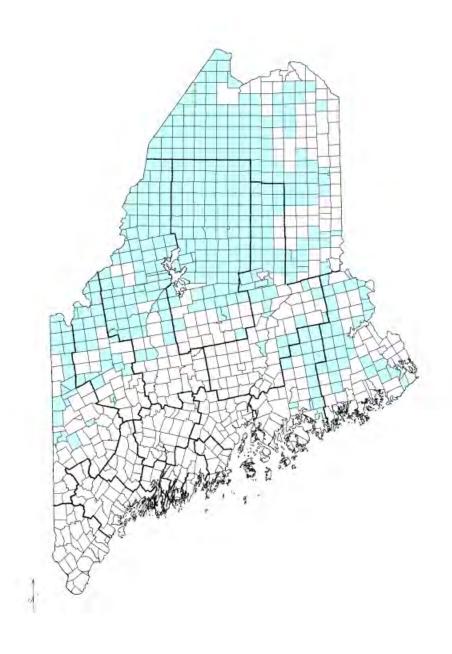
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UNORGANIZED TERRITORY MUNICIPAL COST COMPONENTS



FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2018-19

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the Unorganized Territory Tax District are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. Municipal cost components for services rendered. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 2018-19 is as follows:

Fiscal Administration – Office of the State Auditor	\$233,077
Education	12,335,556
Forest Fire Protection	150,000
Human Services - General Assistance	65,000
Property Tax Assessment - Operations	1,246,676
Maine Land Use Planning Commission - Operations	569,905
TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	\$14,600,214
County Reimbursements for Services:	
Aroostook	\$1,458,226
Franklin	953,878
Hancock	241,550
Kennebec	11,595
Oxford	1,362,600
Penobscot	1,152,652
Piscataquis	965,963
Somerset	1,624,102
Washington	1,032,764

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COUNTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRIBUTIONS FROM FUND

Tax Increment Financing Payments	\$3,522,650
TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$26,926,194
COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT	
Requirements	\$26,926,194
Less Deductions: General Revenue	
State Revenue Sharing	\$80,000
Homestead Reimbursement	100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	10,000
Transfer from Unassigned Fund Balance	300,000
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$490,000
Educational Revenue	
Land Reserve Trust	\$70,000
Tuition/Travel	80,000
United States Forestry Payment in Lieu of Taxes	5,000
Special - Teacher Retirement	230,000
TOTAL EDUCATION REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$385,000
TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$875,000
TAX ASSESSMENT BEFORE COUNTY TAXES AND OVERLAY	\$26,051,194

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes municipal cost components for State and county services provided to the unorganized territory that would be paid for by a municipality. The municipal cost components constitute the property tax for the unorganized territory.

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GENERAL ANALYSIS

MUNICIPAL COST COMPONENTS BUDGETS <u>BEFORE</u> COUNTY TAXES AND OVERLAY FIVE YEAR ANALYSIS

% Increase (-)Decrease		3.4	9.0	0.0	0.0	20.9	3.7	2.2		-55.0	9.6-	7.5		13.1	7.4	1.2	9.6-	7.0	7.6	-4.8	-2.4	2.4	4.1	6.1	-11.0	3.4
FY 2019		233,077	12,335,556	150,000	000'59	1,246,676	206'695	14,600,214		-490,000	-385,000	13,725,214		1,458,226	953,878	241,550	11,595	1,362,600	1,152,652	962,963	1,624,102	1,032,764	8,803,330	22,528,544	3,522,650	26,051,194
% Increase (-)Decrease		-10.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0	10.3	1.0	0.4		-42.8	1.6	7.2		3.0	-11.0	6.0	20.2	1.3	0.4	5.4	-1.0	3.1	0.2	4.3	95.2	12.5
FY 2018		225,510	12,264,663	150,000	000'59	1,031,446	549,577	14,286,196		-1,090,000	-425,768	12,770,428		1,288,800	888,252	238,750	12,823	1,273,300	1,071,109	1,014,232	1,663,298	1,008,408	8,458,972	21,229,400	3,957,567	25,186,967
% Increase (-)Decrease		-1.4	1.3	0.0	16.6	-1.6	2.9	1.2		-24.1	0.2	6.9		2.9	-3.0	6.1	-11.9	0.7	3.3	-4.6	14.8	12.4	4.1	5.8	-27.6	1.5
FY 2017		251,277	12,288,717	150,000	65,000	935,000	544,194	14,234,188		-1,903,945	-419,049	11,911,194		1,251,259	998,235	236,660	10,669	1,257,130	1,067,291	962,139	1,679,712	978,140	8,441,235	20,352,429	2,027,000	22,379,429
% Increase (-)Decrease		16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.9	1.1	0.5		-2.1	29.3	0.2		16.6	3.8	-30.3	2.4	5.2	1.3	1.8	1.5	3.8	3.3	1.5	-9.7	-0.1
FY 2016		254,952	12,129,121	150,000	55,750	950,000	529,025	14,068,848		-2,509,945	-418,317	11,140,586		1,216,139	1,029,624	223,152	12,115	1,247,937	1,033,537	1,008,711	1,463,162	870,612	8,104,989	19,245,575	2,800,000	22,045,575
FY 2015		219,722	12,022,813	150,000	55,750	1,031,852	523,019	14,003,156		-2,564,538	-323,455	11,115,163		1,042,847	991,854	320,363	11,831	1,185,959	1,020,403	990,627	1,441,824	839,105	7,844,813	18,959,976	3,100,000	.E 22,059,976
	State Agencies	Fiscal Administrator \$	Education	Forest Fire Protection	Human Services - General Assist	Maine Revenue Service	LUPC - Operations	Subtotal of State Agency	Less Deductions	General	Educational	Total State Agencies	County Services	Aroostook	Franklin	Hancock	Kennebec	Oxford	Penobscot	Piscataquis	Somerset	Washington	Total County Services	TAX COMMITMENT BEFORE T	TIF TAX COMMITMENT	TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT BEFORE COUNTY TAXES & OVERLAY \$

