
PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR ADJACENCY REVIEW PROCESS

Maine Land Use Planning Commission
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Adjacency Review Comments, Group #2: *Comments about proposed rule revisions related to application of the adjacency principle*

The Commission appreciates the broad public interest in its review of the adjacency principle, and will consider comments about the review when submitted. Because the comment period will span almost four months, the Commission will generally make written public comments available on the website after a Commission Meeting where the adjacency review is discussed. Groups of comments include those received to date from the last time the Commission published a group.

Note: This document includes written comments about proposed rule revisions related to application of the adjacency principle. One comment was received prior to May 30, 2018, which is the beginning of the public hearing comment period, but after the proposed rule revisions were available for review by the public, and has been included in this group. For comments about proposed conceptual changes to application of the adjacency principle, please see Adjacency Review Comments, Group #1.

Comments submitted between: May 30, 2018 – June 15, 2018

Public Comment Deadline: September 24, 2018

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: David Small <smalldw201@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 11:00 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: revision

Hello Ben,

I understand that the staff has revised the designations of Carrying Place Town TWP (T2R3), as well as Pierce Pond TWP. I wanted to express my appreciation for you taking that action. It indicates that you are applying pragmatism to the process, and being attentive to the concerns and suggestions that you have received from the residents and property owners in those areas. I realize that this is staff recommendation, and does not necessarily mean that the commission will act strictly on those recommendations, but I hope that they too will see the wisdom of your decision.

From a layman's position, however, I am confused by the term "resource dependent." Could you, at your convenience, provide me with a definition of what exactly that means in context with this decision making process?

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Dave Small
Norridgewock/Property owner: T2R3

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Signed Catherine E. Horne Date 6/1/18

Printed Name Catherine E. Horne

Address 257 Oliver Rd Lexington Twp, ME 04961

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Signed Patricia Bray Date 5-1-18

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Signed Richard W Horne Date 6-1-2018

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Ronald Pinkham Sr Date 6/1/18

Printed Name

Ronald Pinkham

Address

1100 Long Falls Dam Rd.

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: hershey@mcttelecom.com
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2018 2:35 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Fwd: ut

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From: hershey@mcttelecom.com
To: "benjamin gogsoe" <benjamin.gogsoe@maine.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 2:31:54 PM
Subject: ut

ben
i have a property in lexington twp and have been advise you are trying to restructure that twp into an area for commercial development.

as an owner of property there i am writing to let you know i am very much against any change of this sort to that twp. this is a recreational area, not fit for what you are proposing.
even though i am a camp owner there, i bought that camp 5 years ago because of where it is located. i have been coming to maine all my life. my mother and my family are from island falls.

it is of my opinion you are stepping on areas that brings in a substantial income from recreation and into the local businesses to do a money grab for a larger tax base in development.
maine is the only place left like this and being from nh i can tell you straight up i come to maine not only because my mother comes from maine but because nh has ruined most of what they have left that even closley resembles what maine still holds onto.

if you go forward with this change in lexington twp i can assure you that even though i am just one person there i will sell my property and will never spend another dime in that state. i do not come to maine to see it being destroyed by money hungry politicians.

sincerely

brian j barrett

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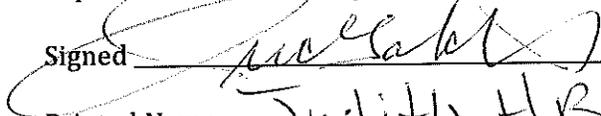
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Printed Name

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Judith H. Batchelder

71 Baker's Way New Portland ME
04961

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Signed Brian R. Morrill Date 6/2/2018

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Maine 04961

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Signed Florian E Burbank Jr. Date 6-1-18

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Signed Mark R. Putnam Date 6/1/18

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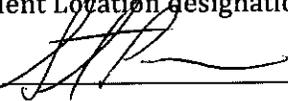
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Date 06-03-18

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Steven D. Pease

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Signed Karen L. Pease Date 6-01-18

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Signed Wright Pinkham Sr. Date 6/02/18

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Signed Susan Anders Date 6-2-18

Printed Name Susan Anders

Address 1183 Long Falls Dam Rd Lexington TWP ME 04961

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Signed Paula Huff / Roy Huff Date 6/4/2018

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Signed Julie + Dennis Brewster Date 5-4-18
Printed Name Julie Brewster Dennis Brewster
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Maine, 04961

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Signed John Mollicone Date 6-5-18

Printed Name John Mollicone

Address 635 Longfall Dam Rd, Lexington ME
Land owner.

