

I. PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

This section reviews existing public facilities and services, and estimates future needs based on anticipated growth and economic development. Current facilities and services are described to determine if they adequately serve both towns today and if they have the available capacity to serve them for the next ten years. The goal of this section is to plan, finance, and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services that will accommodate future needs.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

Both Pembroke and Perry are part of State Senate District 29. The towns are split between State House Districts 30 (Pembroke) and 31 (Perry), and are both part of U.S. Congressional District 2. Each town has a Selectmen/town meeting form of government where a Town Clerk is responsible for the day-to-day operations. They have shared the same Town Clerk for over 15 years. Each town has a three member Board of Selectmen that serves for staggered three year terms. The Pembroke and Perry Select Boards meet every other Monday. The fiscal year for both towns ends on June 30th. Approval for the budget is achieved through the annual town meeting/election that is held on the last Tuesday of August in Perry and on the fourth Monday in July in Pembroke.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Board of Selectmen appoints long term, short term and project committees as needed.

Appointed Boards/Functions (By Board of Selectmen)	Elected Boards/Functions	Shared Staff/Functions
Board of Appeals (Pembroke)	Board of Selectmen (3)	Town Clerk
Budget Committee	Road Commissioner	
Comprehensive Plan Committee	Board of Assessors (3)	
Planning Board (Pembroke) (3)	School Committee (5)	
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Planning Board (Perry) (9)	
Clam Warden	Town Clerk	
Animal Control Officer	Tax Collector	
Local Plumbing Inspector *	Treasurer	
Code Enforcement Officer*	Voter Registrar	
Health Officer	Conservation Committee (Pembroke)	
Fire Warden (Perry)	Zoning Board of Appeals (Perry)	
Harbor Master	Pembroke Utility District (5)	
Harbor Committee (Pembroke)	Fire Warden (Pembroke)	
General Assistance Administrator	Fire Chief (Elected by Fire Dept.)	
E-911 Administrator	Equipment Committee (Perry)	
	Municipal Building Committee (Perry)	
	Recreation Committee (Perry)	

* The Plumbing Inspectors and Code Enforcement Officers in both towns are all fully certified by the SPO Certification program.

The Board of Appeals hears appeals regarding Planning Board decisions.

The budget committee works with the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools to prepare the annual budget for town meeting.

The planning board in both towns consists of nine members in Perry and 3 members in Pembroke. Meetings are held monthly or as needed to review applications for building permits. The planning board also reviews Shoreland Zoning and wetland issues; Subdivision Regulations, Land Use & Development and Floodplain criteria in order to maintain compliance with state and local ordinances. The Code Enforcement Officer reviews all other permits including non-commercial.

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS/FACILITIES

Of the two towns only Perry has a Town Office. The Town Clerk who is shared by both communities conducts business from her own home. In Perry the highway department shares quarters with the Selectmen, the Fire Department and the school bus garage. This building is at capacity. In Pembroke the town constructed a Fire House in 2000. The meeting room in this facility is used on occasion by Boards and Committees in both towns.

The Pembroke Fire House is located on Liberty Hill. It is a one-story wooden frame structure with additions for a kitchen and a three-bay facility with storage for four fire trucks. The existing structure is adequate for the functions that it needs to support. The Perry Municipal Building houses the Fire House and other municipal public works and offices. It is located on Route 1 and includes three bays, a kitchen, maintenance area and storage for other public works equipment and busses. This structure is inadequate for the functions that it needs to provide. A dog holding facility is located behind the municipal building that serves surrounding communities of Eastport, Charlotte and Pembroke with incidental services provided to other communities. Perry also shares a sand and salt shed with the Maine DOT.

Neither town has a central Community Center for large gatherings. Large meetings are held in the school gymnasium in both towns. All of these facilities are shown on Map 2, Pembroke and Perry Public Facilities and Cemeteries.

Pembroke owns 72.7 acres in 10 parcels including the following:

Reversing Falls Park	32.02 acres	Recreational area/cemetery
Garnet Head Road	6.68 acres	water access
Pembroke Elementary School	11.3 acres	School
Little Falls Road	6.87 acres	water access
Little Falls Road	1 acre	open land
Old Route 1	8 acres	Cemetery
Factory Road	1.51 acres	old sand salt pile
High Street	1.1 acres	Fire Dept/
High Street	4 acres	Fire Dept/Town
Middle Street	0.22 acres	residual

Perry owns 23.63 acres in 5 parcels including:

US Route 1	2.9 acres	Municipal garage and offices
Leach Point Road	0.11 acres	water access
US Route 1	0.12 acre	Fire pond
US Route 1	0.5 acres	Old Fire House
Perry Elementary School	20 acres	School

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Town Office

The Town Clerk is responsible for administering routine business for both towns. The Town Clerk, Tax Collector (both elected positions) and motor vehicle registrar are all currently filled by the same full time staff member. The Town Treasurer is also elected in each town and serves on an as-needed basis. The Treasurers for both towns also work from their homes. Both towns have their own certified Code Enforcement Officer, a Local Plumbing Inspector, an Animal Control Officer and Clam Warden.

