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PRESS RELEASE

Partnership Brings more Trails to Portland

Portland, ME - June 1, 2008:

Real estate developer Greg Shinberg is teaming up with the Portland Trails and the City of Portland to connect Fort Sumner Park with the existing trail network on Munjoy Hill. The proposed connecting trail is currently a little-known dirt path, winding its way behind a new 21-unit condominium development on 135 Sheridan Street. Shinberg is eager to see more trails in the heart of Portland and has donated a large pile of boulders to the project in order to help with structural improvements for the trail. Shinberg says, "I decided from the beginning that I would be committed to rebuilding the trails here on the Hill. People are moving to Portland from all over the Northeast because of the quality of life here. Walking trails and recreational opportunities are a big contributor to the appeal of this area."

Jaime Parker of Portland Trails says he expects to begin working with neighborhood volunteers later this month to start the process with a cleanup and planting effort, and then work with City Public Services crews in July. The trail should be fully operational by mid-summer.

135 Sheridan's 21 condos on Munjoy Hill were unveiled to the public in February. Since the first open house, over 100 people have toured the site, and countless hundreds of others from around the country have visited its new web site www.135sheridan.com. The building is scheduled for occupancy September 1st.

Portland Trails is a nonprofit land trust that preserves green space for public access and connects people with places.

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