

Land Development and Personal Property Rights:



Striking a Balance in Hancock County

We hope you will join us for the seventeenth session in our Striking a Balance workshop series, which is addressing important growth and development issues facing local planning boards and Hancock County as a whole. The October 29, 2009 workshop will focus on how towns can prepare for anticipated climate change. Rather than discuss the causes of climate change, the discussion will focus on what the anticipated trends are, how they will affect Hancock County and what preparations can be made to infrastructure (such as stormwater drainage) to adjust to these changes.

**VFW Hall
Washington Junction Road, Ellsworth
October 29, 2009**

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m.

Registration \$18.00



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Registrations will not be accepted at the door.

Please provide registration form and payment by Friday, October 23, 2009 to:

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**\$18.00 each
Registration**

**Includes
Workshop
Materials and
Light Dinner.**

Please join us on ...

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Striking a Balance

An outgrowth of the HCPC's Planning For Prosperity initiative, the on-going forum series started in 2004.

A rapid increase in demand for subdivided property in Hancock County spurred the creation of this series. Organizers hope that the series will lead to:

- ✓ Increased Awareness of Subdivision Review Standards and Applicable State Regulations
- ✓ Greater Understanding of the Importance of Watershed-wide Planning
- ✓ Implementation of Planning Tools & Wise Development Practices
- ✓ Constructive Dialogue Among Municipal Officials, Conservation Groups and Those in the Development/Construction Industry
- ✓ Better Development Tracking at the Municipal and County Level



AGENDA

5:00 PM Registration and meal

6:00 PM Welcome and Introduction:
Ray Jones, Gouldsboro Planning Board and Hancock County Planning Commission executive board.

6:10– 6:50 PM Climate Change: What are the trends for Maine and Hancock County? *George L. Jacobson, Ph.D., Maine State Climatologist, Professor Emeritus of Biology, Ecology, and Climate Change, Climate Change Institute, University of Maine*

6:50–7:35 PM Municipal Infrastructure Risk Assessment:
Malcolm C. Burson, Ph.D., Associate Director, Policy Services, Office of the Commissioner, Maine Department of Environmental Protection

7:35 – 8:05 PM Steps towns can take/or are taking to build a more resilient infrastructure: *Kathleen Leyden, Maine Coastal Program, Maine State Planning Office*

8:05 – 8:20 PM Questions and Answers

8:20 – 8:30 PM, Closing Remarks and Completion of Workshop Evaluation Forms

Some Climate Change Trends

- The regional surface sea temperature has increased by almost 2 degrees Fahrenheit since 1970.
- Ice-out dates on Maine's lakes and ponds are now occurring more than two weeks earlier than was the case in the late 1800s.
- Apple, grape and lilacs flowering dates shifted two to eight days earlier between 1965 and 2001.
- According to tidal gauge records in Portland, sea levels have increased at an average annual rate of 0.07 inches per year since 1912.
- Models predict a 2-foot sea level rise by 2100. Warmer seas and higher sea levels could mean that 100-year coastal storms occur every two to three years.
- Most models predict heavier rainfall in all seasons except for summer when droughts are more likely. Snow melt and spring runoffs are likely to start at an earlier date.

Funding from the Maine Coastal Program, Maine State Planning Office and Bar Harbor Bank & Trust has helped make this workshop series possible. Other partners in this endeavor include the Down East Resource Conservation and Development Council, and Gouldsboro Planning Board.