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Signed Elmer H. Pond Date 6/5/2018

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Signed Sharon L. Pray Date 6-3-18

Printed Name Sharon L. Pray

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Signed Maureen Simpson Date 06/04/18

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Signed Mitchell Quint Date 6-6-18

Printed Name MITCHELL QUINT

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Signed Peter Grace Date 6-3-18

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Signed Eric T. Hill Date 6/5/18

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Address P.O. Box 299 Holden, Me 04429

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Signed Shawn G. Bean Date 06/04/18

Printed Name SHAWN G. BEAN

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Signed Sally Emond Date 6/5/18

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Signed Paul H. Morin Date 6-4-18

Printed Name Paul H. Morin

Address 25 Cheryl Bee Ave Lisbon, ME. 04250 / Lexington

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Susanne L. Allen (elect L. Allen)

Date

June 5, 2018

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SUSANNE L. ALLEN

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Address 471 Auburn Road Peru, ME 04290

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Signed  Date 6/4/18

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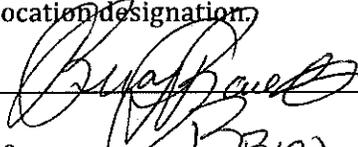
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Signed *Anna Ventola* Date 6/4/18

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Signed Henry C. Hinckley Date 6/4/18

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Darrell Nix

Date

6/4/18

Printed Name

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Signed Peter Freyer Date 6-3-18

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Signed David Foley Doris Foley Date 6-7-18

Printed Name DAVID FOLEY DORIS FOLEY

Address 5 QUICK STREAM DRIVE SALEM ME 04983

(FOGG ROAD LEXINGTON TWP)

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Louise Delano <lldelano@email.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 3:52 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Maine's Intent to Develop Land Contiguous or Near the Appalachian Trail

Mr. Godsoe:

I recently received a very disturbing message from the Maine Appalachian Trail Club (of which I've been a member for many years) about the new rules for the development in the Unorganized Territories in Maine being proposed by the Maine Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC). Your name & contact information were provided for questions and input about this proposal. I have both:

First a little history: in 1985 my family was contacted by the United States Department of the Interior (DOI). Our woodlot is located about 4 miles north of Monson right at the beginning of the remote 100 mile stretch to Abol Bridge. We were told a portion of that woodlot had been selected for purchase under Public Law 90-543 passed by the United States Congress on October 2, 1968 and amended by passage of Public Law 95-248 on March 21, 1978. The stated intent of these laws was to acquire land to reinstate the intent of the Appalachian Trail as a "national scenic trail," as over the years "civilization" had encroached on its wilderness status and appeal. The DOI subsequently acquired acreage from us in order to complete its Federal mandate.

It would appear that these proposed new rules, by permitting development near and/or adjacent to the trail, are in direct conflict with the legislated efforts of our Federal government to retain the wilderness quality of the Appalachian Trail. Apparently the development could include both businesses and residential subdivisions (so sedentary folks could wave out their windows at the hikers??). In case you missed the intent of federally designated and maintained monuments, parks and – yes – trails, it is to get away from development, stretch your legs, breathe clean air, enjoy the wilderness views, and experience the fauna and flora of the great outdoors, be it for several months or for only a few hours.

I would ask that you refer your (apparently) uninformed legislators to the existing Federal legislation, which surely takes precedence (ethically if not legally) over the proposed commercialization of this public treasure.

