



Saco Pathfinders Snowmobile Club
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Hello,

My name is Doug Doherty and I am the President of the Saco Pathfinders Snowmobile Club. I am reaching out to you and the city leadership team for your consideration of a donation to the snowmobile club supporting your local area.

The Pathfinders have been in existence since 1972 and have had a clubhouse in North Saco since the late 70's. We maintain approximately 45 miles of trails in Saco, Scarborough, Dayton, and Biddeford. Our trails connect to other local systems (Lyman, Buxton, and Gorham) and ultimately to the state ITS (Interconnected Trail System) trails.

Like with so many other clubs today, we face a continual struggle for existence. Our club is made up completely of volunteers from the local communities. We work on the trail system typically on Sundays in the fall up until the snow flies. This is done by pretty much walking the entire trail system with loppers and chainsaws in hand. In the winter, we have five snowmobiles and one track truck to drag the trails for the snowmobile crowd.

Annually, the state sends each town/city a reimbursement for the number of snowmobiles registered. The City of Biddeford has received \$1774.16 and \$1602.04 over the past two years. We are requesting a donation of these funds in order to help us survive as the local snowmobile club. Granted, we only maintain about a quarter mile of trail in Biddeford, but we do have several members from Biddeford.

I am more than willing to attend a council meeting or finance meeting to further explain how and where these funds are used. Please let me know the next steps for engaging the city leadership to help us acquire any and all funds you see fit.

Regards,

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