



MAKING HEADWAY
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Bucksport, Maine

Community Celebration Report
February 3, 2016



Where we began...

Bucksport Movie Night



Please Join Us for Movie Night featuring
"Reviving Freedom Mill"
Making Headway in Your Community

Wednesday, October 8th

6-8 pm

A community that shares a distinct vision of the future has the power to conserve beautiful and productive natural places, enhance downtown, enable rural areas to be productive and prosperous, and save money through efficient use of existing infrastructure.



GrowSmart Maine and the Maine Downtown Center bring this [30-minute film](#) to Bucksport to encourage conversation and more for community revitalization.

Nancy Smith, Executive Director of GrowSmart Maine, presented an early version of *Making Headway in Your Community* at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Bucksport Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce. The completed project, now merged with Maine Downtown Center's *My Green Downtown*, will be released at the GrowSmart Maine Summit 2014, October 21st at the Augusta Civic Center. Come enjoy a terrific film about an amazing mill restoration and get a sneak peak at this connection to resources and success stories designed to inform and inspire action in your community.

6:00-6:30 *Making Headway in Your Community* and *My Green Downtown*

6:30-7:00 "Reviving Freedom Mill"

7:00-8:00 What is the "crazy gamble" for Bucksport? For your community? What idea inspires you? Join in discussions about historic buildings, hiking and biking trails, or create your own discussion group.

No cost to register. Concessions will be open to purchase refreshments! [REGISTER NOW!](#)

Capacity Building

MHYC sent 5 community members to different trainings around the state including:

GrowSmart

Maine Forums and Maine

Downtown Center

Conference

Project Presentations:

Efforts to Save Wilson Hall

Jeff Hammond and Larry Wahl



Bucksport Comprehensive Plan Committee
Jef Fitzgerald



2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE



AN OVERVIEW OF REQUIRED ELEMENTS

This is a summary of the criteria the state uses to review comprehensive plans for consistency with the goals and guidelines of the Growth Management Act.

1. Vision Statement

The plan must include a vision statement that summarizes the community's desired future community character in terms of economic development, natural and cultural resource conservation, transportation systems, land use patterns and its role in the region.

2. Public Participation

The plan must include a summary of the public participation process that explains how information gathered during the public process was used to guide the plan's vision statement, analyses, policies and strategies.

3. Regional Coordination

A regional coordination program must be pursued with other communities to manage shared resources and facilities, including but not limited to lakes, rivers, aquifers, and transportation facilities. The plan must identify any shared resources and facilities, describe any conflicts with neighboring communities' policies and strategies pertaining to shared resources and facilities and describe how the community will coordinate management of shared resources and facilities.

4. Inventory and Analysis -- Required Topic Areas:

Population and Demographics	Water Resources
Economy	Marine Resources
Housing	Natural Resources
Transportation	Agricultural and Forest Resources
Public Facilities and Services	Existing Land Use
Recreation	Fiscal Capacity and Capital Investment Plan
Historic and Archaeological Resources	Key Regional Issues

5. Goals, Objectives, and Implementation Strategies

The plan must contain the state goal, analyses, condition and trend data, policies, and strategies for each of the required topic areas. The plan must identify the issues facing the community using the series of questions for each of the topic areas. These questions get to the heart of the issues a community must plan for to address the state goals.

6. Future Land Use Plan

The plan must include a Future Land Use Plan that is consistent with the community's vision and other policies in the plan to bring together elements that affect land use. The Future Land Use Plan divides the community into geographical areas identified as either most suitable for growth or most suitable for rural uses, incorporating areas of critical natural resource, rural and waterfront areas within the community. The Future Land Use Plan will be the focus of the state review for consistency with the Act.

7. "Implementation" is not part of the state review criteria, but should not be forgotten. Bucksport NEXT intends to carry on beyond the planning stages to help see the goals & objectives through.

Bucksport Arts Festival
Laurie Brooks



Maine Street Bucksport
Brook Minner



Wednesday on Main

Karen Johnson and David Weeda



Community Heart & Soul

John Paul LaLonde



Results

The community decided to move forward with Bucksport Wednesday on Main and the Bucksport Arts Festival. More information can be found at www.makingheadway.me.

The screenshot displays the 'Making Headway' website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo 'MAKING HEADWAY IN YOUR COMMUNITY' and links for 'Projects | Resources | Map | About | Contact'. A search bar is also present. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for 'Sort by Project Type' with icons for 'connections', 'design', 'economy', 'energy', and 'health'. A 'Post a Project' button is visible on the right. The main content area features three project listings:

- Bucksport Wednesday on Main**: A photo of a person holding a sign that says 'EVENT Wednesday ON MAIN'. The text below reads 'Bucksport Wednesday on Main' and 'https://www.facebook.com/buckspo...'. It has 1 Comment and is posted by Karen Johnson.
- Bucksport Arts Festival 2016**: A photo of an outdoor festival with tents. The text below reads 'Bucksport Arts Festival 2016' and 'The Second Annual Bucksport Arts Festival will be held Satur...'. It has 0 Comments and a 'Next page' button. It is posted by Karen Johnson.
- Community Income Survey**: A photo of a group of people. The text below reads 'Community Income Survey' and 'On December 4, 2014, the Eastport breakwater, a vital compon...'. It has 0 Comments and is posted by Elaine Abbott.

If you have any additional questions on this report please contact:
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