MUNICIPAL COST COMPONENTS BUDGETS <u>AFTER</u> COUNTY TAXES AND OVERLAY FIVE YEAR ANALYSIS

	FY 2015	FY 2016	% Increase	FY 2017	% Increase	FY 2018	% Increase	FY 2019	% Increase
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT BEFORE			200		3000		200		200
COUNTY TAXES & OVERLAY	22,059,976	22,045,575	-0.1	22,379,429	1.5	25,186,968	12.5	26,051,194	3.4
County Taxes			Actual Cour	Actual County Taxes and MRS Overlay	Overlay			Estimated	ted
Aroostook	692'999	695,604	4.3	766,295	10.2	786,573	2.6	810,170	3.0
Franklin	375,030	386,042	2.9	407,043	5.4	399,300	-1.9	411,279	3.0
Hancock	100,033	108,307	8.3	106,838	-1.4	107,584	0.7	111,887	4.0
Kennebec	3,649	5,116	40.2	986′9	36.6	7,746	10.9	8,056	4.0
Knox	17,784	18,600	4.6	19,318	3.9	19,350	0.2	19,427	0.4
Lincoln	18,316	19,581	6.9	19,554	-0.1	19,657	0.5	19,736	0.4
Oxford	207,013	209,739	1.3	218,068	4.0	219,851	0.8	222,050	1.0
Penobscot	382,489	396,995	3.8	424,979	7.0	441,854	4.0	455,110	3.0
Piscataquis	1,060,144	1,090,641	2.9	1,121,187	2.8	1,153,000	2.8	1,188,743	3.1
Sagdahoc	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Somerset	1,684,508	1,883,930	11.8	1,971,415	4.6	2,066,899	4.8	2,170,244	5.0
Waldo	3,446	3,379	-1.9	3,375	-0.1	3,506	3.9	3,618	3.2
Washington	570,892	589,813	3.3	620,557	5.2	628,677	1.3	656,967	4.5
Total County Taxes	5,090,073	5,407,747	6.2	5,685,615	5.1	5,853,997	3.0	6,077,287	3.8
TAX COMMITMENT BEFORE OVERLAY	27,150,049	27,453,322	1.1	28,065,044	2.2	31,040,965	10.6	32,128,481	3.5
Maine Revenue Service - Overlay	515,148	454,366	-11.8	490,928	8.0	542,582	10.5	575,137	6.0
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT AFTER COUNTY TAXES & OVERLAY	\$ 27,665,197	27,907,688	0.9	28,555,972	2.3	31,583,547	10.6	32,703,618	3.5

AGGREGATE UNORGANIZED TERRITORY COUNTY MILL RATE ANALYSIS

SOURCE: Maine Revenue Services

2003-2017

County	2004	2002	2006	*2007	2008	2009	**2010	2011	2012	***2013	2014		* # 2016	2017
roostook	0.00754	0.00754	0.00696	0.00646	0.00641	0.00825	0.00825	0.00658	0.00666	0.00672	0.00699	_	0.00637	0.00631
	0.01117	0.01024	0.00883	0.00808	0.00810	0.00885	0.00885	0.00720	0.00733	0.00897	0.00825	_	0.00775	0.00746
~	0.00620	0.00666	0.00601	0.00578	0.00495	0.00670	0.00670	0.00500	0.00500	0.00474	0.00575	0.00530	0.00500	0.00500
ec	0.00884	0.00816	0.00718	0.00480	0.00473	0.00642	0.00642	0.00560	0.00657	0.00618	0.00643	_	0.00648	0.00071
	0.00574	0.00592	0.00472	0.00463	0.00446	0.00631	0.00631	0.00481	0.00480	0.00463	0.00464	_	0.00447	0.00472
Lincoln	0.00557	0.00585	0.00505	0.00478	0.00463	0.00636	0.00636	0.00503	0.00507	0.00489	0.00497	_	0.00479	0.00504
	0.00805	0.00853	0.00721	0.00703	0.00688	0.00860	0.00860	0.00818	0.00876	0.00849	0.00993	_	0.00912	60600.0
cot	0.00962	0.00969	0.00857	0.00842	0.00852	0.01055	0.01055	99800.0	0.00887	0.00865	0.00866	_	0.00777	0.00808
Piscataquis	0.00798	0.00841	0.00725	0.00691	0.00716	0.00951	0.00951	0.00703	0.00699	0.00673	0.00693	_	0.00601	0.00622
et	0.00765	0.00780	0.00685	0.00676	0.00821	90600.0	90600.0	0.00856	0.00864	0.00837	0.00823	_	0.00803	0.00805
	0.00637	0.00692	0.00502	0.00482	0.00506	0.00704	0.00704	0.00559	0.00583	0.00561	0.00563	_	0.00527	0.00560
Vashington	0.00894	0.00919	0.00882	0.00837	0.00770	0.00930	0.00930	0.00812	0.00823	0.00814	0.00811	_	0.00773	0.00801

State Agency

Services Mill

 $0.004409 \quad 0.004399 \quad 0.004578 \quad 0.003952 \quad 0.003531 \quad 0.003392 \quad 0.005151 \quad 0.004424 \quad 0.003599 \quad 0.00342 \quad 0.00347 \quad 0.00343 \quad 0.003194 \quad 0.003322 \quad 0.004409 \quad 0.00409 \quad 0.004409 \quad 0.$ Rate

Note: The State Agency, and County Taxes are included in the Aggregate UT County Mill Rate along with MRS - Overlay.

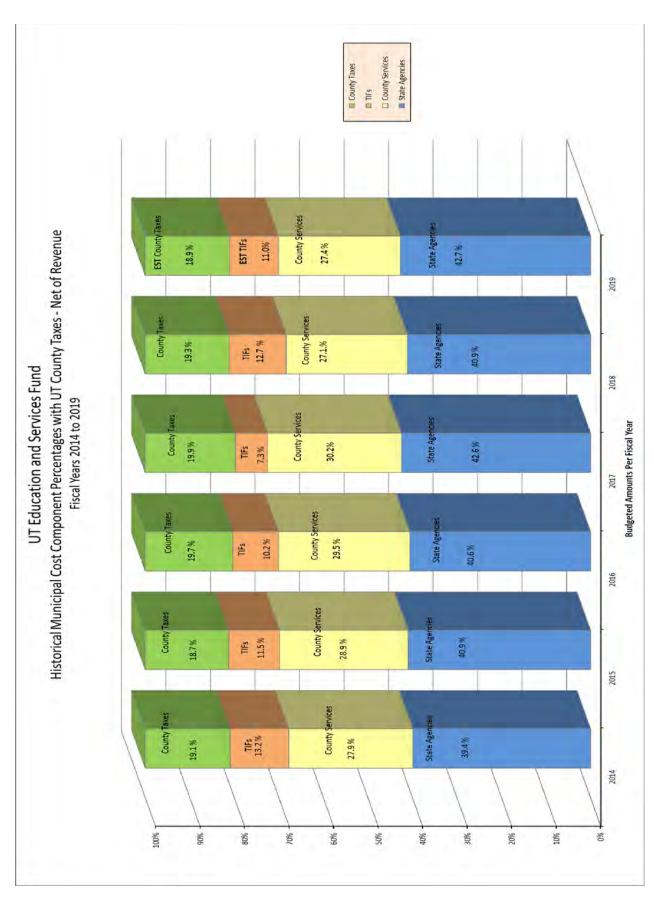
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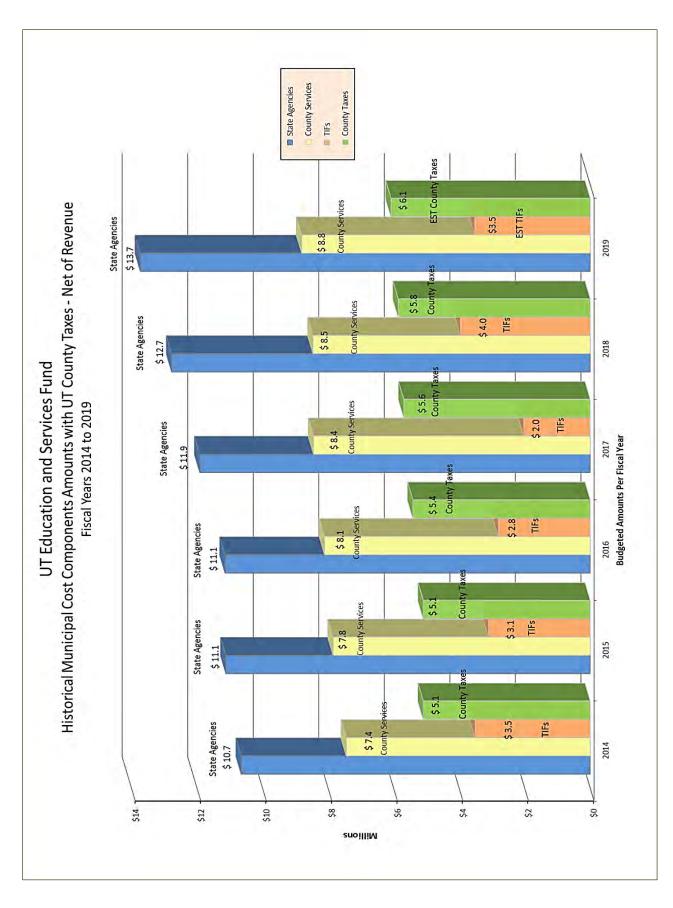
^{**} First year of Wind TIFs in Franklin and Washington Counties

