

Characteristics and Components of  
QUALITY OF PLACE  
Synthesis of Flip Chart Notes  
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**Distinctive identity**

- local uniqueness and attractiveness
- artistic traditions
- historic character
- maine foods and ethnic distinctions
- place reflects my values, what's important to me
- places have meaning because of unique stories
- appreciation of historic value

**Natural beauty and aesthetics**

- ample open space
- liveable communities
- working lands
- human scale built environment
- congenial to all the senses
- open space at varying scales from pocket parks to mass land conservation
- access to natural environment
- proportion and scale feel right
- extraordinary diversity of natural places

**Safe and authentic culture**

- sense of community, human connections
- child friendly and safe
- you can know people at all levels
- honest, open culture

**Easy Mobility**

- uncongested, uncrowded, less rushed
- easy access to amenities in built environment

**Healthy local economy**