

# WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Helping Washington County  
Communities Plan for Tomorrow

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## To the Member Municipalities of the Washington County Council of Governments (WCCOG):

Please accept my thanks for your annual support. *Some highlights* are summarized below for the year 2010:

### Grants and Funding brought into the County:

- CDBG Public Facilities grants to *Lubec (\$50,000)* to construct a recreation area; *Jonesport (\$350,000)* to construct a fire house
- CDBG Community Enterprise grants to *Addison (\$53,000)* to construct a park; *Cherryfield (\$150,000)* to construct sidewalks in their village
- CDBG Planning Grant to the *Milbridge (\$10,000)* to prepare an update to their Comprehensive Plan
- Small Harbor Improvement Project grants to *Beals (\$44,000)* to upgrade the commercial boat landing; *Machiasport (\$120,000)* to supplement/complete local and federal funding to dredge Bucks Harbor
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (ARRA funding) to *Addison (\$76,847)* to install a windmill, conduct energy audits and install energy efficient lighting in town buildings; *Calais (\$85,000)* for energy efficiency retrofits on the Public Safety Building; *Columbia (\$20,630)* to install a waste oil burner at the transfer station; *Machias (\$10,000)* to develop a community energy plan and prepare energy audits; *Perry (\$85,000)* to install a wood pellet boiler and energy efficiency retrofits for municipal building expansion; *County of Washington (\$10,000)* to develop a county energy plan and prepare energy audits
- USDA Solid Waste Management Grant (**\$42,385**) to assist *municipalities throughout Washington County* with recycling programs and to organize household hazardous waste and universal waste collections
- HUD Sustainable Communities grant to *Washington and Aroostook Counties (\$800,000)* for a 3 year process to prepare a Washington-Aroostook Regional Plan for Sustainable Development

### Regional Plans, Studies and Workshops:

- Continue to distribute the *Discover Downeast & Acadia* map for agencies/kiosks/businesses/outlets in Washington and Hancock counties
- Completed assistance to County and municipalities on Emergency Management Policies, Planning, NIMS compliance training and reporting.
- Healthy Maine Partnerships – continue to serve on boards of Washington County: One Community and St Croix Valley Healthy Communities; assisted with MAPP – Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships – and the Washington County local public health assessment

### Technical Assistance and Member Services:

- Completed Comprehensive Plan (CP) Update in the town of Lubec, Comprehensive Plan for the town of Cooper and revisions to achieve local adoption of Comprehensive Plan in Jonesport
- Finalized multiple Shoreland Zoning maps and ordinances to assist municipalities to address changes to the minimum mandatory guidelines issued in 2006
- Distributed numerous training and funding opportunities to Planning Boards and Boards of Appeal
- Assisted with ordinance research and review for multiple towns on wind, water withdrawal, driveway, subdivision and other land use issues

Respectfully Submitted,

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