The Town Office is not ADA compliant and there are insurance issues as a result.

Highway Department and Solid Waste Disposal District Management

Both towns manage their roads through elected Road Commissioners (also the Selectmen) and hired employees. Winter plowing and salt maintenance is contracted in Pembroke. Pembroke owns no public works equipment of its own. Perry has its own public works department with two full-time employees and four major pieces of equipment. There are equipment needs that are proposed for improvement in the Capital Investment Plan.

Both Pembroke and Perry dispose of their solid waste at the Marion Users Transfer Station (M.U.T.S.). The refuse is then carried to New Brunswick. Demolition debris is also taken to the Marion site. The towns are exploring options for a construction and demolition disposal site with neighboring towns. Costs are increasing significantly for this kind of disposal. There are also plans to implement a recycling program. Presently, there are several private haulers in town who serve the same routes.

Each of Maine's municipalities has to submit an annual report of its solid waste management practices; however, the Marion Users Transfer Station has this obligation. The state's objective is for each municipality to recycle at least 50 percent of its household waste. If the quota is not attained, a fee is imposed, unless the municipality indicates good faith in attempting to improve its recycling rate. Developing a reasonable progress plan that is agreeable both to the Maine Solid Waste Agency and the municipality helps to reach this goal. Many communities did not achieve the State Planning Office's (SPO) 1998 deadline for achieving 50 percent recycling. According to the State Planning Office the Marion Users Transfer Station (Charlotte, Cooper, Cutler, Dennysville, East Machias, Machiasport, Meddybemps, Northfield, Pembroke, Perry, Robbinston, Wesley, Whiting, Edmonds, Marion, No. 14 Twp, Trescott, T19 ED BPP, T18 ED

BPP) had a 12.09% recycling rate in 2008. Figures are not available for the town itself. Recycling should be actively promoted in the community.

Water Supply, Septic Systems, Overboard Discharges, and Sewer Systems

Neither Pembroke nor Perry has public water or sewer services. Residents obtain their water from natural springs, dug wells or drilled wells. The town of Pembroke has a very large aquifer system that is depicted on Map 5 – Waterways and Wetlands. There is a Pembroke Utility District that does not operate any water systems at present.

The Boyden Lake watershed, located primarily in Perry but also in Pembroke, Charlotte and Robbinston serves the Pleasant Point Tribal Community and the city of Eastport under the management of the Passamaquoddy Water District.

Human waste disposal is through septic systems some of which are old and malfunctioning. The towns have no overboard discharges. Over the past 10 years, the towns have applied for and received several DEP grants through the Small Community Grant Program to correct numerous malfunctioning septic systems.

Stormwater Management System

The stormwater system in both towns consists primarily of roadside ditches and catch basins. Sub-surface stormwater drainage pipes are located along US Route 1. The state owns and maintains the system located along US Route 1 and State Highways 214 and 190 while each town is responsible for the rest of the local roads.

Public Safety

Police Protection

Public safety and services for both towns are provided by the Washington County Sheriffs' Office and the Maine State Police. The Washington County Sheriffs Department provides the dispatching services for emergency services with non-emergency routing through Orono. The crime rate in this part of the county is lower than many other communities in its vicinity and the statistics show that it is among the safer areas in Maine.

Fire Protection

Fire departments in each town consist of one station in Pembroke and a combined facility in Perry as described under municipal buildings above. Each department includes 10 volunteers in Pembroke and 28 volunteers in Perry with no full-time members. With decreasing population in the region, particularly of young working families, it is increasingly difficult to attract volunteers for public safety. The costs of hiring this protection would be considerable.

Pembroke and Perry provide fire protection for one another and have mutual aid agreements with the surrounding towns of Charlotte, Dennysville, Eastport, Calais, Pleasant Point, Robbinston and Whiting.

