

# Build Maine + GrowSmart Maine

## POLICY ACTION 2023

### 131st Legislative Session Scorecard

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**PROBLEM STATEMENT** Maine's current uncoordinated approach to building places is causing real, unintended, and significant social, environmental, financial, economic, and cultural challenges and requires the creation of a cohesive approach to land development, redevelopment, and placemaking.

**THE GOAL** of Policy Action 2023 is to address barriers to and create incentives for equitable, sustainable growth and development that strengthens downtowns and villages of all sizes while pulling development pressure away from productive and open natural areas. We do so acknowledging that Maine has urban, rural, and suburban settings for which any solution may/may not be a fit and a variety of people who deserve to be welcomed to their communities.

**FOR TALKING POINTS AND MORE:** [Public Folder for PA23](#)

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Policy Action 2023 Working Group	Bill History	Bill Title	Sponsor	FINAL DISPOSITION
<b>BILLS THAT BECAME LAW</b>				
1: Coordination of Government	<a href="#">LD 1934</a>	"Resolve, to Improve the Coordination and Delivery of Planning Grants and Technical Assistance to Communities in Maine"	Representative Melanie Sachs	<b>06.16.23: Became Law with Governor's Signature</b>
1: Coordination of Government	<a href="#">LD 2214</a>	"Supplemental Budget, Part DD creates the Maine Office of Community Affairs"	Governor's Bill	<b>Passed to be Enacted 04.18, Signed by Governor 04.22</b>
3: Complete Streets Action	<a href="#">LD 1673</a>	"An Act to Encourage Affordable Housing and Mixed-use Development by Establishing a Thriving Corridors Program"	Representative Traci Gere	<b>03.26.24: Became Law Without Governor's Signature</b>
2: Rework Transportation Funding	<a href="#">LD 1559</a>	"An Act to Advance the State's Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council and Increasing Funding"	Representative Maggie O'Neil	<b>05.26.23: Became Law with Governor's Signature</b>
8: Decarbonization of Buildings	<a href="#">LD 1101</a>	"An Act to Support Lower Home Energy Costs by Establishing a Home Energy Scoring System"	Representative Rebecca Millett	<b>06.22.23: Signed into Law</b>
<b>BILLS THAT DIED ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK, MAY 2024</b>				
4: Growth Management Law	<a href="#">LD 1976</a>	"An Act to Update the Growth Management Law"	Representative Melanie Sachs	<b>FUNDED AND DIED ON GOVERNOR'S DESK. Fiscal Note: \$305K over two fiscal years to DACF for one limited-period Policy Development Specialist position and contracted facilitation services.</b>
6: Subdivision Regulations	<a href="#">LD 1787</a>	"Resolve Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convene a stakeholder group tasked with a Comprehensive overhaul and modernization of the State Subdivision Statutes"	Representative Jack Ducharme	<b>FUNDED AND DIED ON GOVERNOR'S DESK. Fiscal Note: one-time General Fund appropriation of \$36,000 to DACF in fiscal year 2024-25 for contracted legal and facilitation services.</b>
<b>BILLS THAT DIED ON THE APPROPRIATIONS TABLE, MAY 2024</b>				
1: Coordination of Government	<a href="#">LD 602</a>	"An Act to Provide Regional Support to Deliver State and Federal Programs to Cities and Towns in the State"	Representative Traci Gere	<b>03.13: PLACED ON THE SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE pending PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED, in concurrence</b>
1: Coordination of Government	<a href="#">LD 1752</a>	"Resolve, to Prepare Preapproved Building Types, replaces LD 250"	Senator Matt Pouliot	<b>03.20 PLACED ON THE SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE pending FINAL PASSAGE, in concurrence.</b>
5: State Historic Rehab Tax Credit	<a href="#">LD 1810</a>	"An Act to Expand the Maine Historic Rehabilitation Credit"	Representative Maureen Terry	<b>04.15: PLACED ON THE SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE pending PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED, in concurrence</b>
<b>BILLS THAT DIED IN COMMITTEE</b>				
3: Complete Streets Action	<a href="#">LD 1076</a>	"An Act To Expand The Use Of Traffic Cameras For School And Work Zones"	Senator Mattie Daughtry	<b>05.2.23: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files</b>

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Bills voted down in Transportation Committee, with portions moved into LD 1674				
3: Complete Streets Action	<a href="#">LD 1634</a>	"An Act to Grant Municipalities the Authority to Set Certain Lower Motor Vehicle Speed Limits without a Department of Transportation Speed Study"	Senator Rick Bennett	<a href="#">LD 1634 Fact Sheet</a>
3: Complete Streets Action	<a href="#">LD 1566</a>	"Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Recommend Strategies to Achieve the Goal of Eliminating Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries"	Representative Dan Ankeles	<a href="#">LD 1566 Fact Sheet</a>
3: Complete Streets Action	<a href="#">LD 1711</a>	"An Act to Provide for Safe Roadway Construction Design Criteria"	Representative Marc Malon	<a href="#">LD 1711 Fact Sheet</a>
Bills Voted Down in Housing Committee as we Move Forward with LD 1787 Subdivision Study				
1: Coordination of Government	<a href="#">LD 1672</a>	"An Act to Establish an Affordable Housing Permitting Process"	Representative Traci Gere	<b>02.06.24: Unanimous ONTP by Housing Committee (DEAD)</b>
6: Subdivision Regulations	<a href="#">LD 1257</a>	"An Act to Increase Housing and Protect the Regional Road Network, Municipal Tax Base, and Working Lands"	Representative Lydia Crafts	<b>02.6.24: Housing: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD)</b>
7: Downtown Revitalization / Open Space protection	<a href="#">LD 1864</a>	"An Act To Increase Maine's Housing Supply, Combat Climate Change, and Preserve Rural Open Spaces by Prohibiting Communities from Large Lot Zoning Practices in Areas Where Public Sewer and Water Infrastructure are Available"	Representative Jim Boyle	<b>02.6.24: Housing: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD)</b>
6: Subdivision Regulations	<a href="#">LD 1134</a>	"An Act to Improve Housing Affordability by Amending the Definition of "Subdivision" Under the Site Location of Development Laws"	Representative Jim Boyle	<b>05.2.23: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files</b>
Leave to Withdraw, Bills Withdrawn by Sponsor				
7: Downtown Revitalization / Open Space protection	<a href="#">LD 638</a>	"Resolve, Directing The Maine State Housing Authority To Study Strategies For Improving Abandoned Properties And Developing Housing Infrastructure"	Representative Marc Malon	<b>03.30.23: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310.3 Placed in Legislative Files (DEAD)</b>

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