

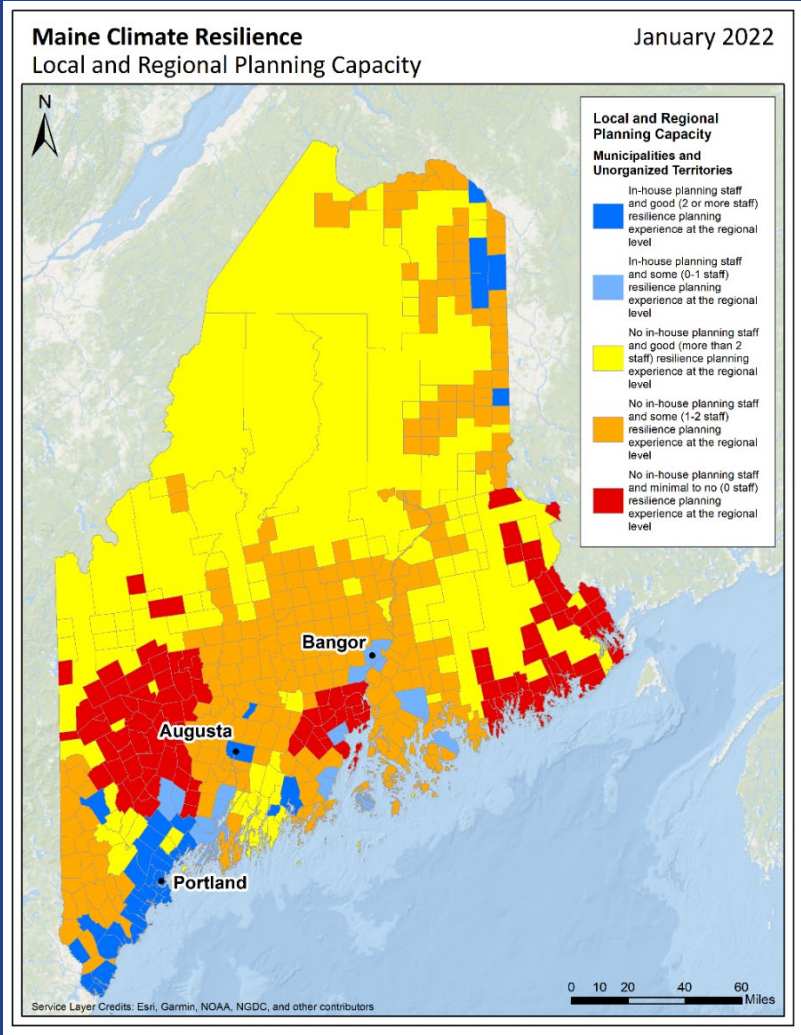
# L.D. 1934, Resolve, to Improve the Coordination and Delivery of Planning Grants and Technical Assistance to Communities in Maine

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Maine communities are facing complex challenges, and many lack local planning and implementation capacity to address them.



**To access technical assistance, planning support, and funding opportunities from the state, communities must currently navigate a variety of programs managed across several agencies.**

- **Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**
- **Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future**
- **Department of Marine Resources**
- **Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**
- **Department of Community and Economic Development**
- **Office of the State Fire Marshall**



**Maine communities feel strongly that reorganizing existing state programs under a new standalone office would more effectively provide the robust planning support, technical assistance, and funding opportunities they need and ensure coordinated and coherent communication.**

*“Municipal officials spend tremendous amounts of often unpaid time trying to meet the obligations on the ground and would benefit from both a single point source for data but also cross-municipal collaboration between and inside departments at the state level.”*

- Maine Municipal Association





**The complexity of housing, land use, climate resiliency and other challenges facing communities demands greater coordination across state agencies to maximize unprecedented federal funding opportunities that now exist.**



The proposed office would work in partnership with communities and regional organizations to navigate these complex challenges and pursue comprehensive solutions that benefit Maine's people, economy, and environment.

