



Leaning Into Change: Maine-Grown Solutions
Wednesday, October 19th
9am – 4:30pm; Reception 4:30-5:30pm
Downtown Waterville & Thomas College, Waterville, Maine

Come to GrowSmart Maine's 2016 Fall Summit, LEANING INTO CHANGE, to discover how to move your piece of Maine in the right direction – without losing what you love most. October 19, 2016, Waterville, Maine. Morning tours around Waterville & afternoon sessions at Thomas College.

9:00 – 11:00AM Morning Sessions throughout Waterville (Registration is at morning session sites at 9am. Location information for chosen session will be sent in a confirmation email before the event.)

Choose an Optional Morning Session:

1. Downtown Revitalization Walking Tour

What does it take to create a thriving downtown? People! Join this walking tour of downtown Waterville led by representatives of local businesses and Colby College. We'll be offering a view of ongoing downtown revitalization efforts as well as Colby College's investments in the downtown. Take back to your community tools and strategies to bring new energy to your downtown.

Meets at Selah Tea, 177 Main St, Waterville ME

2. Arts & Culture Collaborations: Driving Maine's Creative Economy

Join us for a lively roundtable discussion with dynamic leaders from across the state who are helping to advance downtown revitalization and economic and community development efforts through meaningful collaborations around arts and culture. Through cultural planning, exciting collaborative programming, artist support services, compelling marketing, and much more, these individuals and their organizations are not only enriching the lives of Maine residents and

visitors, they are positively impacting their local economies. Panelists include Tammy Ackerman, co-founder and executive director of Engine Incorporated, a community arts organization based in Biddeford; Hugh French, Director, Tides Institute & Museum of Art in Eastport; Kristina Cannon, Executive Director, Main Street Skowhegan; Martha Piscuskas, Co-Director of Waterfall Arts; and Shannon Haines, President & CEO of Waterville Creates!. Moderated by Janet Sawyer, Business Development Director for GrowSmart Maine.

Held at Waterville Creates!, 193 Main St, Waterville ME

3. Innovation and Infill in Maine's Food Sector

Maine's food economy is booming from farms and fisheries to culinary arts and all steps in between. Learn about success stories in Maine's entrepreneurial food system, meet the people behind the foods you eat, and explore the delicious potential for your community with this engaging panel discussion. Panelists include Amber Lambke from Maine Grains in Skowhegan, Colleen Hanlon-Smith from the Unity Food Hub, and Bo Dennis, Farm Manager at Kennebec Valley Community College Sustainable Agriculture Program. Moderated by Tyler Kidder, Community Outreach Director for GrowSmart Maine.

Held at Hathaway Creative Center, 10 Water St, Waterville ME

4. Interchange Economics: I-95 and I-295---Smart Growth Centers?

Interstate 95 (the Maine Turnpike in southern Maine) and I-295 are the primary economic connectors of the state, and for the State to the rest of the US and Maritime Canada. However, the system is dependent on access at interchanges which often attract unplanned service-oriented development, often impeding mobility and safety especially when located in neighborhoods. This session will explore recent and ongoing planning at or near interchanges along the I-95 and I-295 corridors, seeing what a new generation of development or modifications can do for these important growth nodes. Cases include Saco/Scarborough, Portland, Falmouth, Topsham, Waterville, and Bangor. Panelists include John Melrose, former MaineDOT Commissioner; Bruce Van Note, Maine Turnpike Authority; Dan Bacon, Town Planner for Scarborough; and moderated by Carl Eppich, Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System.

Held at Ayotte Auditorium, Thomas College, 180 West River Rd, Waterville ME

5. Imagine People Here: Inclusive Downtown Transportation Tour & Demonstration

How can we make our transportation built environment safer and more welcoming for anyone looking to go somewhere, regardless of modality or ability? Explore a temporary demonstration project and accompanying presentations about accommodating all users of streets and sidewalks in downtown Waterville and beyond. Learn solutions to take back to your community for bicyclists, pedestrians, people with disabilities, and anyone needing to get from one side of town

to the other. Panelists include Samantha Herr and Jim Tasse, Bicycle Coalition of Maine; Theresa Savoy, Civil Rights Director and ADA Compliance Coordinator at Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT); Jill Johanning, AlphaOne; Coretta Trembley, Maine Division of the Blind and Visually Impaired; and Peter Garrett of Kennebec Messalonskee Trails. Lead by Ethan Boxer-Macomber, AICP, LEED AP from Anew Development.