The Pembroke Fire Department's vehicular equipment includes the following:

1. 2004 International Pumper; 1,250 GPM, 1,000 gallon tank, foam capability
2. 2005 International Tanker/Pumper; 1,000 GPM, 2,000 gallon tank, portable 600 GPM pump and 2,100 gallon portable dump tank
3. 1972 Military 2 ½ ton 6X6 Forest Fire Truck, 260 GPM, 650 gallon tank
4. 1950 Chevrolet back-up Forest Fire Truck, 95GPM high-pressure pump, 500 gallon tank

The town of Pembroke has no need of additional equipment and Perry has just purchased a New Pumper.

The Perry Fire Department's vehicular equipment includes the following:

1. 2007 E-1 Pumper; 1,250 GPM 1,200 gallon tank, foam capability
2. 1982 GMC Pumper; 1,000 GPM 1,000 gallon tank
3. 1988 Ford Utility Rescue Van with Cascade Air System and Jaws of Life
4. 1977 Military 5 ton 6X6 Forest Fire Truck, 500 GPM, 2,200 gallon tank
5. 1978 Mack Military 2 ½ ton 6X6 Forest Fire Truck, 500 GPM, 1,000 gallon tank

The Perry Fire Department is under going upgrades to meet the NFP standards and it may need to expand.

Emergency Services

The primary provider of emergency ambulance service for Pembroke is the volunteer Dennysville Ambulance Service. Back-up emergency ambulance service is provided by the Pleasant Point Ambulance Service. Emergency ambulance service is also provided 24 hours a day by the Eastport Division of Downeast EMS to both towns, the regional ambulance service provided by Washington County Emergency Medical Service Authority (WCEMSA).

WCEMSA is a regional emergency ambulance service covering 18 communities in three counties. The service runs between 1,750 and 2,000 calls per year with between 250 and 300 of those calls originating out of Eastport. The service provides both emergency and transfer services, operating out of three full-time base stations plus relationships with two volunteer operations and first response units based in Alexander and Charlotte.

Washington County Dispatch provides the dispatching services for both towns.

Enhanced 9-1-1. The Emergency Services Communication Bureau and the E9-1-1 Addressing Committees in both towns assigned physical addresses to all property owners with structures. The switchover from Rural Route numbers has been completed. E9-1-1 service automatically displays a caller's address on a computer screen at a call-answering center. Also, the caller's telephone number is displayed on screen and can automatically be redialed if the line is disconnected. The service was implemented in 2000.

Marine Rescue. The United States Coast Guard maintains a search and rescue station in Eastport. A new Coast Guard station was completed in 2004 at Eastport and now houses the local emergency response center. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla operates from the Coast Guard station. Its purpose is to promote safe boating through classes on boat handling and navigation, to conduct search and rescue and provide manpower to support the Coast Guard and is part of the local response team.

Public Works Department

Of the two towns only Perry has a Public Works Department. Neither town has any public water or sewage system facilities.

Cemeteries

The town of Pembroke has 5 large public cemeteries and numerous private family plots. The Forest Hill and Hersey Cemeteries are maintained through town and perpetual care funds. The St John’s Catholic Church cemetery is maintained by the church and the Clarkside Cemetery is maintained by the Clarkside Cemetery Association. Settlers cemetery is located near Reversing Falls. Both the Forest Hill and Clarkside cemeteries need to expand (purchase land) in the near future.

The town of Perry has no public cemetery but 55 cemeteries, some large and some small family plots. These are mapped and described in detail in the publication *At Rest in Perry, Maine, 1990* by Jeanne O’Shea Wagner and Colon S. Morrison, updated in 2006 by Frances M. Raye. This publication is available on the town of Perry web site at www.perrymaine.org.

Veteran’s flags are provided annually by both towns for all cemeteries and money is appropriated at town meeting for repairs upon request. The flags which both towns provide for veterans’ gravesites are placed by the Selectmen and volunteers.

Existing town and private cemeteries have sufficient space for the foreseeable future.

