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## Ground Breaking

The Four Seasons Trail Association of Madawaska has just broken ground on their new lodge facility. The ceremony was attended by over 60 of the project's sponsors, government officials, and members of the press.

The building is being constructed adjacent to the existing trails and will allow for a warming area as well as bathrooms and locker rooms. It will be used for local high school ski competitions, mountain biking, snowshoeing, walking, and a center for a myriad of



activities for other non-profit organizations. It is hoped that this lodge will become a focal point for all types of outdoor activities and that people of all ages and abilities will always feel welcome.

The planning process has included input from many sources, including Maine Winter Sports Center, to assure that the facility will be functional and lend itself to hosting regional & national

competitions at some point in the future.

The unique aspect of this construction, however, is not in the floor plan nor the type of building that it is, but how the building is coming together. It started with a couple of grants to lay the foundation and the Four Seasons club took that to the community and has rallied over 70 supporters (and counting) to finance the rest of the construction. In addition, the building will be constructed largely with volunteer labor as the local contractors have rallied behind this cause.

The bottom line to all this is that in this small community of around 4,200 people the residents have come together in an enthusiastic and united effort to create a hub from which an already successful outdoor recreation program will be housed.