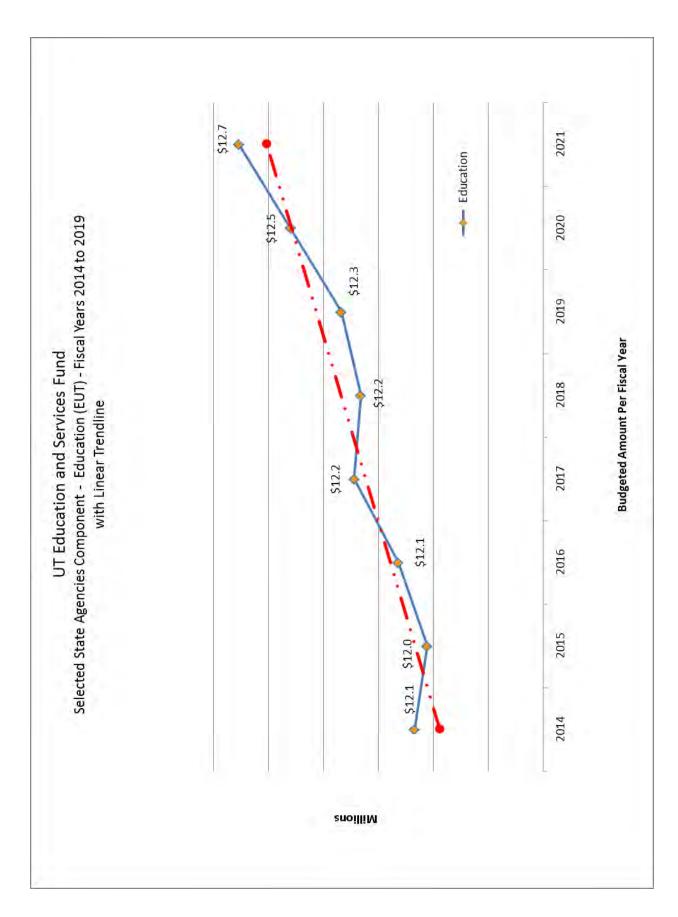
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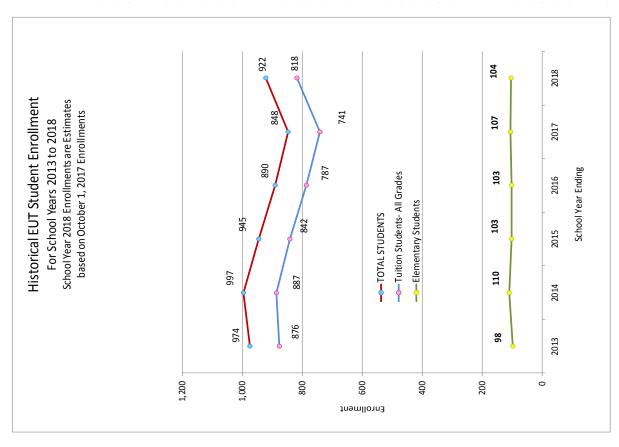
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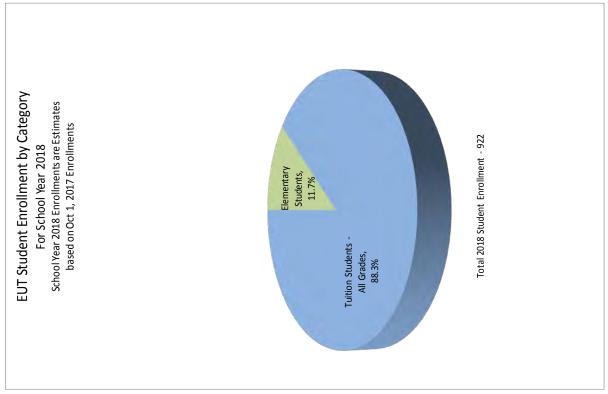
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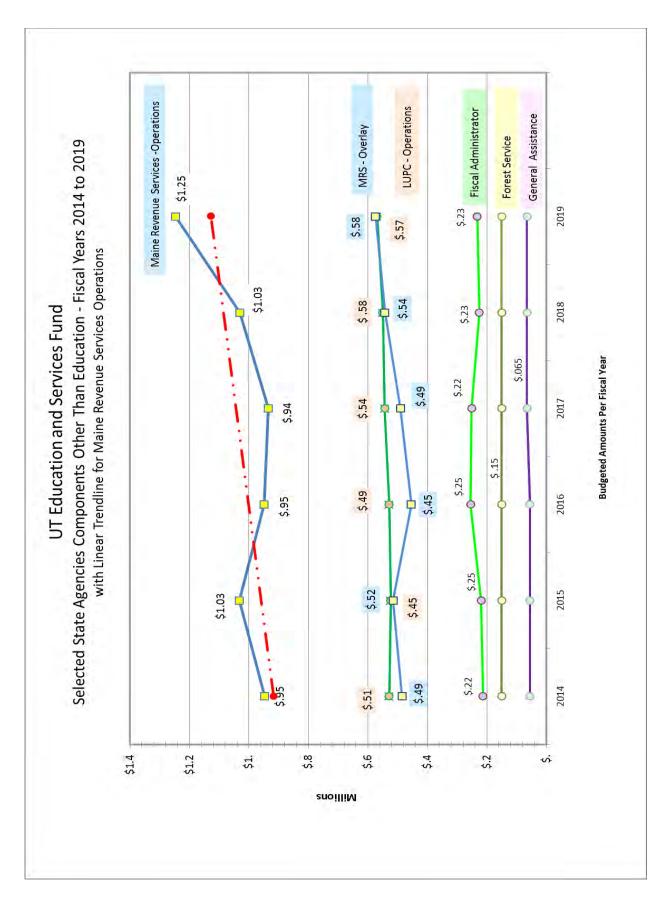


