SUMMIT 2012
ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY
The GrowSmart Maine-Brookings Report, Charting Maine’s Future, changed the way Mainers think about the state’s future. It reminded us of all the things that make Maine special and suggested ways in which we can improve Maine’s economy without sacrificing our unique qualities. It emphasized the necessary connection between the economy, our working and natural environment and our communities.

Join us at Summit 2012 to learn what’s being done across the state to advance the vision articulated in Charting Maine’s Future and to discuss the priorities for the future.

SCHEDULE
7:30 - 8:30am Registration
8:30 - 8:45am Welcome
8:45 - 9:45am Keynote Speaker, Bruce Katz, Vice President of the Brookings Institution
9:45 - 10:15am Charting Maine’s Future - Making Headway
10:30 - 11:45am Morning Breakout Sessions
12:00 - 1:00pm Lunch and Networking
1:00 - 1:30pm Evan Richert - “Changes in Maine Since 2006”
1:30 - 2:15pm “Navigating the Intersection - Maine Successes” Panel discussion with Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonte, Bangor Mayor Cary Weston, Eastport City Manager Jon Southern and Portland Economic Development Director Greg Mitchell.
2:30 - 3:45pm Afternoon Breakout Sessions
4:00 - 4:30pm Films - “Charting Maine’s Future - Why the Collective Impact of Our Work Matters to Maine”
4:30 - 5:00pm Reception

“Maine’s most valuable asset continues to be its unique brand, its beautiful and productive landscapes, vibrant downtowns and resourceful people. Maine’s potential lies in connecting the three.”

Evan Richert, Principal at Richert Planning
Evan Richert is the Principal of Richert Planning and among his clients is the Town of Dorne, for whom he serves as Town Planner. From 1995 to 2002, Evan served as Director of the Maine State Planning Office. He also chaired the cabinet-level Land and Water Resources Council, the Land for Maine’s Future Board, and represented Maine on the International Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment. Prior to his appointment to the State Planning Office, Evan was co-owner and president of Market Decisions, Inc., and was Planning Director for the City of South Portland. He was the founding president of the Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System and has served on the boards of directors of Maine Coast Heritage Trust and GrowSmart Maine. He recently retired from the Muskie School of Public Service at USM, where he taught graduate courses in land use planning and directed research projects on the Gulf of Maine.
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Forestry Across the State
Moderator: TBD | Panelists: Keeping Maine Forest; Tom Rumphy; The Nature Conservancy; Patrick Strach; Maine Forest Products Council; Shirley Huber; Maine Tree Foundation; Kennebec Woodland Partnership; Amanda McAlpine; Kennebec Woodland Partnership; Theresa Rencher; Kennebec Valley Land Trust; Andrew Shultz; Maine Forest Service

These three chains are the great success of a revitalized downtown achieved by redeploying their most valuable asset—their existing tax base.

Maine’s Summer Phenomenon: A Season of Challenges and Opportunities
Moderator: TBD | Panelists: Diana Jackson; Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments; Rob Snyder; The Island Institute; Mary Ellen Deschenes; Maine Summer Camps; Stuart Kestenbaum; Haystack Mountain School of Crafts

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Maine’s heritage industries are based in our natural resources. Fishing, farming, and forestry businesses are innovating to ensure they thrive and Maine communities are adapting to support them.

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Community Land Use: Towns Take on the Challenge
Moderator: Tom Ambel; The Nature Conservancy | Panelists: TBD; Farmers and USDA rules; TBD; Vermicool; Stave Kay; Sewall Company

Municipalities recognize that they can improve regulations prior for post-forest growth while protecting the existing assets in their communities.

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Mobilize Maine: Asset-based Regional Economic Development
Moderator: Mark Guadette; Mobilize Maine | Panelists: Bob Clark; Northern Maine Development Commission; Frank Quiles; Greater Portland Council Of Governments; Mike Audre; Eastern Maine Development Commission; Paul Schumacher; Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission

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Moderator: Mary Ann Hayes, Maine Rural Partners | Panelists: TBD; LIRC; TBD; State Planning Office; Land Use Planning; Norm Windham, Cumberland County

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Moderator: TBD | Panelists: TBD; TBD; TBD; TBD; TBD

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Private Sector Capital for Public Good
Moderator: John Holmes, Maine Growth Capital; Panelists: Charles Spies; CEO Capital Management, LLC; Greg Paxton, Maine Preservation; Rex Bell, Northern Enterprises; Josh Bernard, Northern Enterprise

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Emerging Trends in Technology Investments
Moderator: Charlie Emmons, Finance Authority of Maine | Panelists: David Ekl, Tel Tech; John Burns, Small Enterprise Growth Fund; Jake Han, University of Maine

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Moderator: Diana Tritman, Awesta Housing | Panelists: Erin Cooperider, Community Housing of Maine; TBD; Maine Housing; Sam; Chris Bextor

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