Meets at Jorgensen's Cafe, 103 Main St, Waterville ME

11:45AM – 12:30PM LUNCH AT THOMAS COLLEGE, Mahaney Gymnasium.

AFTERNOON SUMMIT PROGRAM: 12:45-4:30

Ayotte Auditorium, Ayotte Center, Thomas College, Waterville

12:45-1:15 Welcome, brief business meeting and election of board members by GrowSmart Maine board chair, David Webster. Financial report by board treasurer Ethan Boxer-Macomber. Annual program update by executive director Nancy Smith.

1:15-1:30 Laurie Lachance, President of Thomas College: Thomas College's perspective on Leaning into Change.

1:30-2:30 Three effective tools to direct development downtown and protect rural landscapes

Learn about three tools available to communities seeking to bring new development within growth areas while alleviating development pressure from rural working landscapes.

Rachel Bouvier, rbouvier Consulting, moderating

1. Maine Vernal Pools Special Area Management Plan, piloting in Topsham and Orono. Improving management of small natural features on private lands by negotiating the science-policy boundary for Maine vernal pools - Aram Calhoun, Professor of Wetlands Ecology at the University of Maine and Elizabeth Hertz, Planning Consultant
2. Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program - Alex Mas, Associate State Director-Conservation at The Nature Conservancy of Maine
3. Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program - Judy Mathiau, CMA, Tax Assessor for the Town of Winslow

2:30-2:50 BREAK

2:50-3:00 Brief remarks by John Moore of Bangor Savings Bank

3:00-4:00 Maine's Newest Workforces: Adaptation 101

A discussion reflecting on the absolute need for and challenges associated with a changing workforce. Hear SOLUTIONS from people who are in the thick of employing immigrants and millennials and from the employees themselves.

Carol Morris, Morris Communications, moderating

Immigrant Panel: Omar Qudah, Assistant Manager, LL Bean and chair of the company's Diversity Council; Liz Greason, co-founder of Maine Intercultural Communication

Consultants; E'nkul Kanakan, Director of Human Resources at Granite Bay Care

Millennial Panel: Brandy Mills, Director of Donor Relations and Marketing for the Travis Mills Foundation; Samantha Herr, Community Outreach Coordinator, Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Andy Jones, Community Organizer, Toxics Action Center, Dawn Palmer, Human Resources Director, Backyard Farms

4:00-4:30 Roderick Scott, CFM - L & R Resources, LLC: What to do as severe weather events and changes to the National Flood Insurance Program challenge our historic downtowns

Coastal and riverine areas in America are facing increased dangers from a changing global climate that will feature more frequent and more intense storm events and associated flooding. Sea level rise in this century will bring new flooding challenges, never before seen, for adaptation to coastal communities and the property owners in those communities. This is the greatest challenge to American coastal communities in our history as a nation.

Climate changes, sea level rise and dramatic changes in flood insurance policy rates for our older historic buildings present multiple challenges for coastal and riverine communities. Historic preservation, at the Federal, State and local level, will continue to face significant challenges in the next 10-20 years due to property owners determining how they will adapt to these changes. What are the options? What is the impact on our communities?

RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

4:30-5:30 Summit Reception and Discussions: *What's your first next step?*

Fee including optional morning session and boxed lunch:

- *\$60 GrowSmart Member*

- \$75 Non-Member (includes a one-year GrowSmart Membership)
- \$25 Student with ID

Continuing Education Credits available for Planners ([click here for APA site](#)) and Attorneys. Real Estate Agents can request a certificate of attendance from the event organizers and submit documentation of sessions to the Real Estate Commission to be considered for CECs.

Overnight Accommodations: *Discounted hotel rates are available at the Waterville Grand Hotel. Mention the GrowSmart Maine Summit and the Thomas College Rate to receive the discount. [Visit the hotel's website here for contact and reservation information.](#)*