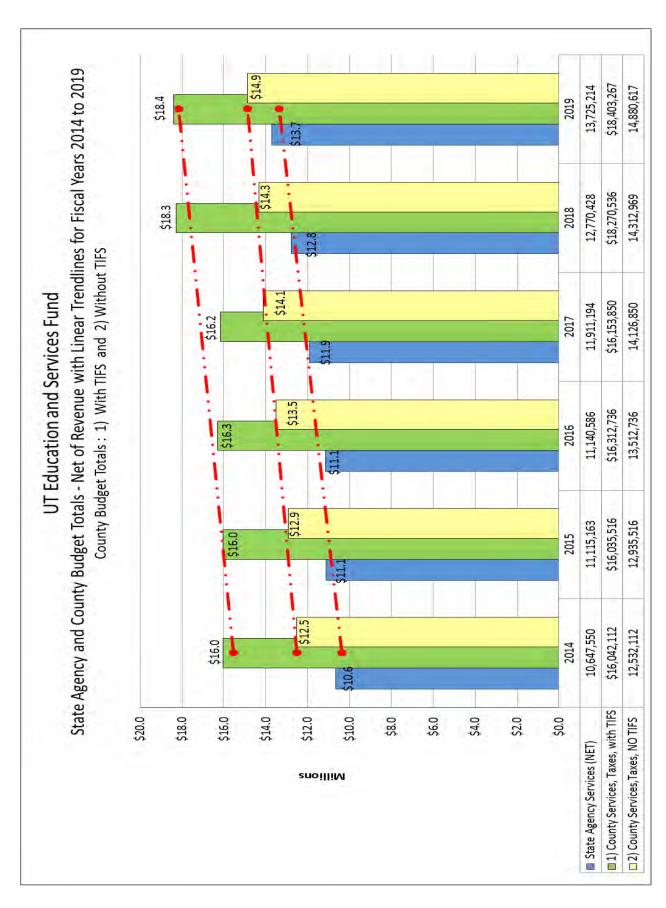


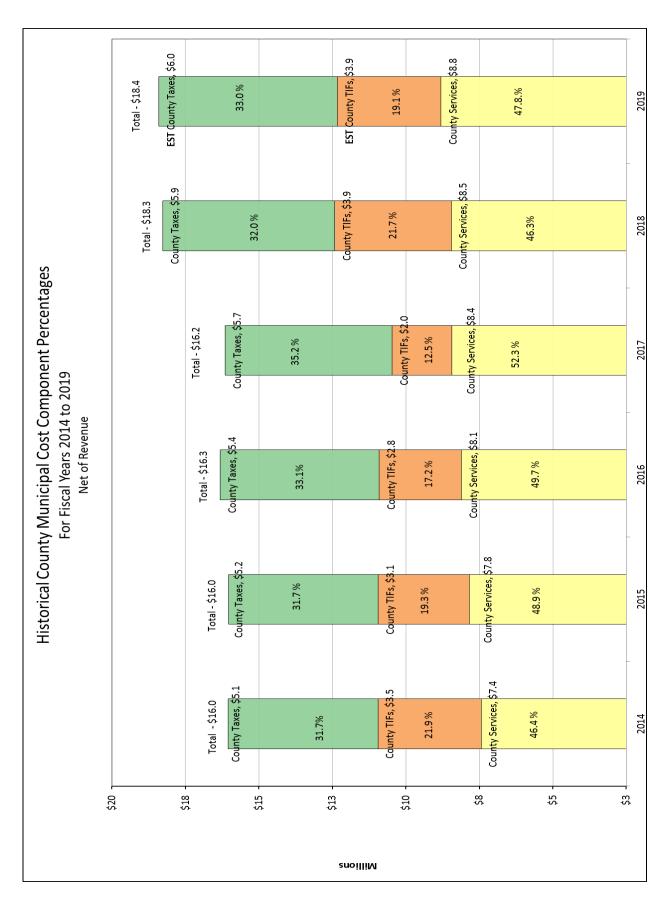


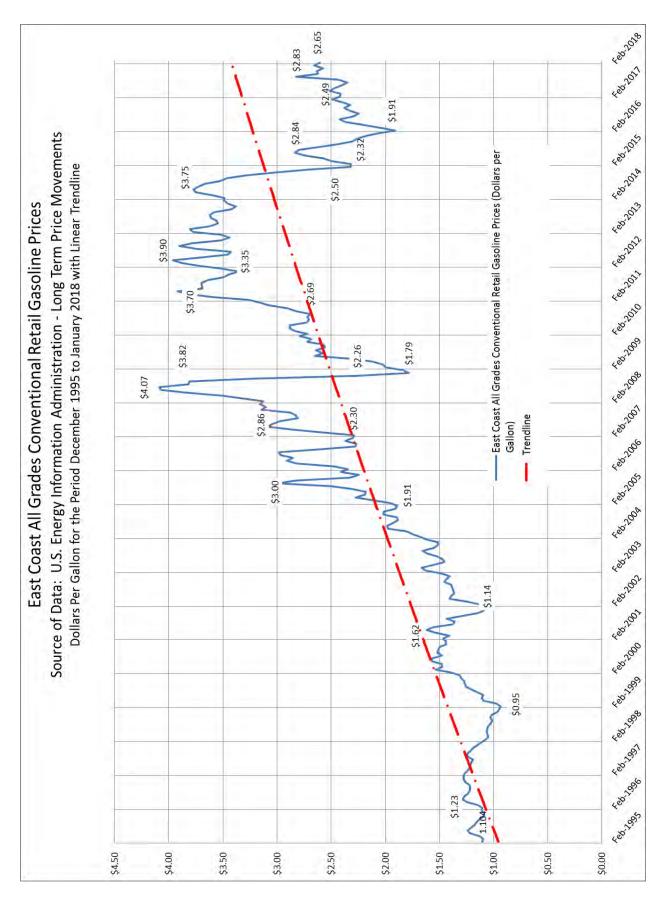


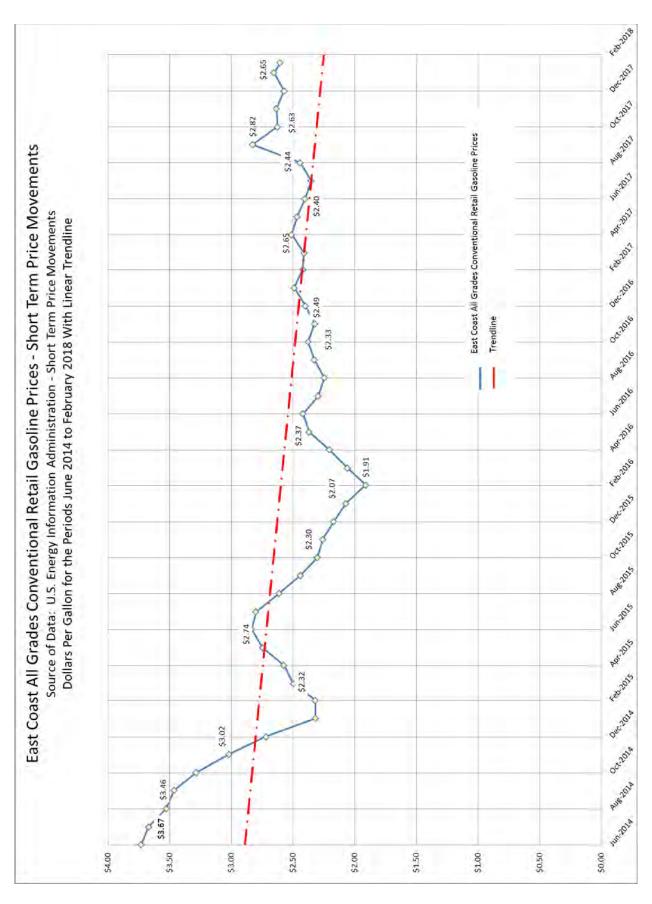


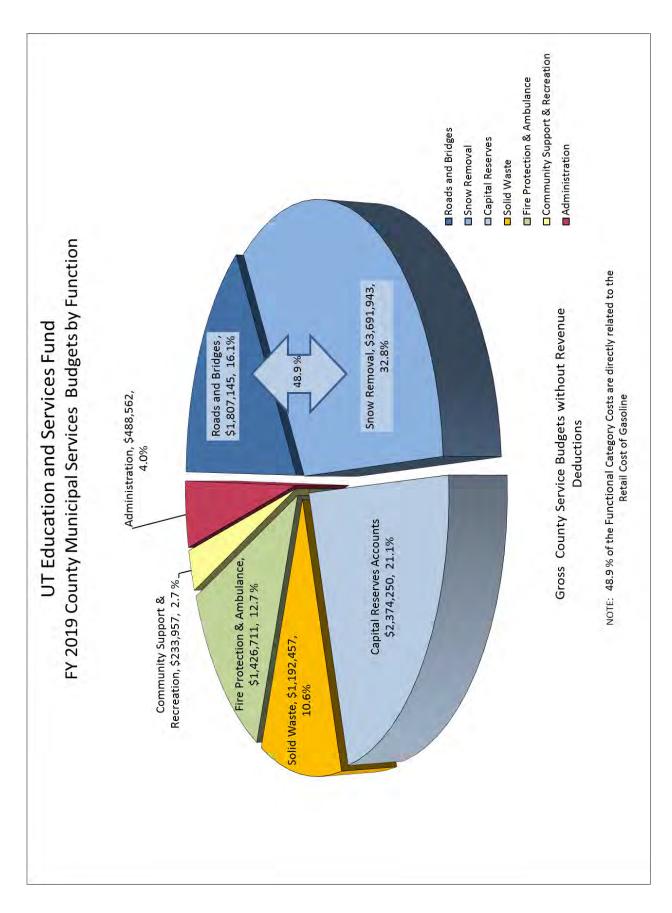








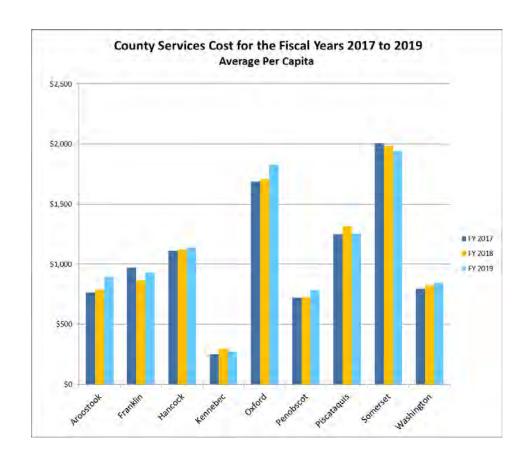




SCHEDULE OF COUNTY SERVICES COST PER CAPITA BY COUNTY *

<u>County</u>	FY 2017 Cost <u>Per Capita</u>	FY 2017 County Services Tax Assessment	FY 2018 Cost <u>Per Capita</u>	FY 2018 County Services Tax Assessment		US Census 2010 UT Resident Population	2019 County Services Tax Assessment
Aroostook	\$766	\$1,251,259	\$790	\$1,288,800	\$893	1,633	\$1,458,226
Franklin	973	998,235	866	888,252	930	1,026	953,878
Hancock	1,111	236,660	1,121	238,750	1,135	213	241,550
Kennebec	248	10,669	299	12,823	270	43	11,595
Oxford	1,685	1,257,130	1,707	1,273,300	1,827	746	1,362,600
Penobscot	723	1,067,291	726	1,071,109	781	1,476	1,152,652
Piscataquis	1,248	962,139	1,316	1,014,232	1,253	771	965,963
Somerset	2,004	1,679,712	1,985	1,663,298	1,938	838	1,624,102
Washington	797	978,140	822	1,008,408	842	1,227	1,032,764
		\$8,441,235		\$8,458,972	_	7,973	\$8,803,330
Straight Average of			•				
Services Cost Per Capita	\$1,062	-	\$1,070		\$1,097	_	
Weighted Average of							
Services Cost Per Capita	\$1,059	_	\$1,061		\$1,104	_	

^{*} Knox, Lincoln and Waldo counties are not included because they provide no UT county services. Knox and Lincoln each have 1 UT resident



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FISCAL YEAR 2019 MCC BUDGET ANALYSIS

ANALYSIS OF MUNICIPAL COST COMPONENTS BUDGETS WORK SESSION - FISCAL YEAR 2019

STATE SERVICES:

Office of the State Auditor – Fiscal Administrator of the Unorganized Territory (\$233,077)

Up 3.4% or \$ 7,567 from FY 2018

This line supports the annual financial statement audit performed by a private public accounting firm; the printing and distribution of the annual report; and the payment to the Passamaquoddy Tribe required by Title 36 MRSA §1605 (2-B). The increase is primarily driven by a \$ 5,000 increase that is budgeted to pay the Passamaquoddy Tribe for municipal services to UT residents in Indian Township who are not tribal members. The remaining \$2,567 is the annual changes in wages and employee benefits.

