Land Development and Personal Property Rights:

Striking a Balance in Hancock County

We hope you will join us for the sixteenth 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 May 28, 2009 workshop will focus on transportation issues. Specific topics will include "complete streets" (designing streets to accommodate bicycles, pedestrians and people with disabilities), public transportation options and a discussion of vanpooling, ride sharing and other ways to increase our transportation options.

VFW Hall
Washington Junction Road, Ellsworth
May 28, 2009

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m.

Registration $17.00

Registration Information

Name & Title_____

Business/Organization_____

Address_____

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Phone_____ Fax_____

E-mail_____

Registrations will not be accepted at the door.
Please provide registration form and payment by Friday, May 22, 2009 to:

Hancock County Planning Commission
395 State Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605

$17.00 each Registration

Includes Workshop Materials and Light Dinner.

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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 has 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.*

6:10–6:20 PM: Transportation Challenges and Investments in Hancock County, *Jim Fisher, HCPC*

6:20–6:50 PM: Complete Streets: Local strategies for improving roads for all users: *Dan Stewart, Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator for the Maine Department of Transportation*

6:50–7:20 PM: Transportation Alternatives: Ridesharing, Vanpooling, Park-and-Ride and Transit: *Carey Kish, Program Manager of GOMaine*

7:20- 7:50 PM: Status of Public Transportation in Hancock County: *Linda Belfiore, Washington-Hancock Community Agency, Paul Murphy, Downeast Transit, Inc.*

7:50–8:10 PM: Discussion about Hancock County Transportation Needs: *General discussion*

8:15 PM wrap-up and completion of evaluation forms

8:30 PM: Adjournment

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Hancock County Transportation Trends

- The State Planning Office projects Hancock County's population will increase by 13% from 51,069 in 2000 to 58,006 year-round residents in Hancock County in 2020.
- The population 65 and over is expected to increase by 85 percent from 7,158 in 2000 to 13,158 in 2020.
- Between 2001 and 2006 Hancock County's obesity rate increased by 8% to 26.6%
- Average annual daily traffic increased ≈1% annually on arterial roads from 1997 to 2007.
- 2006 Ridership

	DTI	356,156 trips
	WHCA	136,096 trips
	West	22,130 trips

- Transit providers in Hancock County are working together to connect smaller towns with Bar Harbor, Ellsworth, Bucksport and Bangor.

Funding from 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, Union River Watershed Coalition and Gouldsboro Planning Board.