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To: Aroostook CGPZ Steering Committee
From: Jay Kamm, Senior Planner, NMDC
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Date: February 13, 2015
Re: Agenda Item #4, Proposed Small Business District

Materials Provided

Proposed small business district (D-SBD) – This includes reference to the LUPC zoning criteria, the statutory definition of development districts, a draft purpose for the proposed D-SBD subdistrict, a draft description of the D-SBD subdistrict, and some examples of small businesses and public facilities that might be located in a D-SBD.

Narrowing the Geography – This includes a list of 18 townships, plantations, and towns and some potential indicators of existing development and economic activity.

Objectives for Agenda Item #4

1. Refine the purpose and description to reflect what the D-SBD should achieve.
2. Begin identifying locations in Aroostook County where the D-SBD would, could or should go.

What the Committee will be asked to do

- Identify specific small businesses, or types of small businesses, you know of, or think might reasonably emerge, in the 18 townships, plantations, and towns (or in areas similar to those 18 townships, plantations, and towns).
- Consider the needs, operations, and impacts of those businesses.
- Begin to develop a list of small businesses, categories of small businesses, or a broad definition of small business for the D-SBD.
- Consider ways to narrow the geographic scope of where the D-SBD would, could or should go.
- Assess indicators that would identify locations for the D-SBD.

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Questions/ Issues/ Topics the committee may want to consider in advance of meeting

What are the needs of the types of small businesses you think might go into the D-SBD (e.g., proximity to services, types of road, amount of land, proximity or separation from certain other uses)?

How do these types of small businesses operate? (How many people do they employ? How much traffic do they generate? What are hours of operation? Where do they store materials or products?)

Where, or in what types of places, is there likely to be demand for the D-SBD?

Where, or in what types of places, would the D-SBD likely be compatible with other existing uses and resources?

Where, or in what types of places, would the D-SBD likely be desirable?

Should there be a list of townships, plantations, and towns in which the D-SBD is eligible?