<u>Department of Education – Education in the Unorganized Territory (\$12,335,556)</u>

Up 0.7% or \$70,893 from FY 2018

General Fund increases in Personal Service expenditures drive the growth. All Other expenditures are basically the same as FY 2018.

This revenue will provide education, transportation, and special education services to approximately 922 UT pupils. School year 2018 EUT pupil enrollment increased 8.7%, (74 pupils) and it is the first increase in three years. The breakdown of enrolled UT students is as follows:

EUT Enrollment - Category	April 1st	April 1st	April 1st	Estimated April 1st
	2015	2016	2017	2018
Edmunds School, Washington County	55	55	60	55
Connor School, Aroostook County	32	35	36	34
Kingman Elementary, Penobscot County	16	13	11	15
Total UT School Students	103	103	107	104
Tuition Students - All Grades	842	787	741	818
Total Number of EUT Students	945	890	848	922

<u>Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry – Forest Fire Protection (\$150,000)</u>

No Change from FY 2018.

This revenue provides forest fire control and suppression in the Unorganized Territory by the Maine Forest Service, and is based upon historical expenditures.

Department of Health and Human Services – General Assistance (\$65,000)

No Change from FY 2018

This revenue provides general assistance to needy residents within the Unorganized Territory. These services are disbursed by agents/towns under the direction of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Maine Revenue Service – Property Tax Assessment – Operations (\$1,246,676)

Up 20.9% or \$ 215,230 from FY 2018

This revenue is raised to assess property valuations; to establish a tax commitment; to bill and collect taxes; to grant abatements; and to administer vehicle and boat excise taxes for the Unorganized Territory.

- 1) Personal Services Costs increased by \$278,730 or 36.5% from FY 2018, and \$325,924 or 45.5% from FY 2017.
 - a) The cost basis for allocating staff positions changed. The current basis is the full cost for each employee because it now includes employee benefits. In prior years, MRS did not include employee benefits in the amount charged to the UT.
 - b) Increased the percentage of time that some staff members were charged to the UT valuation process.

