

# Governor's Council on Quality of Place

## Areas of Focus

### **1. Regional Planning and Governance**

*Develop incentives; evaluate/propose models and strategies for regionalizing land use, development, land protection and other decisions. Propose strategies for moving forward on this issue. Areas to explore include:*

- Development
- Land use and protection
- Community design
- Unintended consequences and opportunities in policies and statutes

Council members: Ed Barrett, Chuck Lawton, Evan Richert, Ken Young,  
Staff: Sue Inches, John DeVecchio

### **2. Downtowns**

*Develop recommendations on downtown revitalization, historic preservation and the creative economy effort that will remove constraints and encourage investment in downtowns. Areas to explore include:*

- Revitalization and investment
- Historic preservation
- Creative economy
- Coalition to support downtowns

Council members: Hilary Bassett, Kevin Mattson, Mary Kate Reny, John Rohman  
Staff: Jody Harris

### **3. Asset Based Development Strategy**

*Develop a supplemental economic development strategy for attracting and developing business and tourism based on Maine's unique assets. Strategies should incorporate downtown revitalization, historic preservation, creative economy and nature-based tourism and be regionally based, supported from below and integrated across state agencies that have development responsibilities. Strategies should be:*

- Based on unique assets
- Integrated across disciplines and agencies
- Sensitive to and building from local assets/character

Council members: Dick Barringer, Eleanor Kinney, Tracy S. Michaud Stutzman, Ken Young  
Staff: Kate Reilly

#### **4. Outreach and Education**

*This item on hold until first three items are developed*

- Build support for Q of P
- Address questions/issues not in Brookings
- Address ambivalence about growth
- Create local blueprint

#### **5. Large Landscapes**

*This item on hold until presentations and discussion at July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

- Land conservation
- Access to natural resources
- Land use