
CHAPTER 10

REGIONAL COORDINATION

Waldoboro is closely linked in a number of ways to surrounding communities. The following is a summary of the Town's regional coordination/cooperation efforts. This Plan envisions that these efforts will continue, and that they will benefit all participating communities.

EDUCATION

Waldoboro is a part of S.A.D. 40 which serves the towns of Waldoboro, Washington, Warren, Union and Friendship. The District's high school, Medomak Valley High School, is located in Waldoboro. Waldoboro is also a member of Region 8 Mid-Coast School of Technology.

ECONOMY

Approximately 45% of employed Waldoboro residents work within the community, but the remainder work in a variety of other locations with the largest concentrations in Rockland, Damariscotta, Bath and Thomaston. Of the total work force employed in Waldoboro, 61% comes from the Town while collectively another 21% comes from Friendship, Warren, Rockland, Union, Jefferson and Nobleboro.

MEDOMAK RIVER AND ESTUARY

The Medomak River and Estuary is a regional resource, both from a natural resource and economic point of view. The watershed of the river, which covers 90,000 acres, drains portions of 13 towns including Appleton, Bremen, Bristol, Cushing, Friendship, Jefferson, Liberty, Nobleboro, Searsmont, Union, Waldoboro, Warren and Washington. The Medomak Valley Land Trust is working to protect this valuable resource, and has been instrumental in purchasing key parcels and educating the public about the importance of this valuable resource.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Waldoboro's Department of Emergency Medical Services provides emergency medical services to citizens of Waldoboro and the surrounding area. Services are provided to Waldoboro residents without charge and are provided on a fee basis to non-residents and to transfer patients.

FIRE PROTECTION

The Waldoboro Fire Department is a member of the Knox County Mutual Aid Association and the Lincoln County Fire Chiefs Association. As such, the Town can provide assistance to a large number of communities in the two counties.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Town of Waldoboro operates a transfer station and inert landfill site which has been in operation since 1989. It is located at the site of the old landfill on the North Nobleboro Road. The facility serves Waldoboro, Friendship and Cushing.

COUNTY SERVICES

The Town of Waldoboro works with other municipal officials and County officials, to provide cost effective County services to communities in Lincoln County. For example, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office dispatches police, fire, and ambulance services 24 hours per day, seven days per week, to Waldoboro and other County towns. Until it ceased operations, Waldoboro supported the efforts of the Lincoln County Planning Office, particularly as they related to the provision of coordinated planning services to Lincoln County towns. With the demise of the Planning Office, officials from Waldoboro and other communities are focusing on means to fill the gap.