Maine Revenue Services					FY 2019
Unorganized Territory Section					
Personnel Costs					
			Percent		Costs
	Tot	tal Position	Devoted to	Α	llocated to
Position Title		Cost	UT		UT
Property Apprasier Supervisor	\$	121,095	100%	\$	121,095
Tax Section Manager	\$	115,076	100%	\$	115,076
Principal Property Appraiser	\$	102,896	100%	\$	102,896
Principal Property Appraiser*	\$	51,448	100%	\$	51,448
Principal Property Appraiser	\$	106,945	40%	\$	42,778
Principal Property Appraiser	\$	106,945	35%	\$	37,431
Principal Property Appraiser	\$	106,945	50%	\$	53,473
Principal Property Appraiser*	\$	53,473	35%	\$	18,715
Principal Property Appraiser	\$	106,945	35%	\$	37,431
Principal Property Appraiser	\$	106,945	35%	\$	37,431
Property Appraiser	\$	90,656	40%	\$	36,262
Property Appraiser	\$	90,656	70%	\$	63,459
Property Appraiser	\$	85,666	35%	\$	29,983
Office Specialist I Supervisor	\$	73,256	90%	\$	65,930
Office Associate II	\$	71,515	70%	\$	50,061
Office Associate II	\$	71,515	70%	\$	50,061
Office Associate II	\$	71,515	70%	\$	50,061
Office Associate II (Rev. Process)	\$	71,515	100%	\$	71,515
Senior Programmer Analyst (OIT)	\$	149,678	5%	\$	7,484
				\$	1,042,589
*20/hr week position					

2) All Other Expenditures decreased by -\$63,000:

a)	Cost for Boat and Life Jackets -1 time cost in FY 2018	- \$23,000
b)	Decrease in Information Systems Hardware/Support	- \$25,000
c)	Elimination of Credit Card Charges posted directly to UT Fund	-\$14,000
d)	Other differences	<u>-\$ 1,000</u>
		Total -\$63,000

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry – Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) (\$569,905)

Up 3.7% or \$20,328 from FY 2018

An increase in the State Valuation for the Unorganized Territory resulted in a higher charge from LUPC. Revenue for LUPC services is budgeted in accordance with 12 MRSA §685-G which requires the Unorganized Territory to raise and reimburse the General Fund for .014% of the most current Statewide valuation of the Unorganized Territory which is \$4,070,750,000 for Tax Year 2018.

COUNTY SERVICES:

Aroostook County (\$1,458,226)

Up 13.1% or \$169,426 from FY 2018

- 1) Public Safety and Fire Services increased 12.7 %, or \$39,359
 - Proposed $\frac{1}{2}$ position for a Deputy for UT \$ 35,649. Despite low crime statistics in Aroostook County, county officials chose to further protect citizens by proposing a half time law enforcement position.
- 2) Snow Removal increased by 12%, or \$52,000
- 3) Capital Reserves Expenditures increased by 13.1% or \$59,000

Franklin County (\$953,878)

Up 7.4% or \$65,626 from FY 2018

1) Snow removal budget increased by \$66,480

Note: FY 2018 is the ninth year of a 20-year capture of assessed value for Franklin County's TIF District in the Unorganized Territory.

	Fiscal Yea	ar - Actual TIF	Payments	
PRIOR YEARS	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	TOTAL
\$7,478,303	\$1,115,104	\$967,744	\$914,543	\$10,475,694

Hancock County (\$241,550)

Up Insignificantly 1.2% or \$2,800 in Fire Protection contracts from FY 2018

Note: FY 2018 is the fifth year of a 20 year capture of assessed value for the Ol's Bull Hill TIF District, and it is the third year of a 30 year capture of assessed value for the Hancock Wind Omnibus TIF District.

Fiscal Year - Actual TIF Payments									
PRIOR YEARS	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	TOTAL					
\$778,399	\$299,435	\$305,222	\$629,171	\$2,012,227					

Kennebec County (\$11,595)

Down -9.6% or -\$1,228 from FY 2018

Oxford County (\$1,362,600)

Up 7.0% or \$89,300 from FY 2018

1) Capital Reserves increased by \$100,000.

Oxford County is proposing to replace a bridge on a road in Parkertown Township. The Fiscal Administrator of Unorganized Territory of the Office of the State Auditor believes this is an unallowable cost. This belief is predicated on the understanding that the bridge is located on a private road. Maine's Constitutions requires that public funds be used for public purposes.

There is additional information on this proposed capital reserve expenditure in the Appendices on Page 57.

Recommendation of the Fiscal Administrator – Amend Oxford County's FY 2019 Budget to eliminate the \$100,000 proposed for the Aldrich Brook Bridge on the Old Lincoln Pond Road in Parkertown Township from the Capital Reserve Fund, or submit a question to the Maine Supreme Court on the validity of spending public funds on the Aldrich Brook Bridge or the Lincoln Pond Road.

Penobscot County (\$1,152,652)

Up 0.7.6% or \$81,543 from FY 2018

- 1) Snow Removal increased by \$27,490
- 2) Capital Reserves increased by \$20,850
- 3) Administration Charges increased by \$10,500
- 4) Reimbursements for Sand/Salt or Snow removal decreased by -\$23,221
- 5) Transfer from Fund Balance decreased -\$71,040

Note: FY 2018 is in the 2nd year of a 30-year capture of assessed value for the Passadumkeag Omnibus TIF District in the Unorganized Territory.

Fiscal Year - Actual TIF Payments									
PRIOR YEARS	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	TOTAL					
\$0	\$0	\$344,056	\$566,001	\$910,057					

Piscataguis County (\$965,963)

Down -4.8% or -\$48,269 from FY 2018

- 1) Capital Reserves Paving decreased by -\$57,000
- 2) Excise Taxes Revenue increased by -\$25,000

Somerset County (\$1,624,102)

Down -2.4% or -\$39,195 from FY 2018

1) Capital – Reserves decreased by -\$33,000, and Excise Tax revenues increased by \$14,800

Note: FY 2018 is the 2nd year of a 30-year capture of assessed value for the Bingham Wind Power Omnibus TIF District in the Unorganized Territory.

Fiscal Year - Actual TIF Payments									
PRIOR YEARS	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	TOTAL					
\$0	\$0	\$459,502	\$800,610	\$1,260,112					

Washington County (\$1,032,764)

