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## **SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVES \$500,000 FOR MINE FALLS PARK IN NASHUA INCLUDED BY SENATOR GREGG**

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that the Senate Appropriations Committee has approved \$500,000 in federal funding for the continued restoration of Mine Falls Park. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Gregg was able to include the funding in the Fiscal Year 2004 Senate Appropriations measure funding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The measure is now ready for consideration by the full Senate. Senator Gregg has previously secured \$760,000 since FY01 for the project, funding focused on the restoration of the historic gatehouse and the development of an education resource center.

Senator Gregg stated, "When I was growing up in Nashua, Mine Falls Park was incredibly underutilized as a resource by the City. However, this ambitious project is creating a tremendous place for all Nashua residents to enjoy. When the master plan for the Park is brought to fruition, residents and visitors will have access to outstanding recreational and environmental resources due to the hard work and dedication of the Student Historic Preservation Team at Fairgrounds Junior High and many others who have made this project a reality. I look forward to working with my colleagues as these funds continue to progress through the Senate."

Nashua Mayor Bernie Streeter stated, "I am pleased to hear that Senator Gregg was able to secure funding once again for Mines Fall Park. It is a gem within our city and enjoyed by thousands of people a year. This funding will help us realize our goals set forth in the Mines Fall Masterplan."

Mine Falls is a two-mile long canal built in 1825 to power the City's mills. Nashua acquired 325 acres of land surrounding the canal and turned it into the park. The restorations will help **provide the community with a gathering place to enjoy the outdoors, study Nashua's industrial history and take classes in environmental education.**

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