MAIL DELIVERY

The Pembroke Post Office (04666) is located at 475 US Route 1. The Perry Post Office (04667) is located at 972 US Route 1 since the late 1960s. Although many residents have a post office box, part of the mail is delivered through a rural carrier for home delivery.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electrical Service: Bangor Hydro, Eastern Maine Electric Coop

Telephone Service: Verizon

Cellular Service: FCC licenses in Washington County are operated by US Cellular and AT&T

Television, Cable, and Radio

Newspapers

WLBZ - Channel 2 (NBC affiliate) Bangor	Bangor Daily News (daily)
WABI - Channel 5 (CBS affiliate) Bangor	Calais Advertiser (weekly)
WVII - Channel 7 (ABC affiliate) Bangor	Downeast Coastal Press (weekly) Cutler
Maine PBS- Channel 12 (PBS affiliate) Bangor	Ellsworth American (weekly)
WQDY/ALZ (1230 AM & 92.7 FM) Calais (95.3 FM) Machias	Lubec Light (monthly)
WCRQ (102.9 FM) Calais	Machias Valley Observer (weekly)
WMED (89.7 FM) (NPR affiliate) Calais	Quoddy Tides (twice-monthly) Eastport
DirectTV – out of state	
Time Warner	
Dish Network – out of state	

Internet Providers: There are a number of Internet service providers with local access numbers. DSL and wireless technology is also currently available providing some high speed access within Pembroke and Perry. Choice is limited in the region for high speed (broadband) access.

EDUCATION

Pembroke and Perry operate their own respective School Departments at the elementary level. At the secondary level they are part of School Union 104. Secondary students attend Shead High School in Union 104 and, through tuition payments, Calais High School and Washington Academy. The schools are well-used assets. In addition to the daytime instruction and students’ extra-curricular activities, the community uses the building for a wide variety of functions, both public and private. These include but are not limited to: public hearings and meetings, private parties and receptions, coffee houses, St. Croix Garden Show, and musical performances. The school charges private users a nominal fee to offset the costs of electricity and fuel consumption.

The two School Departments operate the following schools:

School Name	Address	Enrolled Pupils (2005-2006)	Grades
Pembroke Elementary	36 US Route 1 Pembroke	114	Pre-K-8
Perry Elementary	1587 US Route 1 Perry	123	Pre-K-8

PEMBROKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Built in 1982, the Pembroke Elementary School is located on US Route 1 near the border with Dennysville. The facility features classrooms for Grades K through 8, a gym/cafeteria, a library, a classroom used for music, art and health, playground and ball field, and offices. There is one stand alone modular building that houses grades 5-8. The physical condition is good overall although some kitchen facilities need to be upgraded. Current budgets plan for a new school bus and generator. A sprinkler system may also be required in the near term.

PERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Built in 1988, the Perry Elementary School is located on US Route 1. The facility features classrooms for Grades K-4 through 8, a gym/cafeteria with a

stage for auditorium use, a Library/classroom, 2-3 computers in all classrooms, grades 7-8 have lap tops, and offices. The physical condition is school is good overall.

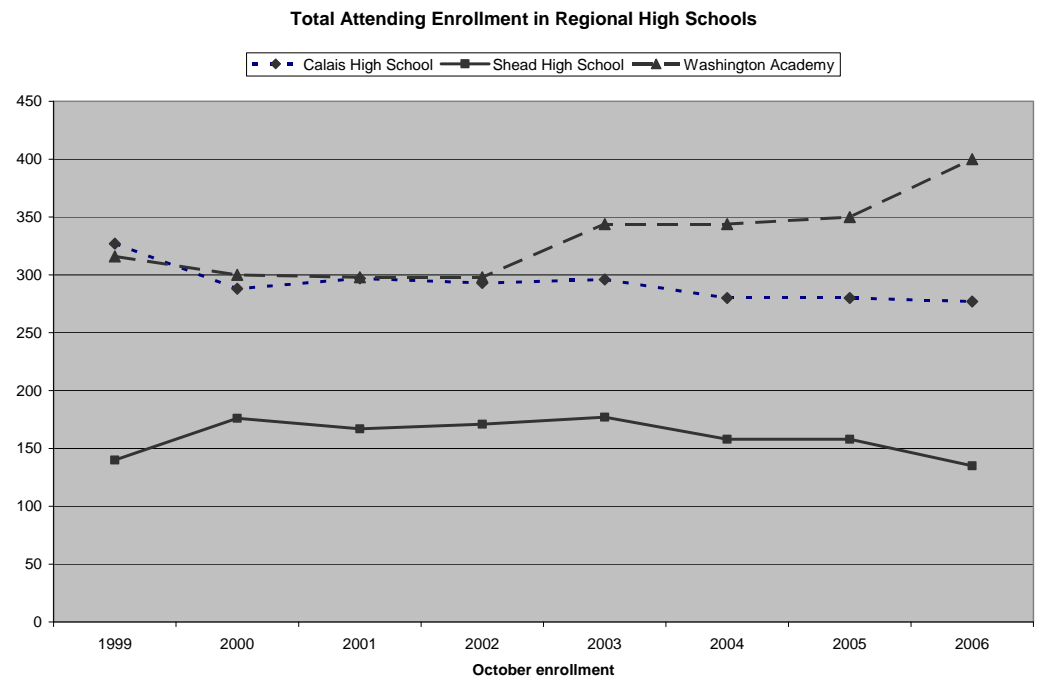
SHEAD HIGH SCHOOL. The city’s former High School, Shead Memorial High School, was replaced by the new Shead High School in 1981. It has a complete range of classrooms, shops, gymnasium, computer lab, cable TV broadcasting facilities, and uniquely: WSHD, a licensed FM radio station.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY. Originally constructed in 1823 Washington Academy is located in East Machias and now composed of seven buildings on a 45 acre campus. It is a private school that hosts students from the region and beyond (including international) who attend daily or as boarders living on campus. It includes many classrooms, computer labs, performing arts stage, a cafeteria, library, gym complex music classrooms, and an Industrial Technology Building that contains the Marine Trades Program, Industrial Arts, and Computer Networking and Repair.

