

Machias Dike History

1835 Private toll bridge in operation

1845 Private bridge purchased by Town of Machias

1866 State Legislature authorized Town of Machias to build dike across the Middle River

1868 Dike completed

1877 Machias Park opened to public

1890s Dike enlarged for Washington County Railroad

1930 Current structure built (upstream section)

1944 Structure widen downstream

2008 Repairs made to Dike Bridge/ Concrete slab built over box underneath road

2009 December MaineDOT initial public meeting

2011 MaineDOT completes surveying work

2013 Sewer line extend to east end of causeway

2014 MaineDOT feasibility study begins

2018 MaineDOT identifies in-kind replacement as preferred alternative

2020 Federal resource agencies indicated concerns with preferred alternative

2020 MaineDOT commits to reevaluating all reasonable alternatives

2021 MaineDOT public meetings on alternatives, (March and September)

2022 MaineDOT identifies bridge as preferred alternative

2023 Full Gated Culvert Preferred Alternative