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Presque Isle Plans to Extends Bike Path

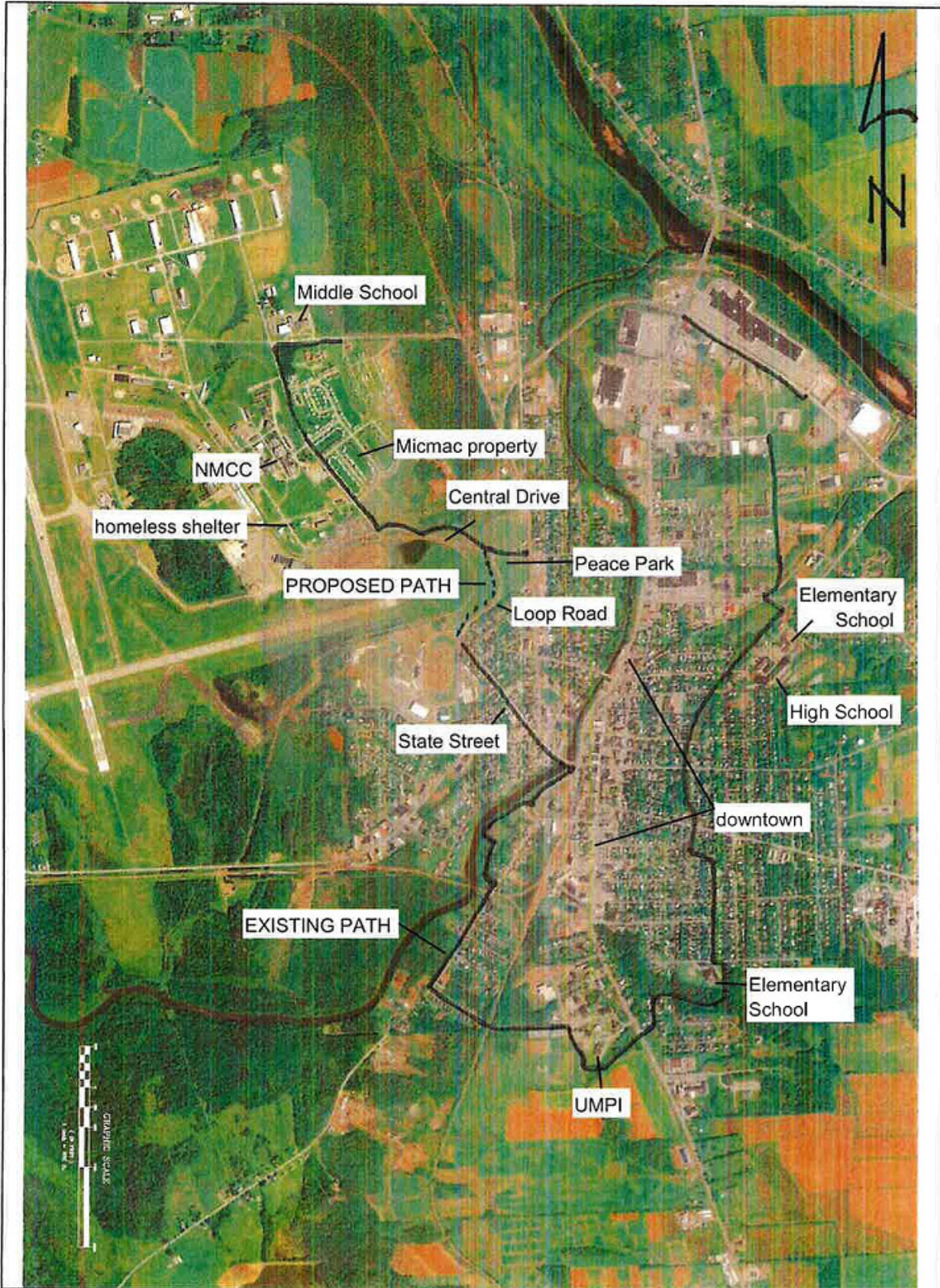
Almost a year ago, Presque Isle City Council approved the submittal for a path grant through MDOT to connect the path running parallel to the loop road (please see attached map).

Deputy City Manager, Martin Puckett, spearheaded the grant application process. He stated "The grant was extremely competitive; we were one of 120 communities to submit a grant proposal. We are excited to announce that last month we received notification indicating our grant application was approved; however there were no State funds available at this time."

The particulars of the project are as follows:

- 20% local match required (\$32,442 to come from the city's matching grant account that has a balance of over \$300,000)
- Approximately 1,750' long and 8' wide
- Connects NMCC, Industrial Park, Micmac housing, PIMS, low income housing, and homeless shelter to downtown.
- Located near Peace Park
- Connects gap in path to 6 miles of existing path
- Project presented to many groups including: City Council, Planning Board, Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce, NMCC, & Micmac Leadership.

In order for the project to move forward when State funding becomes available, MDOT requested from the City that (1) We indicate we are still interested in the grant; and (2) Funds be officially available for the local match. "On July 1st, the City Council accepted the grant, thereby indicating their support for this project. When State funding is available we will begin work on the project" Martin said.



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