

Our Vision for Downtown - 2025

Biddeford's downtown represents the heart of this proud, caring, and forward-thinking community. Downtown is alive with the rhythms of a vibrant economy, a creative, collaborative culture, and driven by the hopes, plans, and hard work of a diverse population.



People live, work, and shop in Biddeford's beautifully restored and preserved historic mills and downtown buildings; they dine in its many restaurants, play in its pocket parks and open spaces, and stroll along its RiverWalk. Downtown is alive day and night with events and activities that celebrate the area's past, reflect its heritage, and promote its future. Residents and visitors experience all a big city has to offer combined with small town charm.



The beautifully designed streets, where flowers and greenery abound, invite various business ventures to establish themselves. The arts and creative enterprises flourish alongside shops, banks, and other traditional businesses. A wide range of people conduct their affairs in a downtown that meets their every need. Private and public sector employees, families, young people, college students, retirees, artists, craftspeople, long-time residents, newcomers, and visitors all contribute to a friendly, lively, successful atmosphere on Main Street and in the surrounding neighborhoods.



In the heart of Biddeford lies its lovely downtown center where the warmth of respectful relationships form the foundation of a community committed to its ideals - that Biddeford is good for families, that history is important, that diversity is a plus, that the community is coming back, and that Biddeford has a great small town feel.



The HeartWorks Project and the Downtown Master Plan are a joint project of the City of Biddeford, the Heart of Biddeford, and the Orton Family Foundation.