CALAIS HIGH SCHOOL. Completed in 1977, the high school has a 500 student capacity, and was remodeled in 2004. In 1989, the Calais Regional Vocational Center was opened at the High School. The facilities are in excellent condition. It has a complete range of classrooms, shops, gymnasium, computer lab, home economics room, and cable TV broadcasting facilities.

Pembroke and Perry are part of Union 104 and the Superintendent’s Office is located at 102 High Street in Eastport. Each town has elected school committees that oversee school affairs.

The levels of education in each town at the Bachelor’s degree of higher level or attainment are higher than the surrounding communities and lie between the county and state averages. However the High School Graduate of higher level or attainment is comparable to nearby communities and lower than both the County and the State.



Enrollment in regional high schools has shifted in the past eight years. Calais High School has fallen slightly, Shead High School had declined and Washington Academy has seen steady growth especially in recent years.

Declines in overall school enrollment in eastern Washington County are reflective of the declines in the number of younger residents in the population (see Table I-2 below C-6 in Population chapter). One difference however is that while Pembroke is seeing a decline in school aged residents, Perry has realized an increase between 1990 and 2000 according to the census and in recent years according to school enrollment (see Table C-11).

Table I-2 POPULATION SCHOOL-AGE AND UNDER EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY*

Population School-Age and Under - Eastern Washington County*			
Age	1990	2000	% Change
5-17	1,586	1162	-26.73%
Under 5	527	393	-24.43%

*Towns of Robbinston, Charlotte, Dennysville, Pembroke, Perry, Eastport, Lubec, Edmunds, Trescott, Marion, Plantation 14, Whiting, Pleasant Point

The Maine State Legislature adopted the State of Maine *Learning Results* in 1996, establishing learning standards for all Maine students educated at public expense. The legislation also required that a new system for assessing student progress be established. The assessment system has both State and local components. The State component includes the Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) that is given to students in grades 4, 8, and 11. The MEA has been aligned with the Learning Results, with individual student scores being reported in five content areas. State initiatives also include assisting educators in clarifying standards for local assessment systems, including developing and evaluating performance tasks and student portfolios, serving as a clearinghouse for exemplary local assessment practices, and developing a framework for alternative assessments to ensure that all Maine students reach high standards.

MEA Average Score Scale

(561-580)	Exceeds the Standards
(541-560)	Meets the Standards
(521-540)	Partially meets the Standards
(501-520)	Does not meet the Standards

Table I-3 MAINE EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT (MEA) RESULTS 2002-2003 AND 2004-2005

		8 th Grade			11 th Grade				
	Subject	Pembroke Elementary	Perry Elementary	State	Machias Memorial	Calais High School	Shead High School	Washington Academy	State
2004-2005	Reading	532	543	537	539	536	537	539	538
	Writing	541	543	538	539	535	533	538	537
	Math	527	535	531	532	527	526	529	529
	Science/ Technology	527	532	530	529	524	524	529	527
2002-2003	Social Studies	527	529	532	522	527	523	536	530
	Visual / Performing Arts	526	526	531	520	523	518	529	525
	Health	539	537	539	533	535	534	540	538

The MEA web site (maine.gov/pls/doe/eddev.school_profile.school) maintains records of these test scores. Trends reveal level or increasing MEA results in the last 3 years in these schools. The schools' administration (principal and superintendent) and classroom teachers are professionals in the field of education, continually attending classes, conferences and seminars to keep abreast of changes in educational building blocks, goals, methodologies, and emerging trends. Budget constraints are forcing the school to combine professional responsibilities and to replace higher qualified individuals with those with lesser qualifications. This is an issue that the town will need to follow as enrollment continues to decline and budgets are constrained.

