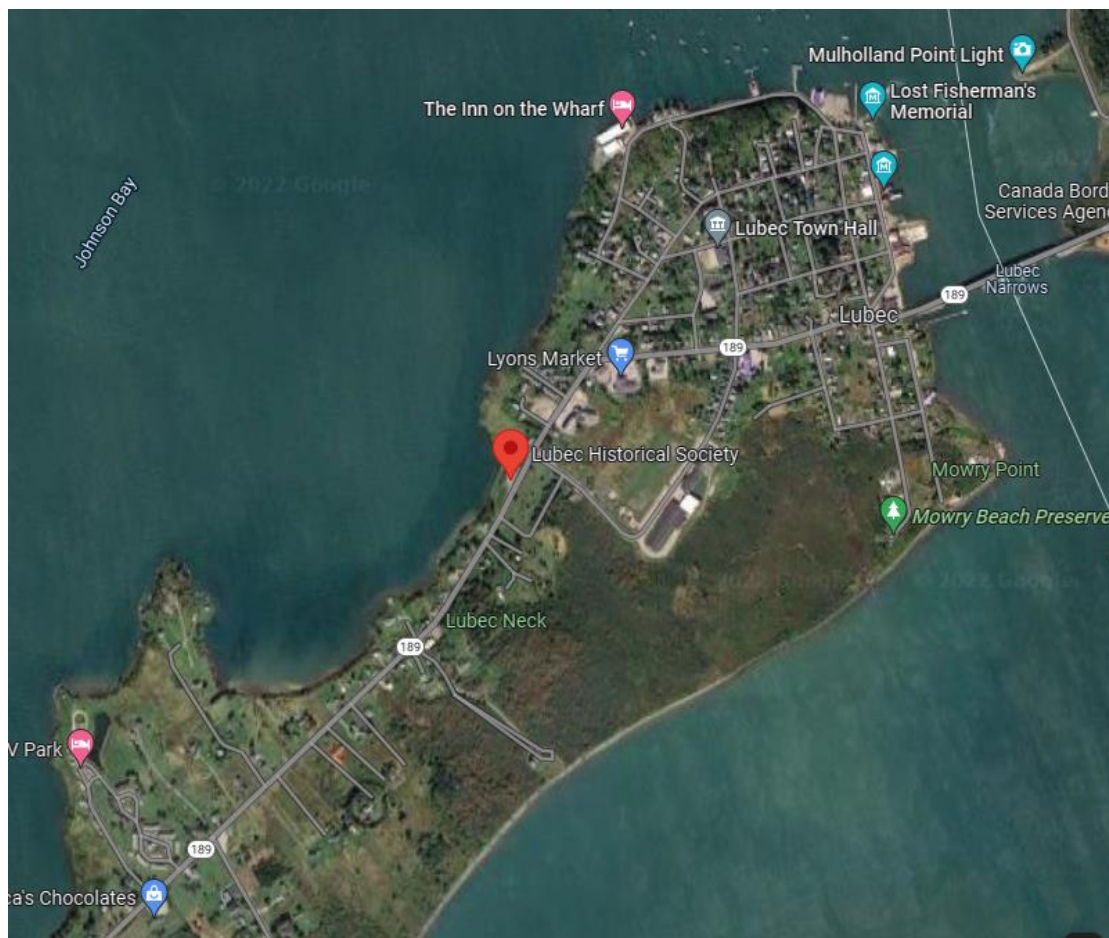




## Shore and Harbor Planning Grants

### Town of Lubec

*Safe Harbor Project (Fiscal Year 2020, project awarded 2019)*



The proposed boat launch and breakwater would be built behind the Lubec Historical Society building.  
*Photo: Google Maps*

