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Millinocket, East Millinocket and Medway working on unique and collaborative comprehensive plan

Penobscot County – Millinocket, East Millinocket and Medway are pleased to announce that they are working together with EMDC to develop a multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan. The collaboration allows the three communities to promote a plan that is inclusive of the region. Working together also encourages future collaboration on other projects. The Katahdin multi-jurisdictional plan is slated for completion in early spring of 2019.

A comprehensive plan is a document that is created by community members and adopted by local government. It provides a map of a town's future that guides the process for decision-making and encompasses all aspects of the community. "This collaboration is great for our region," said Michael Aube, President and CEO of EMDC. "We look forward to seeing more of what the Katahdin region can do together, and hope that this unique project will serve as an example to other communities."

"This plan will allow us to ensure that investments made in our town and region will have the highest impact possible. It's important that we focus on areas of need, as well as areas that can continue to foster future growth," said John Davis, Town Manager of Millinocket. "Having a plan that incorporates input from people throughout all three communities will allow us to do that."

EMDC has implemented the new four-phase process for the development of comprehensive plans that incorporates all of the required elements as directed by the State of Maine. The new process allows EMDC to work with communities to perform the work in a time and cost-efficient manner. "Working together has really helped us save on costs," said East Millinocket's Administrative Assistant, Angela Cote. "We look forward to collaborating with each other when applying for future funding opportunities; with a shared vision the process will be much easier."

"One of the most enticing parts of the process is that this plan can be used as a regional plan, or as an individual town's plan. The Katahdin region shares the same passionate, hard-working, and dedicated community members; everyone involved is working towards a common goal," said Kathy Lee, Administrative Assistant for the Town of Medway.

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