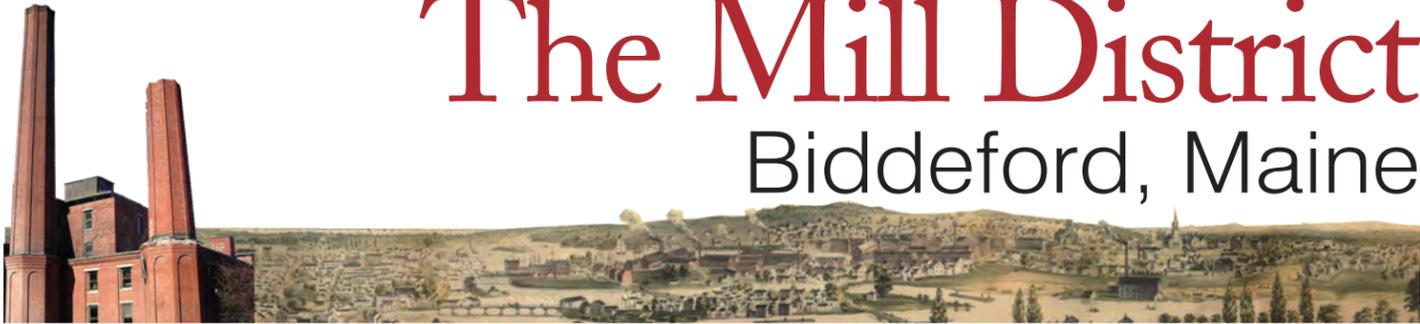


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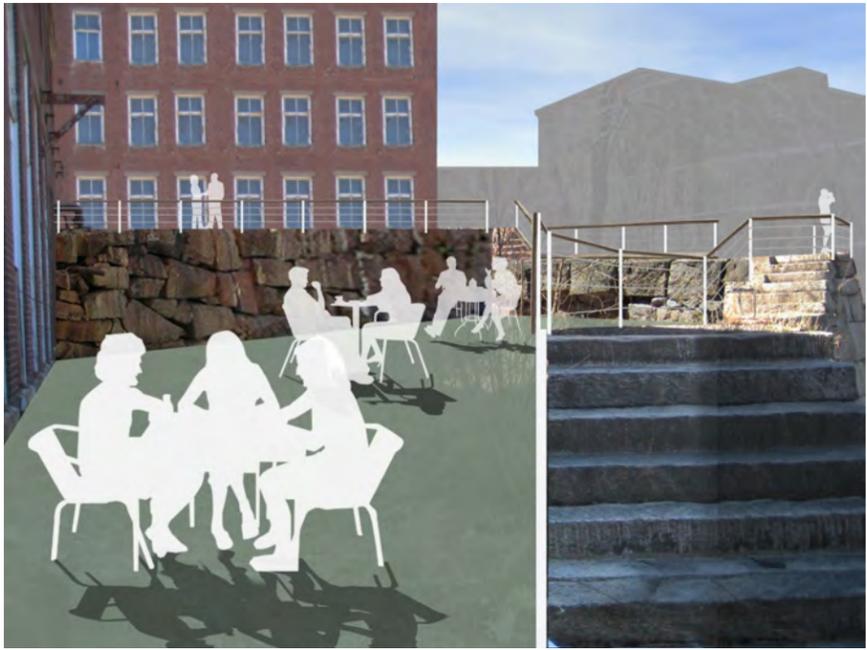
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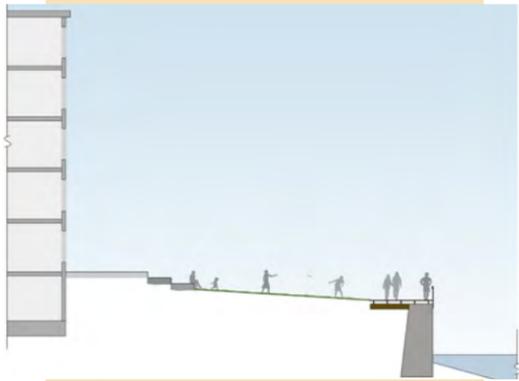
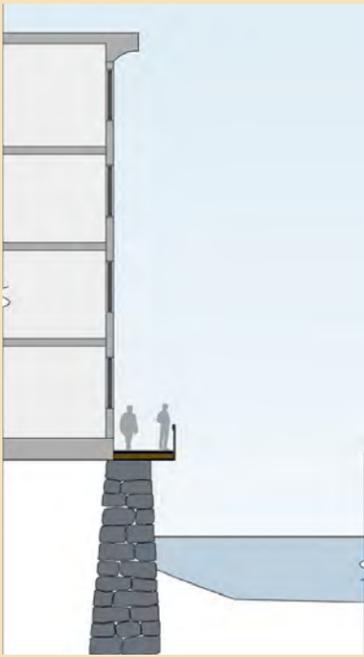
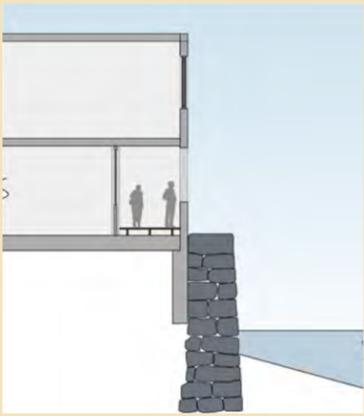
A new mixed-use residential, commercial, artisan and light industrial district that celebrates the unique character, beauty and history of the mills and the Saco River, and attracts residents and visitors to the active and vibrant Mill District and to Downtown Biddeford.

