

# Small Group Worksheet

## Land Use Meetings – Addressing Intersecting Issues Maine Climate Council Working Groups

### ***Essential Background***

The guiding question we will discuss in these cross-cutting meetings is: “how do we proactively manage growth as a state and meet our climate goals?” We will consider multiple climate goals in the discussion, including:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions, especially from vehicle miles traveled
- Increasing renewable energy production (100% clean energy target by 2040) to fuel beneficial electrification of transportation and buildings
- Increasing local food production which requires maintaining or increasing farmland
- Maintaining the state’s managed and unmanaged forest base
- Conserving 30% of Maine’s natural and working lands
- Building resilient communities

Recommendations to achieve these goals are currently being considered by each of the respective working groups. The intersection of these goals is where we want to focus these cross-cutting discussions.

### ***Questions for your small group discussion***

1. In the context of our housing crisis and population growth, how could we incentivize new dense develop in areas that are out of harm’s way and near people’s work and services?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How could we facilitate the siting of needed energy infrastructure and achieve our climate goals, including our goals around farms and forests.

*As you discuss these questions, consider ways to support communities (technical support, model ordinances etc.), as well as ways to implement more effectively existing policy.*