

Appendix 16. Regional Coordination Programs

In the past, Southwest Harbor was a service hub for Tremont and the outer island communities in the area – Islesford, Great Cranberry, Swans, and Frenchboro – as well as an integral part of the Mount Desert Island community. This role as a service hub has decreased as integration with the rest of the island has increased. Southwest Harbor and Tremont, until 1905 a single town on the “quiet side” of MDI, share an ambulance service, recreational activities at Harbor House, and one of the state’s most active libraries, as well as a penchant for mixed-use zoning unique in the state. The list below shows regional activities in which SWH currently participates formally or informally.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>COOPERATING ENTITIES</u>
Regional Planning	Hancock County Planning Commission, MDI Tomorrow, League of Towns
Education	Mt. Desert Regional School System AOS #91 (MDI High School)
Elder Services	Eastern Area Agency on Aging, Downeast Health Services, Hancock Home Care, Hospice of Hancock County, Island Connections, MDI Housing Authority, Straus Center of Birch Bay
Ambulance, Emergency Service	Southwest Hbr/Tremont Nursing Service
Transportation	Island Explorer bus (seasonal), Downeast Transportation, Island Connections, Hancock County Regional Airport, Cranberry Isles ferry
Natural Resource protection	Acadia National Park, Maine Coast Heritage Trust
Public Housing	MDI Housing Authority
Fire Protection	Mutual aid with other island towns
Police Protection	Mutual aid with other island towns
Jail	Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth
Solid waste	Acadia Disposal District
Recreation	Harbor House facilities, programs include Tremont, community sailing program
Library	all island residents, especially SWH & Tremont

There are no known conflicts with policies of neighboring communities, and there are likely to be economies of scale in shared approaches to some municipal services. This report **recommends considering further cooperation** in a number of areas with different entities as listed below. Most of these are discussed further in the relevant Appendices and in the Issues and Recommendations in Chapter 5.

Southwest Harbor and Tremont have discussed a combined Police Dept., but Tremont, which currently contracts for part-time Police protection from the Sheriff's Dept., has decided to stick with its current arrangement. The elementary schools in both towns have lately considered some consolidation of services, which would include the benefits of maintaining a diversified curriculum, but the popular opinion, particularly in Tremont, appears to be against it. From time to time, the town has considered switching from providing local dispatch service to contracting with Hancock County RCC for services which would result in real cost savings, but at the expense of the comprehensive non-emergency services that are now provided. This proposal was voted down in May, 2010.

Education	Elementary school consolidation, Tremont
Workforce Housing	Island Housing Trust, MDI Housing Authority
Land Use Planning	Acadia National Park, Friends of Acadia, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Hancock County Planning
Commission	
GIS mapping	College of the Atlantic
Watershed protection drinking	Acadia National Park, Mt. Desert (Long Pond, water)
Protect natural resources	Acadia National Park, Tremont (Bass Harbor Marsh and Marshall Brook water quality)
Dispatch	Hancock County
Solid waster disposal, recycling	Eastern Maine Recycling, Acadia Disposal District

Appendix 17. State Growth Management Goals and Coastal Management Policies

STATE GROWTH MANAGEMENT GOALS

The policies must specify what approaches the municipality will take to address the following State goals:

1. to encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas of each community, while protecting the State's rural character, making efficient use of public services, and preventing development sprawl. *See Issues 21, 38, 43, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-6, 6-7.*
2. to plan for, finance, and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development. *See Issues 5, 8, 17, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 41, 44.*
3. to promote an economic climate that increases job opportunities and overall economic well-being. *See Issues 1, 2 6.*
4. to encourage and promote affordable, decent housing opportunities for all Maine citizens. *See Issues 7, 8.*
5. to protect the quality and manage the quantity of the State's water resources, including lakes, aquifers, great ponds, estuaries, rivers, and coastal areas. *See Issues 9, 10, 11, 19, 27, 39, 6-4.*
6. to protect the State's other critical natural resources, including without limitation, wetlands, wildlife and fisheries habitat, sand dunes, shorelands, scenic vistas, and unique natural areas. *See Issues 2, 12, 13, 14, 19, 39, 6-5.*
7. to protect the State's marine resources industry, ports, and harbors from incompatible development, and to promote access to the share for commercial fishermen and the public. *See Issues 15, 16, 18.*
8. to safeguard the State's agricultural and forest resources from development that threatens those resources. *See Chapter 5.7-8.*
9. to preserve the State's historic and archeological resources. *See Chapter 5.4.*
10. to promote and protect the availability of outdoor recreation opportunities for all Maine citizens, including access to surface waters. *See Issues 20, 22, 23, 35.*