The Biddeford Mill District is on the brink of something great – its reincarnation as a lively mixed-use commercial, light industrial and residential district. The area’s incredible assets include river views and a planned Riverwalk along and across the Saco River, beautiful historic structures, a fascinating history and a location just steps from the heart of downtown Biddeford.

Encompassing approximately **40 acres**, with **35 buildings** totaling over **two million square feet of floor area**, the district is currently a mix of retail, office, industrial, storage, art studios, residential and vacant space. There are a number of businesses operating in the mill buildings, and over 50 recently completed residential units are fully occupied. Commercial uses include, among others, bakeries, florists, specialty woodworkers, cord manufacturers and specialty aquarium producers.



A riverfront plaza could provide outdoor seating for a restaurant in North Dam (top). The section illustrates a potential underground garage with surface parking and a plaza adjacent to Lincoln Mill (bottom).



The sections above illustrate varying Riverwalk conditions, including running through a North Dam building (top), cantilevered from a Riverdam building (middle) and on a boardwalk above and adjacent to the existing concrete seawall (bottom).

The Biddeford Mill District is conveniently located within a half hour of Kittery, Kennebunkport and Portland, ME and Portsmouth, NH; and one and a half hours of Boston, MA.



For more information about The Mill District Master Plan, and opportunities in the Biddeford Mill District, contact:

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Rendering of visitors on the Riverwalk with Falls Plaza in the background (top). A diagram highlighting the Riverwalk in red, pedestrian paths in blue, and gateways in green (above). The Riverwalk can eventually connect to the Eastern Trail (below).

Proposed Public Improvements

The Master Plan is developed around a framework of open space, pedestrian circulation, urban design and infrastructure improvements including:

- A Riverwalk extending all the way through the Mill District, from Elm Street (Route 1) to Mechanics Park
- A series of parks and plazas along the riverfront and at district gateways
- A network of pedestrian paths connecting all parts of the Mill District to the Riverwalk, downtown Biddeford and the Saco Island railroad station

- Pedestrian bridges across the Saco River
- A Visitor Center/Showroom
- A signage and wayfinding program
- An interpretive program with
- Structured parking
- Traffic improvements

