

Friends of Midcoast Maine Accomplishments 2008

Friends of Midcoast Maine works to assist our communities in planning for growth and development in ways that protect our quality of place, respect our past, and offer sustainable economic opportunities for our future. Over 2008, our work has been significant. It includes:



Planning/Workshops/Technical Assistance

- Provided assistance to
 - *Belfast* citizens on community owned retail stores
 - *Camden* Area Futures Group on downtown sustainability
 - *Camden-Rockport-Lincolnville* Chamber of Commerce on business attraction and retention
 - *Lincolnville* Comprehensive Plan committee members to discuss progress and concerns
 - *Owls Head* representatives on ground water protection methods and ordinances
 - *Edgecomb* Comprehensive Plan Committee for review and comment on proposed comp plan, inventory, goals, objective, policies and strategies
 - *Islesboro* Comprehensive Plan committee for the update of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan
 - *Damariscotta* with the Heart and Soul planning project including the Planning Advisory Committee, the Town and the Orton Family Foundation
 - *Maine Association of Conservation Commissions* on “*What is a Conservation Commission and Why Does My Town Need One*”
 - *Rockport’s* Erickson Farm conservation project including meetings with potential stakeholders
- Developed Midcoast Maine “Then and Now” slide show, collaborating with the Penobscot Marine Museum
- Worked with 21 Gateway One communities on long range planning for the Route One corridor; assisted with 4 town workshop on Regional Forms
- Assisted Midcoast Regional Planning Commission with community outreach for Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning and presented to Midcoast leaders at the Midcoast Regional Planning Commission Fall meeting
- Provided bi-weekly electronic newsletter to 1000+ recipients

Collaborations with

- The Camden Area Futures Group and the Camden “alliance” to strategize about job creation, retention and community vitality
- The Georges River Land Trust for assistance with regional forum
- The Maine Association of Planners including the Annual Awards program
- The Damariscotta Planning Advisory Committee and Town of Damariscotta on long range planning
- The Penobscot Marine Museum for Photographic *Then and Now* project
- Time and Tide Resource Conservation and Development Area Council
- Midcoast Magnet and visiting Northern Ireland contingent on economic development strategies
- Gateway One’s 21 midcoast communities in long range planning project

FMM Management/Membership/Development

- Held 2008 Annual Meeting at the Round Top Barn in Damariscotta with Laurie LaChance of Maine Development Foundation speaking on “Midcoast Maine 2025: Preparing for our Future”
- Presented 3 Annual Smart Growth Awards to:
 - Little Sunshine Market in downtown Waldoboro for downtown location and solar energy use
 - Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay for innovative site planning
 - Meg Sideris of Camden for the redevelopment of the historic Farmers Cooperative building
- Held FMM Board retreat and developed fund-raising and long term strategy for financial sustainability
- Featured in Maine BIZ with 2 page article on FMM
- Moved office from 88 Elm Street to 5 Free Street, Camden
- Opened Damariscotta Heart and Soul office

Fund-raising/ future contracts

- Received numerous grants for on-going educational program and specific projects
- Developed promotional scenic postcard for 1000 donors/prospects
- Met with fund-raising and development specialist to discuss fund-raising strategies
- Developed an 18 month financial plan

***Your support is critical to our continued success and operation.
Please give generously to Friends of Midcoast Maine!***