

Nearly twenty years after the implementation of Maine's Growth Management Act, the State Planning Office wants to know what impacts comprehensive planning has made on your community.

Fourteen coastal towns were chosen for this case study. All towns have developed and adopted consistent comprehensive plans under the Growth Management Act (30-A MRSA §4312 et seq). The selection process captured a mix of large and small towns that face various planning issues. Towns chosen for study span nearly the entire length of the Maine Coast, from Wells to Roque Bluffs.

We would like to know.....

- What impact has comprehensive planning had on the growth of your town?
- What have been the challenges to managing growth in your town?
- Which of the strategies set forth in your current comprehensive plan have been implemented?
- What factors have affected the successful implementation of your plan?
- How can the State Planning Office best support your comprehensive planning process?
- Any other candid thoughts about how the Growth Management Act has affected your town.

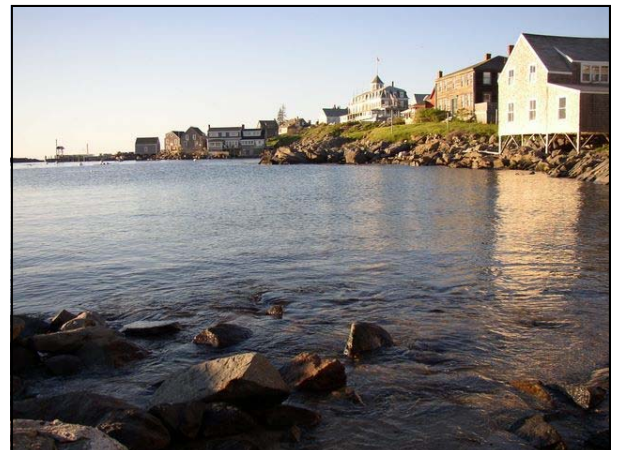
Can you help us?

Your experience operating every day under comprehensive plans will be instrumental in more successful implementation of the Growth Management Act.

