replace acrylic panels with aluminum
	SCA-PLC	Little Bigelow	Rock steps, waterbars, bog bridges
	MTC	KI Rd to Chairback	Rock steps, waterbars
	MTC	Bulf Hagas Rim Tr	Rock steps, drainage
	MTC	Nahmakanta Stream	Stone steps
	SCA-PLC	Rainbow Deadwater	Step stones, causeways
	MATC	W. end Rainbow Lake	Step stones through wet areas
	MATC	Hunt Trail	Rock steps, waterbars
	Dick Fecteau	Horns Pond	Pack in gear for caretakers
	Dick Fecteau	Piazza Rock	Pack in gear for caretakers
	Dick Fecteau	Horns Pond	Pack out caretaker gear
	Dick Fecteau	Piazza Rock	Pack out caretaker gear
	Dick Fecteau	Horns Pond, Gulf Hagas	Pack out caretaker gear
	Dave Field	Elliotsville	Bodfish Intervale Reloc.
	Dave Field	Monson	Remove Kasseli cabin
	Dave Field	Elliotsville	Remove Pullen cabin
	Dave Field	Elliotsville	Corridor boundary maintenance

MTC = Maine Trail Crew, SCA=Student Conservation Assoc., MCC=Maine Conservation Corps, PLC=?

## Relocations

The Maine Appalachian Trail Club's Trail major relocation program began in 1968. By 1990, all of the program had been completed except for a few minor sections. A minor change, due to the ECBS survey, is needed above Bodfish Intervale. A record of completed relocations is presented in Appendix G2-1. The Bodfish Intervale relocation will require ATC/NPS review but should be completed in 2012. **Responsibility:** Overseer of Lands

## Side Trails

In addition to relocations of the Appalachian Trail, the MATC is involved in several side trail projects. (A complete list of side trails that connect with the AT in Maine is presented in Appendix G2-2.) However, current plans (such as the AMC's planned trail across the A.T. on the Barren Chairback Range) involve work to be done by others. The MATC's role is for review and oversight. **Responsibility:** President and Overseers.

## Signs

1. Board signs that have been completed during the winter will be distributed to maintainers at the Club's Annual Meeting for installation during the 2012 work season. **Responsibility:** Signs Coordinator

2. The paper information signs at trailheads from Grafton Notch to U,S, Highway 201 in Caratunk will be replaced with updated versions during May, 2012. Texts for similar signs will be developed for the nine remaining major trailheads (Moxie Pond Road, Blanchard-Shirley Road, Highway 15, Long Pond Stream Road, St. Regis Road, West Branch Ponds Road, B Pond Road, Jo-Mary Road, Golden Road) in time to be installed during June, 2012. **Responsibility:** Overseer of Lands

3. Corridor boundary signs have been installed at a number of A.T. trailheads and at intersections of the corridor boundary with other roads and trails that enter the corridor. During 2012, these signs will be installed at all remaining trailheads and all intersections between other roads and trails and exterior corridor boundaries that have been surveyed. **Responsibility:** Overseer of Lands.

## Bridges and Stream Crossings

During 2012, review all significant stream and river crossings along the Appalachian Trail in Maine (listed in Appendix G2-3). Measure widths of crossings, assess difficulty of crossing under the range of conditions that hikers are likely to encounter during the regular hiking season (1 May to 1 November), assess conditions of banks, assess conditions of existing bridges. Develop action plan for dealing with problems, to be implemented beginning in 2013. **Responsibility:** District Overseers

## Trailheads and Parking

Existing trailhead facilities are listed in Appendix G2-4. There are 11 developed trailhead parking facilities in Maine: Maine Highway 26 in Grafton Notch State Park, the newly reconstructed Maine Highway 17 crossing and scenic overlook, Maine Highway 4, Maine Highway 27, the gravel Stratton Brook Pond Road in the Bigelow Preserve, U.S. Highway 201, the Blanchard/Shirley road, Maine Highway 15, and on the “St. Regis Road” near Gulf Hagas. The Grafton Notch and Stratton Brook Pond Road facilities are maintained by the Bureau of Parks and Lands. The Route 4 lot, the U.S. 201 parking area, and the small (five cars) Blanchard site are on NPS land. The St. Regis Road lot is a large parking area, built by private landowners, mostly on private land. (Despite its size, peak summer use has seen as many as 90 cars--more than the site's capacity.)

1. The MATC should continue contacts with the Maine Department of Transportation during 2012 to discuss possibilities for State support in developing trailhead parking at the East B Hill Road, the South Arm Road, and the Long Falls Dam Road. National Park Service lands are involved in all of these trailheads. NPS policies must be followed. Both the NPS and ATC should be contacted for financial support. (In the case of Federal-aid highways, special funds may be available in the State appropriations specifically for parking facilities on NPS lands.) **Responsibility:** President.

2. During 2012, review all trailheads on private roads for needed improvements. Initiate planning for accomplishing improvements. **Responsibility:** Executive Committee.

## Campsites

A complete list of campsites and shelters that are maintained by the Maine Appalachian Trail Club is presented in Appendix G2-5, which also shows plans for new campsites and for shelter replacement. **Responsibility:** Campsite Committee and ad hoc campsite construction leaders.

## Emergency Planning and Coordination

1. During 2012, prepare emergency-access maps and volunteer contact directories to aid law-enforcement and search-and-rescue personnel in gaining access to the Trail. **Responsibility:**

2. During 2012, formalize procedures for meeting National Park Service incident-reporting requirements. (See Appendix D7 for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy Incident Report form.) **Responsibility:**

## **Mechanized Vehicles**

1. During 2012, prepare an inventory of Trail and Corridor sections where motorized and non-motorized off-road-vehicles appear to be a current or potential problem. Snowmobile uses have already been identified, so this inventory can be confined to other ORVs. Develop an action plan to deal with problems. Continue to work with the ATV Coordinator for the Bureau of Parks and Land's Off-Road Vehicle Division. **Responsibility:** Overseer of Lands with input from District Overseers.

2. During 2012, ask the Bureau of Parks & Lands and the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife to promulgate regulations for ORVs that will make the rules for DIF&W Trail lands consistent with those for NPS and BPL lands. **Responsibility:** President.

## **Road Closures and Access Control**

1. During 2012, prepare an inventory of all roads in the NPS corridor that may be closed to vehicle access, either permanently or temporarily, to all vehicles or to selected vehicles. Develop an action plan for identified closure needs. Begin implementation in 2013. **Responsibility:** Overseer of Lands

2. During 2013, install a gate at the corridor boundary on the Plum Creek road near East Carry Pond. **Responsibility:** Overseer of Lands.

## **Special Uses**

Only one special use permit currently exists for NPS corridor lands in Maine. This is for the maintenance of the radio repeater on White Cap Mountain. MATC will monitor this permit, as appropriate, during 2012. **Responsibility:** Overseer of Lands

## **Structures and Dams**

Appendix G2-6 lists all incidentally-acquired structures in the NPS corridor. During 2012, remove the Kasseli and Pullen cabins. **Responsibility:** Overseer of Lands.

## **Open Areas and Vistas**

During 2012, inventory open areas and vistas along the Appalachian Trail in Maine and develop an action plan for their maintenance, as is desirable. **Responsibility:** Overseers of the Trail