NOTICE OF ZONING PETITION BY THE MAINE LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION

This is to notify you that the Maine Land Use Planning Commission of 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0022 has initiated a zoning petition, pursuant to the provisions of 12 M.R.S. Section 685-A(8-A). The petition is for adoption by reference of certain Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Washington County, as listed in the proposed draft of Appendix E of the Commission's *Chapter 10 Land Use Districts and Standards*, and for adoption of a related revision of the Land Use Guidance Maps for affected minor civil divisions in that county. The LUPC sent letters out notifying landowners and interested parties in its Washington County service area regarding FEMA's release of the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Washington County, and about the associated comment and appeal period for the preliminary maps in August of 2016. In January of 2017, FEMA issued its letters of final determination on the maps. The LUPC's adoption of the final maps is required by FEMA so that the communities served by the Commission may participate in the federal flood insurance program. Landowners in the unorganized territories of Washington County should review the final maps to see if any map revisions affect their property.

The petition and the proposed draft of Appendix E will be filed for public inspection at the Maine Land Use Planning Commission offices in Bangor and Augusta on March 13, 2017.

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Written comments from interested persons should be sent to the <u>Bangor office</u> of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission (address above) before the end of the public comment period, <u>April 17, 2017</u>. Comments in rebuttal to those received in the public comment period will be accepted until <u>April 24, 2017</u>.

Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing to the Commission in a timely manner. The Commission prefers that requests for a public hearing be submitted by the end of the public comment period. Requests for a public hearing must clearly state the reasons for why a public hearing is warranted on this petition.

For information on how to request a public hearing or for additional information, contact the Maine Land Use Planning Commission staff at the Bangor office or the Augusta office.