Louise Delano



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Signed Craig Gajewski Date 6/5/2018
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Address 24 Birch RD Lexington, Maine

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Signed Robert Bilodeau Cheryl Bilodeau Date 6/4/18

Printed Name Robert Bilodeau & Cheryl Bilodeau

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Signed Nita Casey Date June 5 2018
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Address 114 Bakers' way, Lexington, Maine
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Signed Michael J. Domino Date 6/3/18

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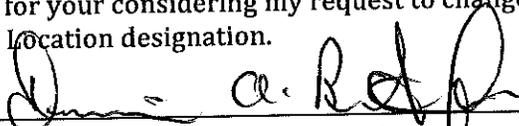
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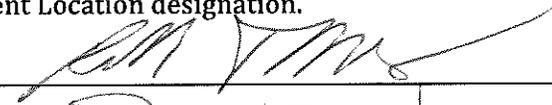
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Signed Christopher J. Short & Carol M. Short Date 6/7/2018
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Signed Zachary M. Short Date June 5, 2018

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Signed Richard H. Levesque Date June 5th 2018

Printed Name Richard H. Levesque

Address 1458 Long Falls Dam Rd., Lexington Twp., Me 04961

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May I take another moment of your time to pin point what my concern is and even make a suggestion?

"Primary Location" static implies "open for business" when in fact how do you know that to be the real case?

I, for one, am tired of away people having their way with us. Deceitful exploitation via dumping, trashing, obnoxious forest industrialization, stripping of resources above + below ground are all corrosive to our place of life, and at some point the residents live with the consequences. Please consider including another location proposal entitled "unfavorable to development" subject to vote by residents of each township so designated. That would help avoid any misunderstandings.

Let the away people exploit + sprawl all they can handle within their own sandboxes. Why are the chosen being put up for grabs?

Thank You For Your Time

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Signed *Kristen + Josh Nunes* Date 6-5-18

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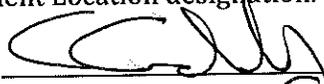
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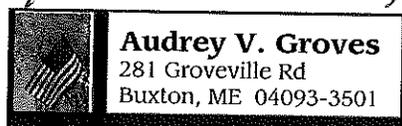
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Signed Audrey V. Groves Date 6-6-18

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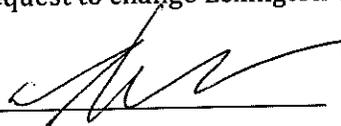
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Signed Henrietta Roberts  Date 6/5/18

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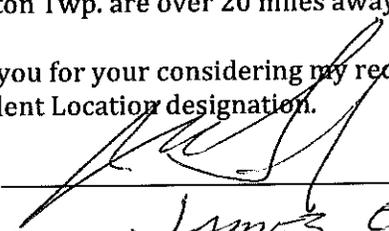
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Signed  Date 6/7/18

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Signed Celia Pease Date 6-7-18

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Signed Donald L. Newell Date 6-4-2018

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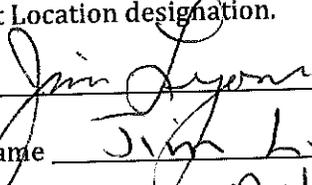
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Susan Hurd

Date

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Thomas R. King

Date

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Printed Name

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Address 174 Morse Hill Rd. Jay, ME

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Signed Thomas Robertson Date Jun 9 2018

Printed Name THOMAS ROBERTSON

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Signed Terry + Jeanne Norton Date 6/8/2018

Printed Name TERRY + JEANNE NORTON

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Signed Wendell L. Wing Date 4/02/18

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Signed Dorothy S Carter Date June 8 2018

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Signed Donna M Kennison Date 06/08/2018

Printed Name DONNA M. KENNISON

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Signed  Date 6-6-18
Printed Name James Dillon
Address 1298 Long Falls Dam Rd. Lexington Twp

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Suzanne Brewer <sbrewer@msad51.org>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 12:46 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Oppose change to LUPC's adjacency principle

