

#### Why have a Comprehensive Plan?

A comprehensive plan is required by state law under the Growth Management Act of 1988. State incentives for communities with a certified comprehensive plan include, but are not limited to:

- Enact legitimate zoning
- Require state agencies to comply with local zoning standards
- Guide state growth related capital investments toward designated growth area
- Qualify for relaxed MaineDOT traffic permit standards for certain areas
- Towns with a certified plan received priority considerations for certain grants and funding options

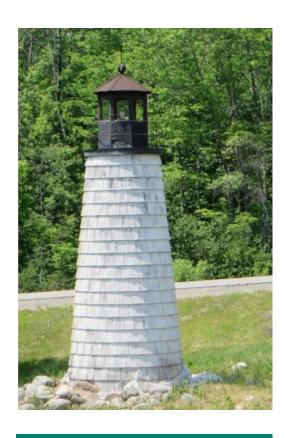
#### Who We Are

#### **About Us**

Kennebec Valley Council of
Governments (KVCOG) is a municipal
services corporation owned and
operated by and for the benefit of its
members. KVCOG's region includes
Kennebec, Somerset and western Waldo
counties with a population of over
180,000. KVCOG is one of seven
federally designated Economic
Development Districts in Maine and a
State designated Reginal Planning and
Development District.

KVCOG is a valued partner of local and county government, providing high quality and cost-effective professional services to build a resilient local economy. KVCOG maintains and develops capacity to meet the regions changing needs.





# BRIGHTON PLANTATION COMPREHEN SIVE PLAN UPDATE

Community Participation



# What is a Comprehensive Plan?

At their most basic level, communities' complete comprehensive plans to prepare for the future. The plan will include:

- Review of current policies
- Review of community issues
- Help communities avoid problems and make decisions by providing framework for decision making
- Guide the future of the town for the next ten years based on community input

#### A Comprehensive Plan is NOT:

- Simply a response to state requirements rather than to the community's own needs
- An ordinance, set of rules, or regulations
- A dust collector that sits on a shelf

#### Public Participation Matters

## Your input matters! Brighton Plantations needs your feedback!

The Brighton Plantation Comprehensive Plan is a blueprint and guiding document for the community. It includes goals and strategies to ensure the goals are reached, all based on community values and input. It will take the entire community working with elected and appointed officials to make Brighton Plantation's vision a reality.

#### How can you get involved?

Take the included survey! We need your input. Visit the town website or town hall to stay up to date on chapter drafts and participate in town meetings!



### The main topic areas covered by the comprehensive plan are:

- Historic, archaeological and cultural resources
- Community profile
- Local economy
- Housing
- Public facilities and services
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Natural and water resources
- Fiscal capacity
- Existing land use
- Future land use plan