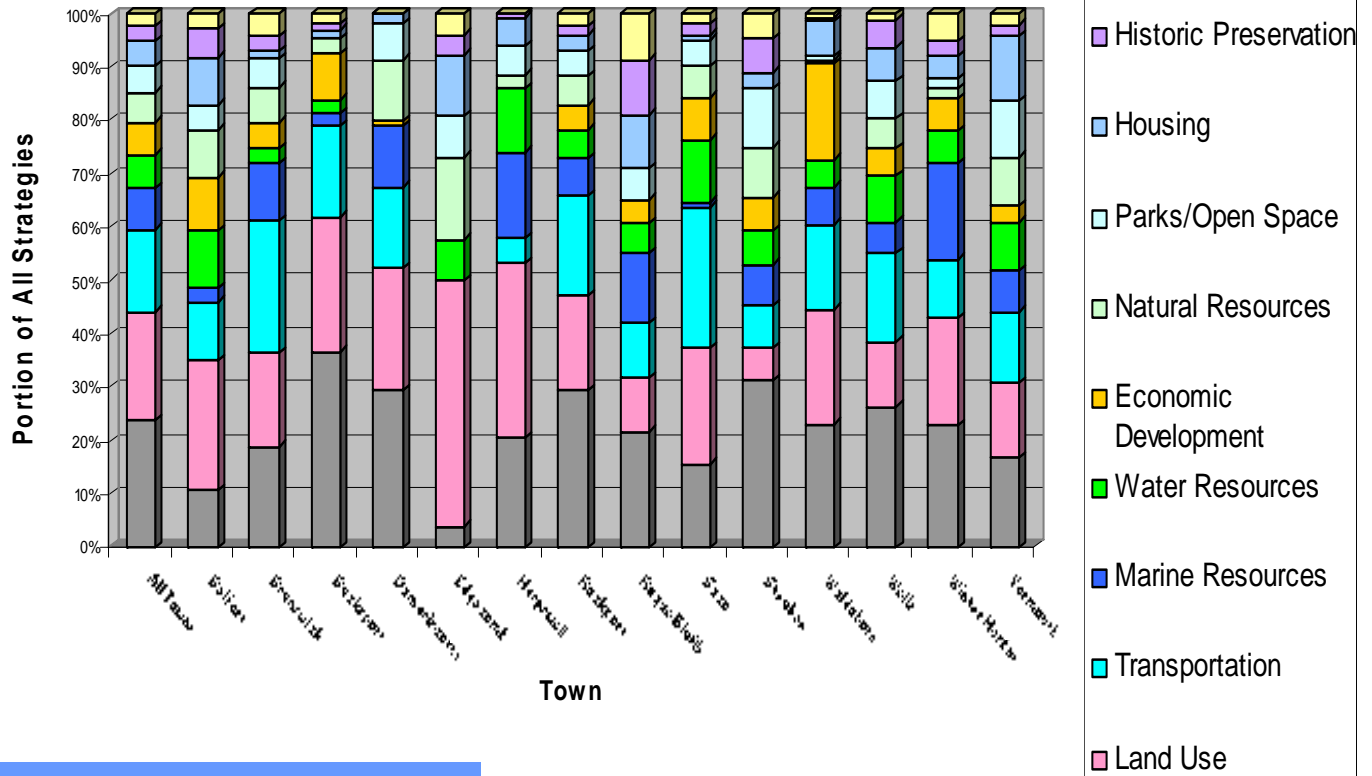


Your input will be used to:

- Guide future education and outreach programs
- Influence the way the State Planning Office provides assistance to towns
- Report to the Community Preservation Advisory Committee of the Legislature on recommendations for future policy direction



Proportion of Strategy Topics by Town

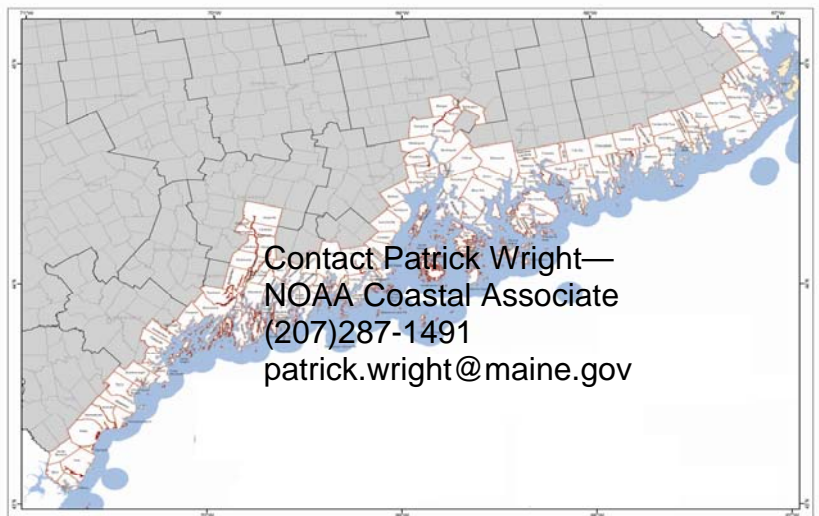
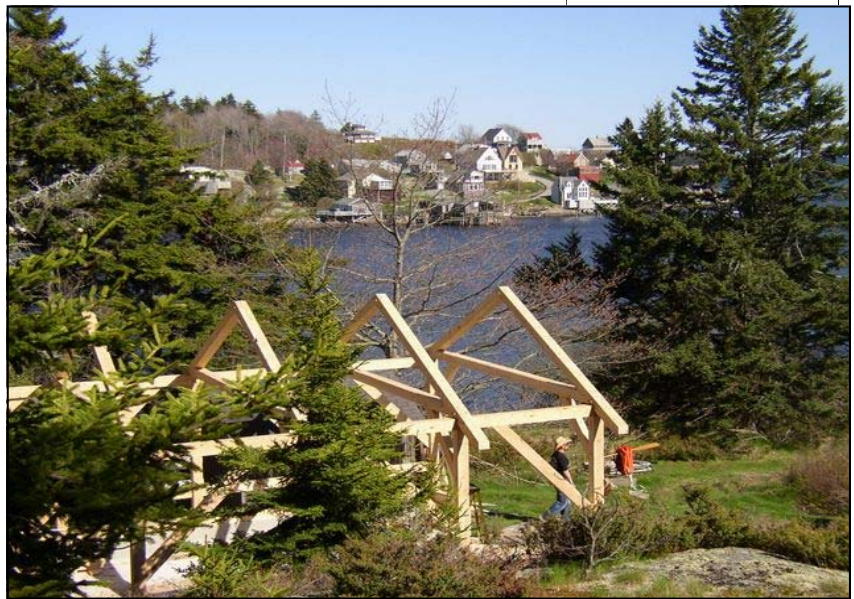


An in-house analysis was performed that focused on the implementation strategies, as stated in each town's comprehensive plan. Each strategy was analyzed based on criteria such as:

- Topic focus
- Regulatory mechanism
- Strength of recommendation
- Use of state or federal assistance
- Ongoing administration required
- Public/private cooperation sought



Our analysis has helped us to see some trends in the makeup of comprehensive plans in these towns. However, we can only learn about the implementation of those plans by gaining your insight.



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