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Memorandum

To: LUPC Commissioners
CC: Benjamin Godsoe, Acting Executive Director
From: Megan Lamb, Senior Planner; Emily Francis-Lamore, Acting Senior Planner
Date: December 3, 2025
Re: Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) Update Progress Report

At the December 2024 regular business meeting, Commissioners approved the initiation of a process to update the [Comprehensive Land Use Plan](#) (Plan or CLUP). The proposed process includes a phased approach, with a pre-process to identify priority issues, assess data needs, collect available data, and garner input on the planning process design before the official update and adoption processes begin. This agenda item is an update on the pre-process steps taken to date and the next steps in the pre-process, including the launch of the CLUP update website.

Background

The Commission has outlined a phased approach for a CLUP update. The first phase, or pre-process, includes gathering information to help identify priority issues and inform the structure and process for the second phase. The second phase is the actual process to update the CLUP and includes much broader outreach to landowners and interested parties, developing goals and policies, and completing the draft Plan. The third and final phase is the adoption process, which involves review by the Commission, leadership at the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry (DACF), and the Maine Legislature.

The pre-process is designed to allow the Commission to collect information on its service area and changes since 2010, identify priority issues, and obtain public input into the update process. Table 1 provides an overview of pre-process components and the status of each step. For a more comprehensive description of each component, please see the [August Commission Memo](#).

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Table 1. Overview of pre-process steps for the CLUP update and status of each step.

Pre-process Components	Status
Initial Outreach (perspective interviews)	Final Report, November 2025 (to be published on website when made live)
Informational Sessions	October 2025: Forest Resources - <i>Completed</i> November 2025: Flood Hazards and Resilience - <i>Completed</i> December 2025: Land and Wildlife Conservation February 2026: Recreation March 2026: Housing and Development April 2026: Water Resources May 2026: To be determined
2010 - 2025 Service Area Data	Research and development phase - ongoing
CLUP Update Website	In review for an early January publish date
Public Survey	In development for Spring/Summer 2026
Facilitated Workshops	In development for Fall 2026
Update Process Proposal	Winter 2026

Anticipated outcomes for the pre-process include the following:

1. A foundation of data and information about the LUPC service area, including more accurate permit data, values/interests/perspectives of interested parties, natural resource and development data, and feedback on LUPC policies and practices.
2. Established mechanisms for delivering data and information, and garnering feedback, such as through an interactive survey and website.
3. Adoption of guiding principles for the CLUP update process.
4. A list of key topics/issues to address through CLUP goals, policies, and implementation measures based on pre-process interviews, facilitated regional meetings, and survey responses.
5. A recommended proposal for the update process for Commission consideration.

Below is a more comprehensive overview of the website, along with an updated proposed timeline. Staff will continue to report on pre-process components as work continues.

Website

A CLUP website has been developed to share information, progress to date, and to solicit public feedback. The website was developed through Esri ArcGIS StoryMaps, which can easily be updated by Commission staff to rapidly share information and updates with the public.¹ The platform also has unique features, such as interactive maps and survey applications. The website will be updated regularly as more materials are collected and developed for the Pre-Process and will be a repository of information for the Update and Adoption Processes. Staff seek Commissioner feedback on the draft website, and a demonstration of the website will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

Proposed Timeline

To Do Item	2025											2026											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Data collection, analysis, reporting																							
Initial Outreach																							
Informational Sessions																							
Public Survey																							
Facilitated Workshops																							
CLUP Process Proposal																							

¹ [Esri ArcGIS StoryMaps](#)