STATE COASTAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES

If the municipality is a coastal community, the policies must also specify what approaches the municipality will take to address the following State Coastal Management Policies:

1. to promote the maintenance, development, and revitalization of the State's ports and harbors for fishing, transportation, and recreation. *See Issues 11, 12, 15, 16.*
2. to manage the marine environment and its related resources to preserve and improve the ecological integrity and diversity of marine communities and habitats, to expand our understanding of the productivity of the Gulf of Maine and coastal waters, and to enhance the economic value of the State's renewable marine resources. *See Issues 11, 12, 19, 26, 27.*
3. to support shoreline development that gives preference to water-dependent uses over other uses, that promotes public access to the shoreline, and that considers the cumulative effects of development on coastal resources. *See Issues 13, 15, 16, 19, 6-1.*
4. to discourage growth and new development in coastal areas where, because of coastal storms, flooding, landslides, or sea-level rise, it is hazardous to human health and safety. *N/A, our shoreline is already fully developed or conserved in Acadia National Park. Our Shoreland zoning is in compliance with state requirements.*
5. to encourage and support cooperative state and municipal management of coastal resources. *See Issues 9, 12, 19, 20, 26, 6-4, 6-6.*
6. to protect and manage critical habitats and natural areas of state and national significance, and to maintain the scenic beauty and character of the coast, even in-areas where development occurs. *See Issues 2, 11, 12, 13, 14.*
7. to expand the opportunities for outdoor recreation, and to encourage appropriate coastal tourist activities and development. *See Issues 15, 16, 17, 20, 23, 34, 35.*
8. to restore and maintain the quality of our fresh, marine, and estuarine waters to allow for the broadest possible diversity of public and private uses. *See Issues 11, 12, 22, 39.*
9. to restore and maintain coastal air quality to protect the health of citizens and visitors, and to protect enjoyment of the natural beauty and maritime character of the Maine coast. *See Issues 20, 34, 35, which would reduce car travel and thus improve air quality.*

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12/2006 – 1/07 Survey to all property owners

10/2007 Meeting on night sky issues with Peter Lord of Island Astronomy

1/24/08 Public forum with Fishermen (invited) and follow-up survey

2/28/08 Public Forum – effective communication with Town

3/27/08	Public Forum with Boat builders/Martine activities businesses (invited) and follow-up survey
4/10/08	Public Forum with Chamber of Commerce re: Downtown area
5/8/08	Meeting on Bicycle Safety with Pemetic 5 th grade students
6/09/08	Presentation to Harbor Comm. – Interim Report Marine Resources
6/17/08	Presentation to Selectmen – Interim Report on Marine Resources
6/19/08	Presentation to Planning Board – Interim Report Marine Resources
6/25/09	Public Forum on Harbor Zones (jointly with Planning Board)
8/2009	Survey to SWH postal addresses
9/2009	Survey questions, summaries of results posted on town web site
10/21/09	Meet with Conservation Comm.: Water & Critical Natural Resources
10/29/09	Present survey summary results to Planning Board for discussion
12/10/09	Present summary survey results to Selectmen
2/2010	Vision statement posted on web
3/20/10	Public Forum on Elder Services
4/2010	Drafts of Issues & Recommendations, “Inventory” Appendices posted on web; drafts distributed to over 30 volunteer readers for comments
5/13/10	Public Hearing on the draft Plan
5/20/10	Public hearing on the draft Plan
5/27/10	Presentation by College of the Atlantic students of their projects, including many of the maps for the Plan.
6/8/10	Presentation to the Selectmen for discussion

APPENDIX 19. LIST OF MAPS

Future Land Use

Historic, Archaeological and Scenic Sites

Public Water Supply

Sewer Line

Transportation

ME DOT SWH Transportation

Current Zoning

SWH Growth Over Time

Development Constraints