I oppose the proposal to abandon the “one-mile-by-road” adjacency requirement that has guided LUPC well for over 40 years. I understand that it is the adjacency principle that guides proposed development to the sites least likely to harm the character and sense of place that define Maine’s North Woods. The adjacency principle protects Maine’s forests, lakes, rivers, clean water, wildlife, and habitat. I strongly disagree with a proposal that would open thousands of acres in the north woods to residential subdivisions and commercial development. I am very concerned that this proposed change will unduly fragment wildlife habitat and degrade water quality. I am very concerned that the proposal does not meet basic Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) objectives, such as protecting natural resources, ensuring orderly growth and pace of development; and especially allowing for the assessment of incremental impacts before adding new development. Undisturbed, wild tracts of forest are dwindling across our nation and world. Maine has an opportunity to conserve large areas of pristine forest tract, home to countless wildlife species and sources of water.

Thank you
Suzanne Brewer
Maine resident

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Dwight Ryan <dwichtryan@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 2:04 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Maine Woods

Please do not expand the area of the North Woods that could come under development.

We have been property owners in Smithfield, Maine for 60 years and visitors before that. We annually invest time and resources in Maine even though we live ten months each year on the totally urbanized California coast.

Development expansion in Maine will certainly detract from what attracts people to the state. Don't allow that appeal to be eroded by creeping land use easements.

Thank you.

Cynthia and Dwight Ryan

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Richard Redmond <rredmond1967@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency

I am against the adjacency proposal expanding from existing one mile to 10 miles. We do not need to potentially see development on 2 million acres of our forest. Leave it alone we do not need nor want greedy people developing this land. We have little enough undeveloped forest. Thank you

Richard Redmond

Sent from my iPhone

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Thomas, Richard <richard.thomas@mainegeneral.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 3:14 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency

Dear Mr. Godsoe, I would like to express my opposition to changing LUPC'S "one-mile rule of adjacency" to allow 10 mile adjacency. In addition to fragmenting our wilderness areas, this change would set us up for transportation difficulties, when we transitioned off of fossil fuels. We will need to transition off the fossil fuels very quickly, if we wish to maintain a healthy climate. Further, the bread basket of America is drying out due to climate change, and we may need to use much of our wilderness area for farms, not residential development. Our descendants' lives will depend on whether we support development that will maximize food production and that would be sustainable when it is no longer possible for everyone to drive long distances. I think it is our sacred obligation to think ahead to ensure that development enhances the lives our children.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Richard Thomas, PhD. 3. Skye Ln., Waterville, ME, 04901.

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Matt Reading <mreading@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 3:23 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency

Hello Mr. Godsoe,

I oppose the LUPC rule change. Please keep the 1 mile restriction.

Sincerely,

Matthew Reading
Peaks Island

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Georganne Bendall <gbendall@midcoast.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 5:44 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: How This Proposal Will Affect MAINE

How this Proposal Will Affect Maine

- Fuels Development Sprawl that Detracts from Vibrant Downtowns—If development is encouraged outside the boundaries of communities designated as “rural hubs,” these towns would not receive any tax revenue but would likely shoulder the costs of providing emergency and fire services. Development should support existing downtowns, not undercut them.
- Encourages Strip Development along Scenic Byways—Many of Maine’s Scenic Byways, including the Katahdin Woods and Waters Scenic Byway and Old Canada Road between Bingham and Jackman, have been identified by LUPC as areas suitable for development. Beloved scenic drives could turn into miles of strip development.
- Puts Lakes at Risk—LUPC has a complicated set of criteria to determine whether more than one thousand Maine lakes would be eligible for development under this proposal. Even LUPC staff doesn’t know how many lakes—or which ones—would be affected.
- Allows Commercial Development Near Remote Trails— Retail and commercial development located near places like the Appalachian Trail and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway not only threatens nearby natural resources, it could also weaken Maine’s nature-based tourism economy.
- Fragments Forests and Threatens Wildlife Habitat—This proposal would let “large-lot subdivisions” fragment the North Woods. In 2001, Maine’s Legislature banned large-lot subdivisions in the North Woods, recognizing that they damage Maine’s natural resources.
- Jeopardizes the Remote Character of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument —The Monument is nationally recognized for offering a remote, beautiful experience of Maine’s North Woods, but LUPC’s proposal would open up land to be developed both west and east of the East Branch of the Penobscot—immediately next to the Monument.