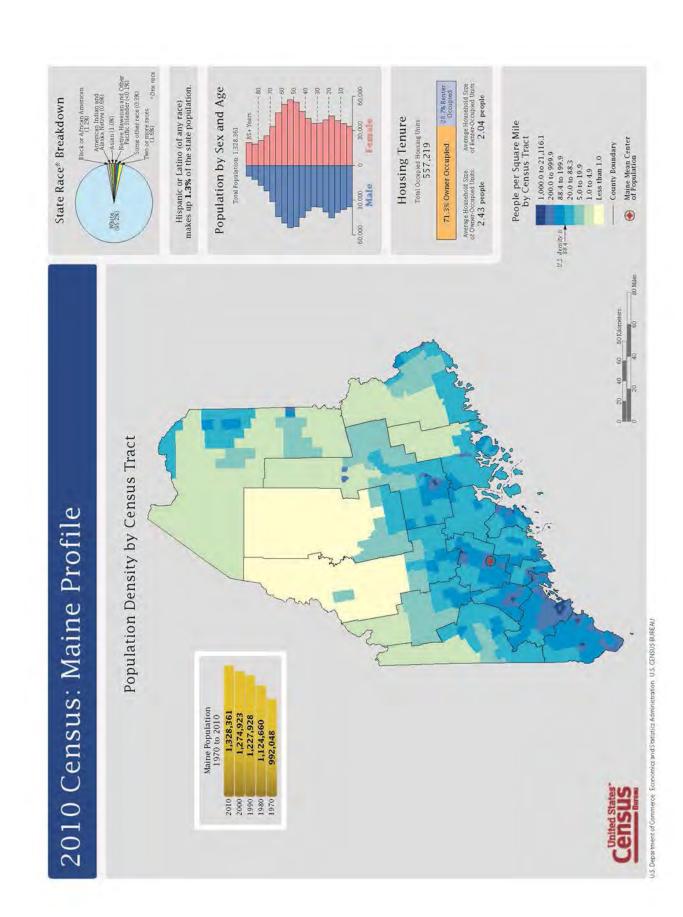
Up 2.4% or \$24,356 from FY 2018

- 1) Roads and Bridges increased by \$41,893
- 2) Snow Removal increased by \$12,370
- 3) Excise Tax Revenues increased by \$30,167

Note: FY 2018 is the ninth year of a 20-year capture of assessed value for Washington County's TIF District in the Unorganized Territory.

Fiscal Year - Actual TIF Payments									
PRIOR YEARS	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	TOTAL					
\$7,192,577	\$760,433	\$642,749	\$612,323	\$9,208,082					

COUNTY BUDGET ANALYSIS

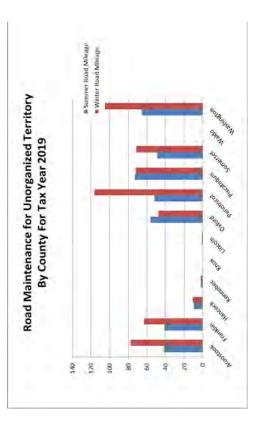


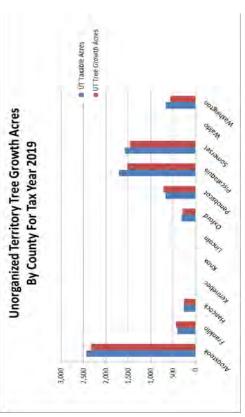
UNORGANIZED TERRITORY STATISTICS BY COUNTY

Source: Maine Revenue Services

(In Thousands)

% Growth	Valuation	10.2%	2.0%	-1.5%	-10.3%	1.1%	3.1%	2.8%	6.1%	3.9%	2.5%	2.0%	-3.3%	3.7%
TY 2018	Valuation	\$726,400	336,450	246,800	056'9	19,550	15,250	278,450	354,100	844,400	872,250	2,100	368,050	\$4,070,750
% Growth	Valuation	1.6%	-5.2%	-1.6%	28.1%	%0:0	%0:0	-1.0%	%6:0	4.0%	4.5%	%0:0	-4.9%	1.0%
TY 2017	Valuation	\$659,150	330,000	250,650	7,750	19,350	14,800	263,150	333,750	813,100	851,100	2,000	380,750	\$3,925,550
TY 2016	Valuation	\$648,800	347,900	254,750	6,050	19,350	14,800	265,900	330,950	781,900	814,300	2,000	400,400	\$3,887,100
700	Winter	77.61	62.83	10.43	1.72		0.85	47.67	116.26	72.11	71.25		105.26	565.99
Milot of Double	Summer	41.54	40.97	9.64	1.72		0.85	26.00	51.78	73.02	48.85		65.51	389.88
% of Tree	TaxableAcres	92:6%	100.0%	92.8%	83.3% 1.72	N/A	N/A	91.1%	100.0%	89.4%	92.5%	N/A	86.3%	94.2%
TY 2018	UT Acres	2,330	438	248	5	1	1	586	717	1,528	1,461	ı	269	7,582
TY 2018	UT Acres	2,437	413	259	9	П	П	314	674	1,710	1,579		629	8,053
TY 2018	Acres				9			404			1,721		747	9,319
2010	Population	1,633	1,026	213	43	7	7	746	1,476	771	838		1,227	7,975
Townships	Services	110	27	16	₽			19	39	93	82		35	422
	County	Aroostook	Franklin	Hancock	Kennebec	Knox	Lincoln	Oxford	Penobscot	Piscataquis	Somerset	Waldo	Washington	
	<u>Tax Code</u>	03 - AR			11 - KE									





UNORGANIZED TERRITORY - ANALYSIS OF BUDGET PROPOSALS - COUNTIES

Six Year Comparison Ended June 30, 2019

Totals by Service Catagory

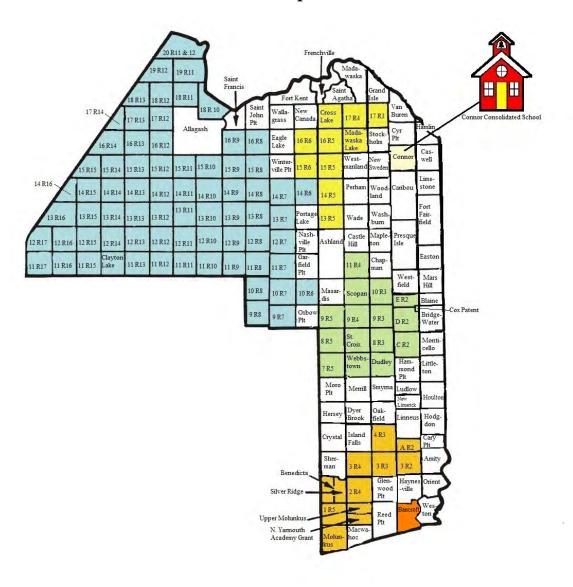
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UNORGANIZED TERRITORY - ANALYSIS OF BUDGET PROPOSALS - COUNTIES 2018-2019

