

Mohawk Trail East Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan**Draft Vision Statement**

A Corridor Management Plan is a tool that provides an inventory and assessment of important resources and articulates specific strategies and actions designed to achieve identified and measurable results. In order to get to specific actions it is important that the common direction of the Byway be stated. This is done through the use of a Vision Statement and goals. A Vision Statement is a broad statement that identifies an ideal that everyone can agree with. As a way to initiate discussion, the following is proposed as a draft vision statement for the Eastern section of the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway.

The Mohawk Trail East (State Highway Route 2 and 2A in Athol, Orange, Erving, Wendell, Gill, Montague and Greenfield) in Massachusetts is one of the earliest and most recognized Scenic Byways in New England. It is a key east-west transportation corridor for Massachusetts. This travel corridor was originally used by the prehistoric inhabitants and explorers of the area, paralleling the natural water courses of the greater Connecticut River Valley. The travel corridor continues to be an important tourism and commercial route along the Northern Tier of Massachusetts. The corridor is rich in historic, cultural, architectural, natural, and recreational resources. The Mohawk Trail links to several other Scenic Byways in the region and also provides for the region's economic growth.

Our vision is to expand economic, tourism and recreational opportunities along the Byway while educating people about the Byway and preserving its unique scenic qualities, natural resources, historic structures/places, industrial and agricultural heritage and community character.