Georganne BENDALL
gbendall@midcoast.com

Sent from my iPhone

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Lynn Dombek <lynn.dombek@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 6:09 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency principal - do not abandon

Dear LUPC,

My family owns a camp in the unorganized territories on land that we originally leased from a series of paper companies beginning in 1964; and finally purchased outright a number of years ago.

Our property is not immediately impacted by the proposed abandonment of the 'one-mile-by-road' requirement, but we do NOT support its abandonment.

We filled out the LUPC as did, we see, many others, and clear majorities do not want to see additional commercial or residential development under the changed rules.

The Land Use Planning Commission should work to direct development toward existing towns and service centers, who could surely use the influx of people and/or monies into their communities.

The LUPC proposed changes would only serve to hasten the destruction of what Mainers and visitors alike find attractive about our great state: our forests, wildlife, lakes, rivers, and outstanding natural beauty.

Please protect this great state. Don't exploit it.

Lynn Dombek
87 Hersey Street
Portland, Me
04103

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Carole <msleesiamese@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:26 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Protect the North Woods - from Carole G. Jean, Portland

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Ms. Godsoe,

I am not able to attend the hearings for The Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) which oversees land use authority for Maine's 10.5 million acres of unorganized territories which is considering a proposal that would open thousands of acres to residential subdivisions and commercial development.

I am very concerned that this proposed change will unduly fragment* wildlife habitat, degrade water quality, and compromise the health of existing communities.

As we all know, Maine is known for it's beauty, cleanliness and wonderful wildlife and would like to keep it that way.

*I have worked with habitat plantings to close the gap on fragmented forests for our New England cottontail rabbits, the only native rabbit species east of the Hudson River. And fragmentation also allows for cowbirds, to flourish and lay eggs in other bird species' nest, causing unnatural declines.

I could go on for hours but hope you understand,

Thank you,

Carole G. Jean
36 Glenridge Drive
Portland, ME 04102

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Andrew Cadot <aacaac73@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 8:05 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency

Land Use Planning Commission,
c/o Ben Godsoe,
18 Elkins Lane, 22 State House Station,
Augusta, ME, 04333

Dear Mr. Godsoe:

I write to oppose the proposed new untested policy proposal that threatens Maine's North Woods. I don't understand why you are proposing to abandon the existing one-mile rule that has been guiding the LUPC for a long time. The one-mile rule is the single most important tool that LUPC has to guide responsible development in its 10.5 million-acre jurisdiction, and it should not be discarded through a quick process that most people do not know about. Instead, the proposal to change the one-mile rule could result in:

- Fragmenting forests and wildlife habitat
- Putting an unknown number of lakes at risk of commercial or residential development
- Allowing commercial and residential development near remote trails like the Appalachian Trail or Allagash Wilderness Waterway
- Fueling development sprawl that detracts from vibrant downtowns and raises service costs
- Encouraging strip development along Scenic Byways
- Jeopardizing the remote character of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

Please keep me posted on this proposed policy change, and note my objection. I will not be able to attend the hearing in Brewer on June 20.

Very truly yours,

Andrew A. Cadot
45 Eastern Promenade #9E
Portland, ME 04101-4823

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Signed Lorraine S Belanger Date 6-10-18

Printed Name LORRAINE S BELANGER

Address 109 LONGFELLOW STREET WESTBROOK ME. 04092

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416 Back Road
Lexington Township, ME 04961-5320
June 10, 2018

Because I know that the Maine Land Use Planning Commission is considering revising the adjacency principle, I feel it imperative that I respond to what I consider would be a disaster for Lexington Township and the other nearby communities.

