

- (6) Work with local property owners, land trusts, and others to protect major points of physical and visual access to coastal waters, especially along public ways and in public parks.

## 6. Population and Demographics

### A. State Goal

None required.

### B. Analyses

To generate minimum analyses to address state goals, use Conditions and Trends data in Section 3.6(C) to answer the following questions.

- (1) Is the rate of population change expected to continue as in the past, or to slow down or speed up? What are the implications of this change?
- (2) What will be the likely demand for housing and municipal and school services to accommodate the change in population and demographics, both as a result of overall change and as a result of change among different age groups?
- (3) Does your community have a significant seasonal population, is the nature of that population changing? What is the community's dependence on seasonal visitors?
- (4) If your community is a service center or has a major employer, are additional efforts required to serve a daytime population that is larger than its resident population?

### C. Conditions and Trends

Minimum data required to address Analyses:

- (1) The community's Comprehensive Planning Population and Demographic Data Set (including relevant local, regional, and statewide data) prepared and provided to the community by the Office or its designee.

### D. Policies

None required.

### E. Strategies

None required.

## 7. Economy

### A. State Goal

Promote an economic climate that increases job opportunities and overall economic well-being.

**B. Analyses**

To generate minimum analyses to address state goals, use Conditions and Trends data in Section 3.7(C) to answer the following questions.

- (1) Is the economy experiencing significant change, and how does this, or might this, affect the local population, employment, and municipal tax base?
- (2) Does the community have defined priorities for economic development? Are these priorities reflected in regional economic development plans?
- (3) If there is a traditional downtown or village center(s) in the community? If so, are they deteriorating or thriving?
- (4) Is tourism an important part of the local economy? If so, what steps has the community taken to support this industry?
- (5) Do/should home occupations play a role in the community?
- (6) Are there appropriate areas within the community for industrial or commercial development? If so, are performance standards necessary to assure that industrial and commercial development is compatible with the surrounding land uses and landscape?
- (7) Are public facilities, including sewer, water, broadband access or three-phase power, needed to support the projected location, type, and amount of economic activity, and what are the issues involved in providing them?
- (8) If there are local or regional economic development incentives such as TIF districting, do they encourage development in growth areas?
- (9) How can/does the community use its unique assets such as recreational opportunities, historic architecture, civic events, etc. for economic growth?

**C. Conditions and Trends**

Minimum data required to address Analysis:

- (1) The community's Comprehensive Planning Economic Data Set prepared and provided to the community by the Office or its designee.
- (2) A brief historical perspective on how and why the current economy of the community and region developed.
- (3) A list of local and regional economic development plans developed over the past five years, which include the community.
- (4) Where does the community's population work and where do employees in your community reside? A description of the major employers in the community and labor market area and their outlook for the future.

- (5) A description of any economic development incentive districts, such as tax increment financing districts, in the community.

**D. Policies**

Minimum policies required to address state goals:

- (1) To support the type of economic development activity the community desires, reflecting the community's role in the region.
- (2) To make a financial commitment, if necessary, to support desired economic development, including needed public improvements.
- (3) To coordinate with regional development corporations and surrounding towns as necessary to support desired economic development.

**E. Strategies**

Minimum strategies required to address state goals:

- (1) If appropriate, assign responsibility and provide financial support for economic development activities to the proper entity (e.g., a local economic development committee, a local representative to a regional economic development organization, the community's economic development director, a regional economic development initiative, or other).
- (2) Enact or amend local ordinances to reflect the desired scale, design, intensity, and location of future economic development.
- (3) If public investments are foreseen to support economic development, identify the mechanisms to be considered to finance them (local tax dollars, creating a tax increment financing district, a Community Development Block Grant or other grants, bonding, impact fees, etc.)
- (4) Participate in any regional economic development planning efforts.

**8. Housing**

**A. State Goal / Minimum Policy**

To encourage and promote affordable, decent housing opportunities for all Maine citizens.

**B. Analyses**

To generate minimum analyses to address state goals, use Conditions and Trends data in Section 3.8(C) to answer the following questions.