The school district is aware of the importance of the MEA figures and how they may impact on the future of local education administration. There is an array of opinions as to their value and whether or not they truly reflect the strength of the curriculum or the ability of the faculty to "teach to the tests." The district is analyzing the statistics in order to identify and correct any deficiencies. It is yet unclear how the federal mandate "No Child Left Behind" will affect the implementation of Maine's assessment system and local efforts.

Vocational, Technical and Higher Academic Schools

The Washington County Vocational Institute was established in 1969 and became the WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE in 2003. The Calais campus is situated on 400 acres of land overlooking the St. Croix River. Washington County Community College is one of seven institutions in the Maine Community College System. Thirty-six of WCCC's 38 catalog programs are located in Calais, training students for employment in several diverse occupations - from construction and mechanical trades to food service and business studies. Several of these programs articulate into degree programs at other colleges and Universities. The College has the capacity for 500 full-time students, while the Continuing Education Division serves an additional 400 part-time students at sites throughout Washington County. Enrollment in 2005 was 454 students.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT MACHIAS (UMM). <http://www.umm.maine.edu> This 1,000 student branch of the University of Maine System is one half hour from Pembroke, and offers Bachelor and Associate degrees in a wide range of subjects including business education and administration, recreation management, biology, environmental studies, English, and history. Many of its students are “non-traditional” (older persons returning for their degrees). The University is linked to all the other branches of the system by inter-active TV. Associate degrees in Science, Business Administration, Liberal Arts, and other subjects may be earned without entering a “traditional” university classroom. Also offered are non-credit classes as part of the Sunrise Senior College. ITV is funded by a grant and administered through the University of Maine in Augusta. The University campus also provides a life long learning center including a fitness complex, pool, gym and daycare open to the community.

HUSSON UNIVERSITY Husson University operates two institutions nearby: The Boat School-Husson in Eastport; and Unobskey College in Calais.

The Boat School-Husson is the nation's oldest boatbuilding school. Situated on an ocean-front campus in Eastport, it offers a comprehensive marine trades training program. It is fully accredited and offers one and two year certificate & diploma programs in Boat Building and Composites Technology. Graduates are qualified for the following positions: Boatbuilding (Wood & Composite), Marine Joiner, Mold Maker, Lofting Technician, Marina Technician, Composite Technician, Hull Surveyor Assistant, Systems Installer, Job Estimator, Boat Repairer, Shipwright, Service Manager, Yard Manager, Straddle Lift Operator, Cabinetry Technician, Fiberglass Boat Repair Technician, Marine Painter and Marine Mechanical System Technician.

The Boat School also offers professional development training for workers in Maine's marine trades. These include one, two and three day programs that cover topics such as Marine Painting, ACMA Composite Technician Certification, Straddle Lift & Marine Fork Lift Operations and safety Training, Rigging, Engine Alignment and ShopBot CNC Training. Week-long summer programs are also offered.

Unobskey College is located at 203 Main Street in Calais, and offers access to a range of Husson graduate and undergraduate degree offerings. While a work in progress, and with additional programs in the works, course and degree offerings the following courses and degrees will include the following: M.S. in Business; A.S. to B.S. completion program in Business Administration; M.S. in Criminal Justice Administration; A.S. to B.S. completion program in Criminal Justice; A.S. to B.S. completion program in Elementary Education; M.S. in Counseling Psychology, M.S. in School Counseling; and Alternative Teacher Certification Program.

HEALTH CARE

DOWNEAST COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, <http://www.dech.org> DECH, is located in Machias 30 miles to the west of Pembroke. It is a 25-bed 24-hour critical access facility and has an active medical staff of 25 practitioners.

MAINE VETERANS HOME. Completed in 2005, this facility is attached to the Downeast Community Hospital and provides 30 beds for veterans, and spouses if space is available, needing assisted living facilities for dementia.

