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Lewiston/ Auburn are two great cities. The Androscoggin river is one of its' best qualities and has been used for many different purposes over the past 100 years. Along with the river, the canal could start to play a bigger role in the city of Lewiston as well. City counselor members have discussed using it for more recreational purposes in the future. The Androscoggin Bank Colisee also has improved the cities' image because of the Lewiston Maineiacs and other entertainment.

The Androscoggin River has been cleaned up tremendously in the past twenty-five years. As my mother has told me, "When I was your age, we used to see foam, a foot or two high, floating down the river along with who knows what else." Some may think this is how it still is if they don't get into downtown Lewiston too much. Recreational use of the Androscoggin River has increased greatly though. More and more people are starting to fish in the river along with canoeing and kayaking. Personally, I fish there all summer and after recently buying kayaks, I do that as well. This will continue to attract people to the area of Lewiston/ Auburn. There has been discussion of filling in the canal so it's not as deep and to use it for recreational purposes such as ice skating in the wintertime. If this happens, it will give downtown Lewiston a better image and will attract more people.

Scenery around the Androscoggin River is beautiful. I was enrolled in a Black and White Photography class at Lewiston High School and one assignment was to take pictures of nature. I live on the river so I knew exactly where to go. Walking trails along the river in Auburn and a great park on Lincoln St. along the river, gives people a place to go and enjoy the scenery. I was able to capture great pictures and ended up getting an A on my assignment along with detailed photographs.

People from all over the state of Maine come to Lewiston to watch great hockey. The Lewiston Maineiacs have given a better image to the city. With the arrival of their team, the formerly known, Central Maine Civic Center (CMCC), became known as the Androscoggin Bank Colisee and got totally refinished. It is now a high quality facility.

Hockey helps boost the economy of these cities. Several games get sold out throughout the year. The Maineiacs have continued the tradition of hockey that this city has had for many years.

The Lewiston Maineiacs don't just play hockey. They also help around the community by giving speeches and helping with young kids and old. Several times, I have witnessed players going to elementary schools and giving speeches that were very inspirational. I have also personally had a few players come to one of my hockey practices when I was a bantam. They explained that hard work will get you as far as it you want it to get you. The players were very helpful with teaching new skills as well. This makes parents want there kids to go to school here because they know they are getting a great experience.

The Androscoggin Bank Colisee is not just good for hockey. Several concerts and shows have come to Lewiston which was a great success. Popular country singers like Dierks Bentley and famous comedians like Jeff Dunham have made visits. Shows like this attract thousands of people. The annual Shrine Circus is always a great success and great for the younger crowd. The Colisee provides entertainment for all ages which is why it's such a great place.

Lewiston/ Auburn have many attractions that bring in people from all over Maine as well from neighboring states and countries. The Androscoggin River provides a variety of uses such as kayaking, fishing, photography, and walking trails. As well as the Androscoggin Bank Colisee that gives people a place to go for all sorts of entertainment whether people want to see great hockey or enjoy a fun concert. This shows it really is, Happening Here!