Lexington Township should not be designated as anything other than a Resource Dependent Location. Our community is very similar to Highland Plantation and other surrounding communities. This is a rural community enjoyed by others for its natural beauty and access to camping hiking, snowmobiling, ATV trails, hunting and fishing. Developing this community and bringing in commercial and industrial growth would be a disaster waiting to happen. It would totally change our way of life.

Development should be considered only for such places as Madison, Solon, Skowhegan, etc. that are seeking to add more development. Folks in this community do not need or want it to be changed and we agree that it should be designated as a Resource Dependent Location.

Thank you for considering my request to designate Lexington Township as a Resource Dependent location.

Respectfully Yours,



Linda J Miller

628-3684

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Signed Edward Jesteadt Date 6/8/2018

Printed Name EDWARD JESTEADT

Address PO BOX 145, NEW VINEYARD ME 04956

ps - I own 15 acres on Gilman Pond - in TREE GROWTH ZONING - and have no plans to develop it, I want to keep this area rural and undeveloped.

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Thank you for your considering my request to change Lexington Township to a Resource-dependent Location designation.

Signed Denise Richardson Date 6/10/2018

Printed Name Denise Richardson
Paul Richardson

Address 590 Long Falls Dam Rd
Lexington Twp, ME 04961

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Signed Clare Walker Date 6/8/18

Printed Name Clare Walker

Address 1234 Longfalls Dam Rd Lexington township
ME 01961

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Signed Roger C Temple Date 6/7/18

Printed Name Roger C. Temple

Address 1203 Long Falls Dam Rd, Lexington Pkt.

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Signed  Date 6-7-18

Printed Name DANIEL LE COMPTÉ

Address 263 BOWENHAM RD - 1440 LONG FALLS DAM RD
SABATTUS, ME Lexington, ME

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I am writing you to ask that you change Lexington Twp. to a Resource Dependent Location.

The townships (including Highland Plantation) along Long Falls Dam Road are the start of a recreational area for out of door pursuits and supports the forest products industry. Both out of state personnel and Mainers look upon it as the entry to wilderness. The area includes the famous Pierce Pond Camps, Claybrook Mountain Lodge and several others including the Flagstaff Lake and Grand Falls Hut & Trail Facilities. The camping area at The Big Eddy on the Dead River is a famous spot for many trout and salmon anglers from near and afar, as are the many lakes and ponds found throughout the area. The Eastern End of Flagstaff Lake is accessible only from the Long Falls Dam Road. The Hut & Trail itself has several access points along Long Falls Dam Road as well as the Appalachian Trail.

The fact that individuals that do not live in the unorganized townships control our lives is not acceptable to those of us who live here. Why should someone who lives in an urban area (Portland, Augusta, Bangor or other urban areas) have a say about or control how we live? The vast majority of the local residents do not want any development that is unrelated to our recreational life styles. The services we require are found along the two primary routes (Routes 27 and 201) through the general area and in towns within short driving distances. A reflection of this is the bills that have come before the legislators requiring equality of the referendum process and voting, where there should be equal representation between northern areas and the populated southern end of the state. Industrial, residential and commercial growth should be around and within the regional hubs (Skowhegan, Bingham and Kingfield are examples).

Thank you for considering my request and that of my family to designate Lexington Township as a Resource Dependent Location.

Respectfully Submitted,


David L. Miller
416 Back Road
Lexington Twp., ME 04961

(207) 628-3684

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Christy Stout <clsmaine@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 8:00 AM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency

I am writing in opposition of changing current adjacency rules at LUPC.

It is my belief that we have no need to encourage increased development in currently undeveloped areas, as the new proposal would do.

1. Our existing towns need those economic opportunities and we should focus growth under current rules.
2. Sprawl is unnecessary and unsightly, and ruins the rural and outdoor character that Maine is known for.
3. The infrastructure for sprawl, that the new rule would encourage, is too expensive.
4. We need large Uninterrupted tracts of land to protect Maine's wildlife.
5. Development on currently undeveloped lakes should be limited for water quality.

