



## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

April 9, 2010

State law assigns four core duties to the State Planning Office that include: 1) conducting continuing economic analysis, including economic forecasting, 2) coordinating the development of the State's economy and energy resources with the conservation of its natural resources; 3) providing technical assistance to towns and regions; and 4) providing technical assistance to the Governor and Legislature by undertaking special studies and plans and preparing policy alternatives.

### **LAND USE TEAM**

**Form-based codes webinars announced.** Form-based codes are community-driven design regulations that control the physical form of the built environment to create a certain type of 'place'. The State Planning Office will host two webinars this spring for Maine Communities interested in Form-Based Codes.

**Place-based Maine & Form-Based Codes: An Introduction to Form Based Codes**  
**April 22, 12-1:30pm**, by Alan S. Manoian AICP, Director of Economic & Community Development, Town of Bridgton, Maine. This webinar will be appropriate for both professional and citizen planners and will cover the basics of form-based codes. To register go to: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/908342856>

**Place-based Maine & Form-Based Codes for Planners**  
**May 20, 12-1:30 pm**, by Alan S. Manoian AICP, Director of Economic & Community Development, Town of Bridgton, Maine. This webinar will be tailored more for the professional planning community and will go beyond the basics of form-based codes. Registration information will be available soon for this webinar on the land use team website. To register go to: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/281746160>

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## COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

**Maine Floodplain Management and Mapping Newsletter released.** In this issue readers will find the coastal LIDAR proposal, a floodplain mapping update in several counties, information on Flood insurance, and the 4th Annual Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association Conference. To subscribe or read the full issue online visit: <http://www.maine.gov/spo/flood/index.htm> . **CONTACT: Joseph Young 287-8051 or [joseph.young@maine.gov](mailto:joseph.young@maine.gov) .**

## MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE



**The Commission welcomes new staff member.** Michael Ashmore joined the Commission staff on April 5, 2010. As Grant Programs Officer, he oversees the Maine grants for national service programs including AmeriCorps\*State and Learn & Serve America. Prior to joining the Commission, Michael was Director of the Maine Transition Network, a nonprofit providing training to schools and agencies helping youth with disabilities transition from school to adult life. He was also a teacher and school district administrator for almost two decades and brings experience guiding volunteers as the onetime director and coordinator of volunteers for the NAMES Project-Maine; AIDS Memorial Quilt. **CONTACT: Rochelle Runge at 287-8933 or [Rochelle.runge@maine.gov](mailto:Rochelle.runge@maine.gov).**

## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY

**Maine oil prices inch higher on jobs report.** The Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security (OEIS) conducted its oil survey and found that the current statewide average cash price for No. 2 heating oil to be at **\$2.71 per gallon**, up three cents from last week. It is important to note that the price for heating oil is a statewide average and that prices in a given geographic region of the state may be considerably higher or lower than the statewide average. Within the OEIS sample, the lowest actual heating oil price of \$2.50 per gallon was found in the Southwestern region. The highest price of \$2.93 per gallon was found in the Northern region. The statewide kerosene price average is \$3.07 per gallon at this time. The statewide average for propane based on a use of 600 gallons a year is \$2.76 per gallon. At the time of this release the price of WTI crude oil, major driver of refined product prices, including heating oil was \$86.09. The next survey is scheduled for April 12, 2010. **CONTACT: Jeffrey Marks at 287-8927 or [Jeffrey.marks@maine.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.marks@maine.gov) .**