CALAIS REGIONAL HOSPITAL, <http://www.calaishospital.com>, serves a population of approximately 14,000 from Topsfield to the North, Wesley to the West and Eastport to the south. CRH is the largest employer in Calais, employing close to 250 people. Calais Regional is licensed by the State of Maine as a Critical Access Hospital and as such is licensed for 15 acute care beds and 10 swings beds and has a 24-hour *physician* staffed emergency department. Services offered at the Hospital include clinics in cardiology; ophthalmology; prosthetics-orthotics; blood pressure; and wound care. A variety of support groups are available for individuals and family members dealing with diabetes, cardiovascular disease and breast cancer. Out-patient services include laboratory procedures, physical therapy, occupational therapy, aquatic therapy, osteoporosis management and prevention, radiology, including fixed unit CT scan, mobile MRI and nuclear medicine, bone density testing, ultrasound exams and mammography, chemotherapy, day surgery, cardiac/pulmonary rehabilitation, nutritional counseling, home health care, and respiratory care procedures. A multi-specialty courtesy staff of 30 physicians and a variety of allied medical specialists compliment the 15 members of the Hospital's active medical staff. CRH opened a replacement facility in 2006.

ATLANTIC REHAB is a privately owned, 60 bed nursing and rehabilitation facility licensed by the State of Maine, located across the street from the Calais Regional Hospital. The nursing home offers an intermediate level of long term care including medical coverage, nursing and personal care, social services, and individual activity programs. Atlantic Rehab provides a home-like atmosphere for people who require nursing care. Next door is another facility, Washington Place, that provides an assisted living environment for 24 individuals.

WASHINGTON COUNTY PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATES provides behavioral health services in Washington, Hancock and Penobscot Counties including crisis services, in-home counseling, outpatient counseling, geriatric assessment and consultation, children's crisis residential services and children's residential treatment services.

MARSHALL HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION is a nursing home in Machias that includes a rehabilitation unit for long term recovery.

MARSHALL CARE CENTER is an assisted living facility in Machias providing a group home setting for those requiring assistance with daily needs.

HEALTHWAYS is a not profit community agency dedicated to providing comprehensive quality health care to the residents of Washington County Maine and Campobello Island, NB. Healthways is a federally qualified community health center. Healthways operates the Regional Medical Center at Lubec and a clinic at 879 US Route 1 in East Machias. Another office in Machias offers mental health services and substance abuse counseling. Sunrise County Homes Care Services, also operated by Healthways, provides in-home care services for qualified clients.

EASTPORT MEMORIAL NURSING HOME at 32 Boynton Street provides care for 26 residents. EMNH is one of the very few independent not-for-profit nursing facilities operating in Maine. It has a high occupancy rate attesting to the need for such a facility in Eastport.

DISCOVERY HOUSE. Opened in 2005, Discovery House (<http://www.discoveryhouse.com>) provides an out-patient center for substance abuse on Beech Street in Calais and serves 300 clients. Its mission is to provide comprehensive services for persons affected by addiction-through community awareness, quality and holistic clinical services-in an efficient, safe and fiscally sound environment.

EASTPORT HEALTHCARE, INC. provides an extensive range of health care services to residents of Eastport and surrounding communities from the Rowland B. French Health Center on Boynton Street. These include: primary medical and dental care, psychiatric care, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, podiatry, physical therapy, nephrology and infectious disease care. Clinics managed by staff or consulting physicians include: diabetic, pulmonary and cardiology. The healthcare center continues to search for viable and positive ways to address health care disparities in rural Washington County. A new wing was added in 2002. This facility is highly regarded in the community and is as vital to the city's economic and social health as it is to the physical health of its citizens. Without it, some residents would have to move away in order to receive the care they need.

MAINE COAST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, located in Ellsworth, is a 64-bed fully accredited community hospital healthcare center. They offer extended services at two major clinical centers in Gouldsboro and Southwest Harbor and four rehabilitation centers. The Active Medical Staff consists of 31 practitioners who provide a comprehensive range of medical, surgical, obstetrical, orthopedic, and ophthalmic service to the community. Outreach programs like support groups and on-going health classes are also offered.

EASTERN MAINE MEDICAL CENTER, <http://www.emh.org>, A 411 bed facility and one of only three trauma centers in the state, is located in Bangor, 100 miles to the west. Their 300 physicians provide primary care hospital services, as well as specialty and intensive services. There are other medical facilities available in Bangor, including St. Joseph's Hospital. Extreme trauma cases are handled in the community through a working relationship between "Life Flight" out of Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Calais Regional Hospital, and the ambulance service.

SUNRISE DIALYSIS CENTER. Fresenius Medical Care is opening a dialysis center on the site of the former Gates Fiber Extrusion plant in Eastport. Formerly patients in the area had to travel to Bangor up to four times a week. Making this level of care available on the local level is a huge step for the dialysis patients in the region. The facility opened in the summer of 2003.

