

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Director

It is with great pleasure that I respectfully submit to the citizens of Fort Fairfield the following report of the activities of the Fort Fairfield Community Development Agency for the year ending June 30, 2015. During this past year the Town of Fort Fairfield entered into an agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to conduct an assessment of the two Dams located on Libby Brook. This year the office also finished administering grant funds for the Armory Lighting Project through the Efficiency Maine Program. This past year the Federal and State legislative delegations have been instrumental in the office's grant success.

GRANTS/PROJECTS

The office has assisted in the successful application for grant funds from NRCS, Maine Dept. of Tourism, and Efficiency Maine.

Grants Closed:

2013 Tourism Grant (Maine Winter Sports)	\$ 50,000
2014 Efficiency Maine Grant	<u>\$ 7,800</u>
	\$ 57,800

Grants Open:

2014 NRCS Dam Assessment Grant	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
	\$ 40,000

Grants Pending:

None

Other Projects:

Advocacy for saving CDBG Snowmobile Grant Local GIS Mapping Project Marketing of the Spec Building Northern Border Reg. Commission Street Light Repairs Renewable Energy Programs Puddledock Roofing Project Assistance to Firefighters Grant	Maine Potato Blossom Festival Town wide Broadband Project Libby Brook Dam Assessment Grow Smart Maine Summit VFW Eagle Scout Project Armory Lighting Project NMDC Brownfield Project QOPC Home Buyer Program
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Noted Acronyms:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Geographic Information System (GIS), Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT), Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC), Quality of Place Council (QOPC), Resource, Conservation and Development (RC&D), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Professional Affiliations:

St. John /Aroostook RC&D	Maine Community Development Association
Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development	Economic Development Council of Maine
NMDC Brownfield Steering Committee	Aroostook Municipal Association
Fort Fairfield Chamber of Commerce	Nat. Assoc. of Housing and Redevelopment Off.
Fort Fairfield Development Corp.	Council of State Community Dev. Agencies
Aroostook Partnerships for Progress	Quality of Place Council

LEASES

This office still assists with the preparation and monitoring of leases for use of the Spec Building, the former B & A Railroad Land Leases and for the use of the facility at Reynolds Park (Puddledock).

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Town Council, the former and new Town Managers, the Community Development Advisory Board, and the Economic Development and Marketing Director as well as the entire municipal staff for their support and assistance this past year.

Respectfully submitted,



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