Current Adjacency rules are preferred.

I am in opposition to the proposed relaxed Adjacency rule.

Sincerely

Christy Stout
Holden, ME

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Ben Emory <bemory770@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 12:30 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin; apamaine1@gmail.com
Subject: For LUPC 6/20/18 Public Hearing

To Whom it May Concern:

I want to say strongly that I believe the current one mile Adjacency Principle should be maintained. Encouraging sprawl, damaging natural resources, and adding to taxpayer burdens seem so obviously wrong that it seems it should be unnecessary to explain why extending that distance is a bad idea. Nonetheless, I will point out that such sprawl and forest fragmentation can only harm wildlife habitat, the integrity of Maine's forests, and the ability of natural lands to keep water clean. Our tourism industry and outdoor recreation would also suffer.

I say all this as a former two-term member of the Land for Maine's Future Board and original board member of the Forest Society of Maine. For many years I have been involved in a variety of ways in trying to protect Maine's natural landscapes both for the welfare of nature and of Maine people. Over those years I have been increasingly educated by people more knowledgeable than I to the damages caused by fragmenting our forests.

Ben Emory, PO Box 125, Salisbury Cove, ME 04672



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Signed Clifford M. Norton Date 6/11/18

Printed Name Clifford M. Norton

Address P.O. Box 96 Kingfield Me. 04947

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Signed Belinda Carlson Date 6-11-2018

Printed Name Belinda Carlson

Address P.O. Box 84 New Portland, ME

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Signed Deborah Black Date 06/12/18

Printed Name Deborah Black

Address 648 Long Falls Dam Rd, Lexington Twp.

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Signed Leslie F. Black Date 6/14/18

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Signed John E. Watters Date 6/2/18

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Signed Cathy J. Haines Date 6/7/18

Printed Name CATHY J. HAINES

Address 1729 Salem Rd, Salem, ME 04983

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Signed Matthew R Haseltine Date 13 June - 2018

Printed Name MATTHEW R HASELTINE

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Signed Steve Marquis Date 6-11-18

Printed Name Steve MARQUIS

Address 117 River Comm. Rd. SABATHUS, MAINE 04280

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From: Andrew Dombek <adombek@gmavt.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 5:09 AM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency principal - do not abandon

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Dear LUPC,

My family owns a camp in the unorganized territories on land that we originally leased from a series of paper companies beginning in 1964; and finally purchased outright a number of years ago.

Our property is not immediately impacted by the proposed abandonment of the 'one-mile-by-road' requirement, but we do NOT support its abandonment.

We filled out the LUPC as did, we see, many others, and clear majorities do not want to see additional commercial or residential development under the changed rules.

The Land Use Planning Commission should work to direct development toward existing towns and service centers, who could surely use the influx of people and/or monies into their communities.

The LUPC proposed changes would only serve to hasten the destruction of what Mainers and visitors alike find attractive about our great state: our forests, wildlife, lakes, rivers, and outstanding natural beauty.

Please protect this great state. Don't exploit it.

Andrew Dombek
429 Hand Road
North Ferrisburgh, VT 05473

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Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Cloe Chunn <cloechunn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:53 AM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency Rule Revisions

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To All Concerned:

The adjacency rule has been a godsend in the North Woods! We need to hang onto what bit of wilderness we still have in Maine and BRAG about it, not cut it up and change it. Encroachment to date has already compromised wildlife and people who need wildness, some of whom add a lot to our economy. Please stop any further changes to our woods by maintaining this important measure.

Cloe Chunn
author, Fifty Hikes in the Maine Mountains,
observer of changes over 45 years in Maine

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Matt Eshelman <mattreshelman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 7:54 AM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency Comments - Maintain the One Mike Rule

Dear Mr. Godsoe,

I hope this email finds you well. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

I am writing to advocate for maintaining the current "one-mile" rule. Maine's forests are economically valuable for many reasons. Once they are gone they can not be replaced. While I understand the need for development, we don't need to lose our forests in order to do so.