SUNRISE COUNTY HOMECARE SERVICES has offices in Machias, Lubec and Calais. They provide and coordinate home care services such as visiting nurses; home health aides; physical, occupational and speech therapy; senior companions; homecare telemedicine, medical social work; and homemaker services.

DOWNEAST HOSPICE - (Website - www.calaishospital.org): Down East Hospice is an all-volunteer, non-profit program licensed by the state of Maine, serving residents of Washington County. Support services are provided to the terminally ill and their families, as well as to those people who are experiencing grief. Volunteers must have completed a very thorough training program to prepare them for hospice work.

DOWNEAST AIDS NETWORK: - (website - <http://downeastaidnetwork.homestead.com>) Down East AIDS Network is a grassroots, community-based organization funded by federal grants, the State of Maine, United Way of Eastern Maine, the Regional Medical Center of Lubeck and private contributions.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The town has several parks and recreation facilities which are described in detail in the Recreation, Scenic Resources and Open Space Chapter.

CULTURE/COMMUNITY EVENTS

The town has various community events. Pembroke hosts an annual July Fourth Celebration. Most Perry residents attend activities in neighboring Eastport or neighboring towns. Horse shows are held throughout the summer months at the fairgrounds in Pembroke. The local school serves as a social center for the community hosting many events throughout the year including the historical society craft fair, holiday concerts and fundraising dinners.

In Perry, on summer Saturdays there is a Craft and Farmers market at the municipal building. A large Harvest Fair is also held every year on the first Saturday on October.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Several service organizations operate in both towns including:

- Boy Scouts
- Little League (Pembroke Mets)
- Cal Ripkin League (Perry Cubs)
- Youth Sports offered through the school (Basketball, track)
- After school programs 2 days/week
- Pembroke Historical Society
- Pembroke Library
- Perry Grange
- Churches as listed in Cultural Chapter

Public Opinion Survey

A public Survey was conducted in the summer of 2007 asking all residents their opinions on their satisfaction with current facilities and their priorities for maintaining or adding new ones. Full results are provided in Chapter L – Town Survey Results. Respondents were generally

satisfied with town services with the most dissatisfaction expressed over town office facilities and town office hours. Pembroke respondents are also generally satisfied with the Fire Department, libraries, public works and Reversing Falls Park but had no opinion or expressed some dissatisfaction with recreational facilities. Perry respondents had very similar opinions but many had no opinion about Reversing Falls Park. These responses are consistent with the priorities many placed on the need for town investment in recreational facilities..

In Pembroke most respondents are satisfied with other local services with some not satisfied with the recycling center and even more dissatisfied with the property tax level. Likewise in Perry there is relatively high dissatisfaction with recycling opportunities and the property tax level. In Pembroke respondents are generally satisfied with regional services or had no opinion. However there are many who are not satisfied with law enforcement and health services. In Perry respondents are generally satisfied with other regionally delivered services or had no opinion about them.

Respondents were asked how much they favored/disfavored investment in each item and then to mark an X beside their highest priorities. Unfortunately very few respondents in either town “played along” with using an “X” to make choices on their priorities so there is insufficient data to draw any conclusions on respondent priorities. One way to gauge relative priority is to look at the types of investments that had many favorable responses as well as very little “no opinion” responses. This suggests that in Pembroke recreational facilities, recycling facilities, scenic view protection, historical buildings and public access to water rank among the highest priorities for public investment. In Perry the highest priorities were recreational facilities, including trails, scenic view protection, historical buildings, and public access to water.

While opinions on school regionalization were generally positive the voters in Perry later signed a petition in November, 2007 in opposition to consolidation. After the November, 2009 statewide referendum question both towns must now re-engage in the state-mandated consolidation of administrative units. Opinions on a regional elementary school are polarized in both towns.

Support for regionalization of non-school services was generally strong. Respondents in both towns generally favor regionalization (or continuance of existing regional coordination) on other issues such as regional recreation programs, cooperation on town administration, regional ambulance services and public works projects.

SUMMARY

Through proper maintenance and investment, Pembroke and Perry’s public facilities and services have remained in good condition overall. Each town has prepared a Capital Improvement Plan as further discussed in the fiscal capacity section. Previously, they have provided reserve accounts for many necessary items. Prudent management decisions at the local level have prevented each town from being forced to make large capital investments within one tax year. However, there are issues that do need to be addressed to eliminate possible future repercussions.