

# Maine's Working Waterfront Coalition



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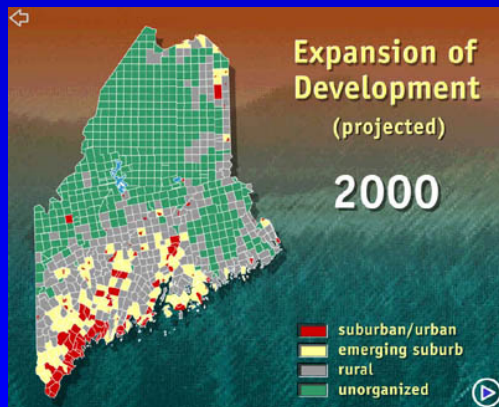
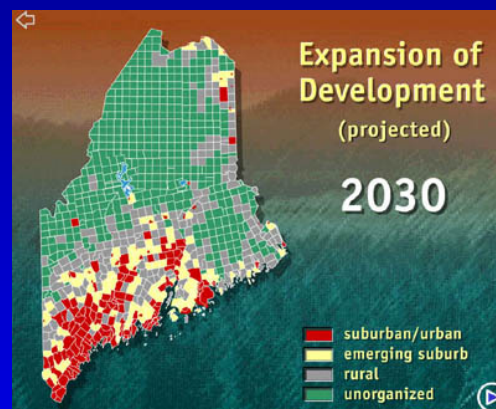
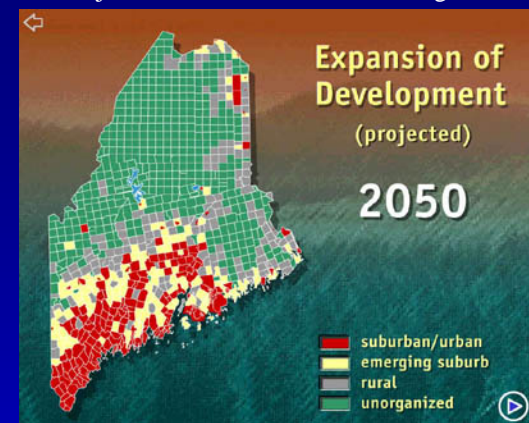


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A statewide group of *industry associations, nonprofits, state agencies and individuals* dedicated to supporting and enhancing Maine's working waterfront through *policy, planning, investment and education*

Maine has become all the more attractive as a place still relatively unspoiled as much of the country struggles against sprawl.

Projections from ME State Planning Office



But for how long?

By 2050 the majority of Maine's coast will be classifiable as suburban/urban

Maine State Planning Officer

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For Our Heritage - Working waterfronts define the soul and character of the Maine islands and coast for residents and visitors alike.



For Our Economy - Maine's waterfront provides access for 40,000 year-round marine-dependent jobs sustaining economic activity worth nearly \$1 billion to the state.

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## Policy Tool Box:



## *Current Use Taxation:*

Equity in tax policy for Fishing, Farming and Forestry

## *Circuit Breaker Program*

Relief to income eligible Maine residents unable to afford escalating property taxes

## *Purchasing Development Rights*

limiting the “use” rights on property dedicated to providing access for water dependent uses

*Please Read the Coalition Policy Paper to Learn  
More*

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## Advocacy:

*Public Investment* - through the DOT *Small Harbor Improvement Program*

*Private Investment* - through *Coastal Enterprises, Inc.'s Working Waterfront Loan Fund*

*Outreach* - through newspapers and local forums *SPO, Island Institute and Sea Grant Working Waterfront Access Forum 2003*

*Strong Local Planning Ordinances* - protect water dependent uses through maritime use districts, and zoning

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Associated Fisheries of Maine, The  
Groundfish Group  
Bagaduce River Oyster Co.  
Coast of Maine Organic Products, Inc.  
Coastal Enterprises, Inc.  
Commercial Fisheries News  
Commercial Fishermen  
Downeast Lobstermen's Association  
Farm Credit of Maine  
Genesis Fund  
Hawkes Lobster  
Island Fishermen's Wives Association  
Island Institute  
Lobster Institute  
Maine Aquaculture Association  
Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center  
Maine Coast Heritage Trust  
Maine Department of Marine Resources

Maine Department of Transportation  
Maine Fishermen's Cooperative Association  
Maine Fishermen's Forum  
Maine Fishermen's Wives Association  
Maine Lobstermen's Association  
Maine Marine Trades Association  
Maine Petroleum Association  
Maine Sea Grant University of Maine  
Cooperative Extension  
Maine Sea Grant Program  
Maine State Planning Office Coastal Program  
Muscongus Bay Realty  
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Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance  
Raynes Marine  
Spinney Creek Shellfish  
Sunrise County Economic Council

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