Thanks again for your time and for all your hard work.

Sincerely,

Matt Eshelman

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: David Twitchell <tippedoveragan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency

Mr Godsoe,

Thank you for your and the Commission's work for the State and People of Maine.

Replacing the 1 mile rule with 10 and more looks dangerous for our economy and our open spaces. Time has not changed the difference between 1 mile and 10 times that. The dangers and damage feared before are bigger not smaller. That development and scattered development of our great State is squeezing up against the areas your Commission oversees does not justify loosening the rules. There is still plenty of allowance for development and growth of homes and businesses in our Great State without this proposed change.

Respectfully,

David.

David Twitchell

Wayne, Maine

Tippedoveragain@yahoo.com

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Cormac Manning <cormac.manning@maine.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 3:51 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency

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Hello,

I would like to write a quick comment in relation to the one-mile rule. I oppose the new proposal and am writing to express my support for the analysis of the Natural Resources Council of Maine. It seems to me like the new proposal, while well-meaning, will result in levels of sprawl which will be to the detriment of thriving communities and efficient economic development.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cormac Manning
33 Bodge Street
South Portland 04106

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Tim Murphy <tmurphy@malta-town.org>
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 9:19 AM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency

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Mr.Godsoe,
Please register my opposition to any change to the 1 mile rule. Maine's priceless, irreplaceable, number one resource is unspoiled nature.
To give it away to developers is just stupid.
Thanks for your time and the work you do.
Tim Murphy,
Waldoboro

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Livesay, Nicholas
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 12:18 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: FW: Protect the "one-mile rule of adjacency"

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From: Stephen Underwood [<mailto:stephenunderwood@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 8:01 PM
To: DACF <DACF@maine.gov>
Subject: Protect the "one-mile rule of adjacency"

Hello,

I am in support of the one-mile rule and in opposition to this untested policy proposal that threatens Maine's North Woods. The one-mile rule is the single most important tool that LUPC has to guide responsible development in its 10.5 million-acre jurisdiction, and it should not be discarded through a quick process that most people do not know about.

Sincerely,
Steve Underwood
Dixfield, ME

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Scott Turner <wedomoguls@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 12:34 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency

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Good Afternoon Benjamin,

My wife and I are for leaving the current one-mile rule in place. If the rule was changed to allow more fragmentation of the countryside, this is problematic for wildlife which depends on continuous tracts of undeveloped land. And we have lived in many places all across the US - most of those areas allowed unplanned development with little regard for maintaining continuous wild areas and it was disastrous.

Please do not change this rule. Any temporary economic benefits would certainly not outweigh the permanent degradation of our natural environment.

Thank you.

Scott Turner
Kathy Turner

Godsoe, Benjamin

From: Linda Woods <greenladywoods@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 1:21 PM
To: Godsoe, Benjamin
Subject: Adjacency Principle

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Hi Ben,

After reading about the discussed changes to Adjacency Principle, I feel compelled to write to you. By now I assume you have heard opposition from many learned professionals as well as environmental groups. I am just a "basic" person who loves Grafton Notch. For many years I had a camp on Rt. 26, which as you must know, is a designated "scenic highway." A lot of effort went into obtaining that distinction!

Currently I escape to the mountains of Grafton as often as possible. Being in such a remote setting is cathartic. Adequate facilities are available in nearby towns of Bethel, Andover, and Upton. More would put undue stress on the existing trail system.

Any development such as what would be potentially allowed by changing the current development guidelines would be a travesty. I'm sure my sentiments are applicable to other areas as well. Many along the AT corridor I have hiked and know them to be beautiful. In fact, their "wilderness" feel is what draws many people to their regions.

Just in case you need a reminder: Developed land is lost forever. Please vote against any alterations to the current policy.

Thank you for your consideration to my message.

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