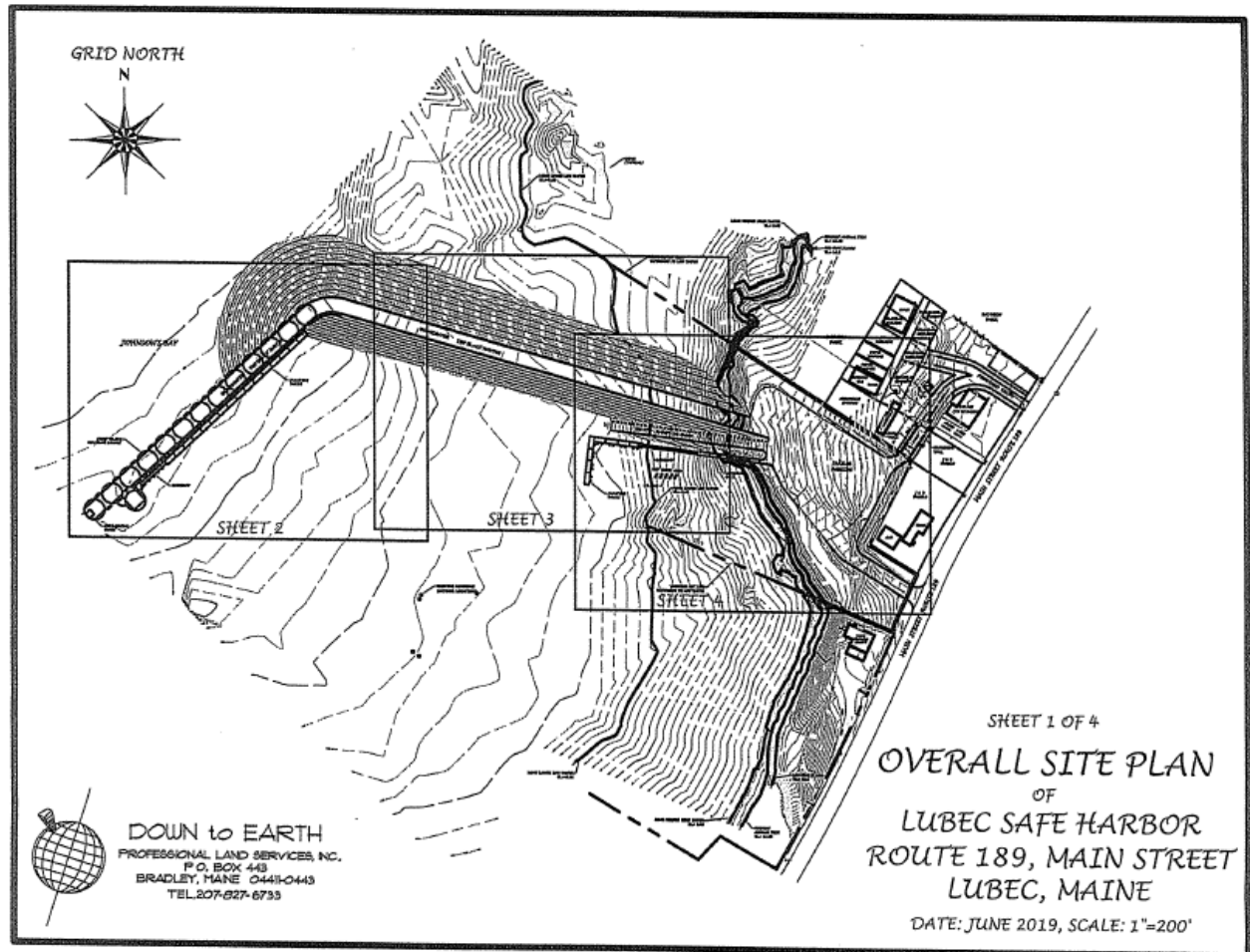
### Project Description

The town of Lubec does not have its own boat launch, nor does it have a safe, protected harbor for commercial and recreational boat access. The local economy is heavily reliant on the commercial fishing industry and recreational boating, and the lack of safe facilities increases risk for boaters because they must use skiffs to access their boats. Boaters currently launch their skiffs from local beaches, but these can be unsafe in windy conditions. Lubec is working on a multi-phase project to build a breakwater, boat launch, and pier for safe commercial and recreational access.

The town purchased the land for the breakwater in 2017, with assistance from the Land for Maine's Future Water Access Program. The town then applied for the Shore and Harbor grant in 2019 to get funding for engineering studies and the structural design of the new breakwater, boat launch, and pier. The town also applied for a federal BUILD Grant and received \$19.6 million for the construction of the new facility.

## Project results

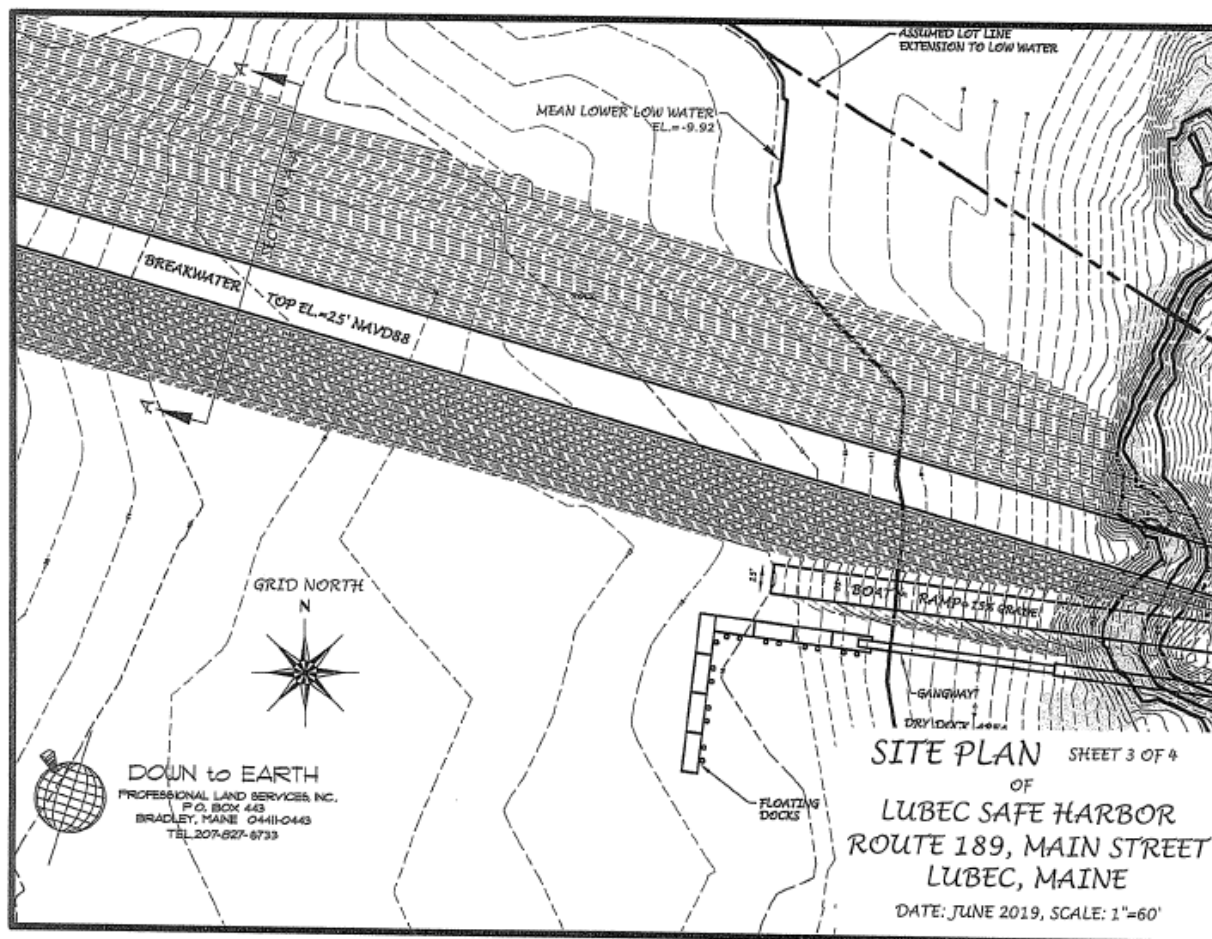
The town hired a survey company to complete a marine geophysical survey where the boat launch, breakwater, and pier would be located. The detailed survey information was added to their design plans.



*Photo:* Town of Lubec

## Project follow-up

The results of this project helped the town successfully apply for the Federal BUILD Grant, and gave them valuable information about the bay floor and subsurface geological conditions in the area where the new breakwater, boat launch, and pier will go. The bid process for the construction of the new facility was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and cost increases meant that both bids were larger than expected. The town is currently assessing their options and exploring alternate funding options to help them move on to the construction phase of the project.



*Photo: Town of Lubec*

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