	Aroostook	Franklin	Hancock	Kennebec	Oxford	Penobscot	Piscataquis	Somerset	Washington	Total
County services: Roads and Bridges	\$ 292,419	190,117	67,500	0	261,500	105,000	212,825	291,355	386,429	1,807,145
Snow Removal	442,432	473,746	000'06	8,800	230,000	879,749	558,500	517,887	490,829	3,691,943
Solid Waste	143,101	117,351	32,000	4,800	85,000	230,820	251,300	219,628	108,457	1,192,457
Fire Protection & Public Safety	351,574	161,961	44,800	2,517	140,700	102,090	131,100	334,259	157,710	1,426,711
Community Support & Recreation	70,644	6,633	1,650	0	11,200	28,155	39,038	45,737	30,900	233,957
Other Services	5,676	3,000	23,400	1,400	14,600	4,000	9'000'9	8,340	0	66,416
Subtotal County Services	1,305,846	952,808	259,350	17,517	743,000	1,349,814	1,198,763	1,417,206	1,174,325	8,418,629
Other:										
Contingent	0	0	0	1,000	25,000	0	0	0	0	26,000
Capital/Equip/Paving Reserve	0	100,000	0	0	0	257,000	218,000	0	136,000	711,000
Capital - Outlay	0		0	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000
Capital - Reserve	452,750	26,500	13,000	0	200,000	0	0	445,000	0	1,137,250
Subtotal Other	452,750	126,500	13,000	1,000	725,000	257,000	218,000	445,000	136,000	2,374,250
Administration	87,930	53,965	12,000	926	73,400	80,341	72,000	73,276	34,724	488,562
Total County Services Budget	1,846,526	1,133,273	284,350	19,443	1,541,400	1,687,155	1,488,763	1,935,482	1,345,049	11,281,441
Estimated Revenues:	81 300	41 572	000 6	1 792	53 600	000 06	22 000	65 000	74 341	488 605
Excise Taxes	300,000	150,000	28,000	8,000	120,000	215,000	185,200	196,300	217,409	1.419,909
Snowmobile	0	150	1,100	0	200	0	0	50,080	308	51,838
Other (includes MEMA, PLT)	7,000	1,000	4,700	0	5,000	50,207	95,600	0	20,227	183,734
Subtotal Revenues	388,300	192,722	42,800	9,792	178,800	355,207	352,800	311,380	312,285	2,144,086
Unassigned Fd Bal Transfer	0	(13,327)	0	(1,944)	0	179,296	170,000	0	0	334,025
Tax Commitment before TIF	1,458,226	953,878	241,550	11,595	1,362,600	1,152,652	965,963	1,624,102	1,032,764	8,803,330
*Anticipated TIF Tax Commitment	0	914,545	629,172	0	0	266,000		800,610	612,323	3,522,650
**Total Tax Commitment	\$ 1,458,226	1,868,423	870,722	11,595	1,362,600	1,718,652	965,963	2,424,712	1,645,087	12,325,980

* The FY 2018-2019 TIF Budget is an MRS estimate. ** Note: Does not include county taxes or overlay

Aroostook County Unorganized Territory 2010 Resident Population Census



U.S. Census Bur	reau Info	rmation				Chil	dren			Ad	ult		Ho	mes	
	Pe	opulatio	n	0 to 4	4 yrs	5 to 1	4 yrs	15 to	17 yrs	18 yrs a	nd older	Year I	Round	Seas	onal
	<u>1990</u>	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	<u>2010</u>	2000	<u>2010</u>	2000	2010	<u>2000</u>	2010	2000	2010
Aroostook:															
Central*	117	95	118	4	6	5	9	2	3	84	100	50	60	297	230
Connor	468	424	457	21	18	74	55	17	25	312	359	190	183	3	8
Northwest	45	27	10	0	0	1	0	1	0	25	10	14	8	289	300
South **	404	486	386	9	16	76	20	38	14	363	336	201	175	270	285
Square Lake	564	615	594	22	13	60	29	25	12	508	540	317	295	789	736
Bancroft***	N/A	N/A	68	N/A	6	N/A	4	N/A	4	N/A	57	N/A	34	N/A	56
	1,598	1,647	1,633	56	59	216	117	83	58	1,292	1,402	772	755	1,648	1,615

^{*}E Township deorganized June, 1990 and population added to Central

 $[\]ensuremath{^{**}\text{Benedicta}}$ deorganized February, 1987 and population added to South

^{***}Bancroft deorganized June, 2015

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY - ANALYSIS OF BUDGET PROPOSALS - COUNTIES

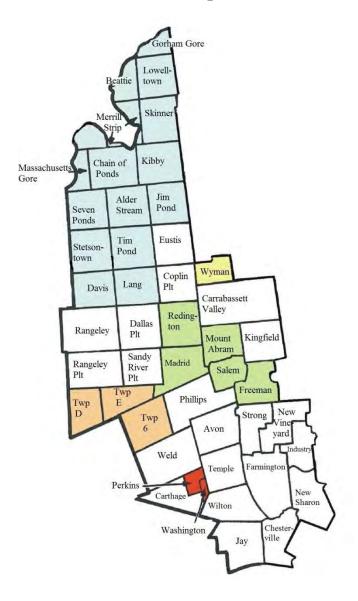
Six Year Comparison Ended June 30, 2019

Aroostook

% Increase (-)Decrease	1.5 1.11 -1.3 12.7 4.2	4.0	N/A N/A N/A 15.1	15.1	9.9	6.6	1.1 5.3 N/A	-100.0	N/A	13.1	N/A	13.1
2019 (292,419 442,432 143,101 351,574 70,644 5,676	1,305,846	0 0 0 452,750	452,750	87,930	1,846,526	81,300 300,000 0 7,000	0	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	1,458,226	0	1,458,226
% Increase (-)Decrease	3.6 13.6 5.0 16.1 0.1	8.6	0.0 N/A 0.0	3.5	8.2	8.2	8.6 14.0 N/A	4.0	N/A	3.0	A/N	3.0
2018	287,985 437,597 145,037 312,035 67,777 5,676	1,256,107	0 0 0 393,250	393,250	82,468	1,731,825	80,400 285,000 0	26,000	51,625	1,288,800	0	1,288,800
% Increase (-)Decrease	-13.0 2.3 1.9 29.1 -5.7	2.3	N/A N/A N/A 8.9	8.9	3.9	3.9	25.3 4.2 N/A	0.0	N/A	2.9	A/N	2.9
2017	278,060 385,374 138,131 268,689 67,685	1,144,056	000,086	380,000	76,203	1,600,259	74,000 250,000 0	25,000	000,645	1,251,259	0	1,251,259
% Increase (-)Decrease	16.3 26.2 5.8 12.7 2.8	16.2	N/A N/A N/A 6.4	6.4	13.7	13.7	-5.1 0.0 -100.0	212.5	6.6 A/N	16.6	A/N	16.6
<u>2016</u>	319,773 376,574 135,599 208,167 71,791 5,967	1,117,871	0 0 0 349,000	349,000	73,344	1,540,215	59,076 240,000 0	25,000	0/0,452	1,216,139	0	1,216,139
% Increase (-)Decrease	4.6 1.7 1.6 2.5 -2.8	2.6	N/A N/A 0.1	0.1	2.0	2.0	0.4 3.4 0.0	0.0	N/A	1.7	N/A	1.7
2015	274,993 298,354 128,148 184,634 69,867 5,967	961,963	0 0 0 328,150	328,150	64,506	1,354,619	62,272 240,000 1,500	8,000	0	1,042,847	0	1,042,847
<u>2014</u>	262,905 293,505 126,085 180,200 71,904 3,000	937,599	0 0 0 327,750	327,750	63,265	1,328,614	62,000 232,000 1,500	8,000	000,500	1,025,114	0	1,025,114
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	County Services: Roads and bridges \$ Snow Removal Solid Waste Fire Protection & Public Safety Community Support & Recreation Other Services	Subtotal County Services	Other: Contingent Capital/Fquip/Paving Reserve Capital - Outlay Capital - Reserve	Subtotal Other	Administration	Total County Services Budget	Estimated Revenues: Local Road Assistance Excise Taxes Snowmobile Other - Miscellaneous	Other : Mema rental \$ 25K	Subtotal nevertues Unassigned Fund Balance Transfer	Tax Commitment before TIF	*TIF Tax Commitment	**Total Tax Commitment

^{*} The FY 2018-2019 TIF Budget is a MRS estimate. ** Note: Does not include county taxes or overlay

Franklin County Unorganized Territory 2010 Resident Population Census



U.S. Census Bur	eau Infor	mation				Chile	dren			Ad	ult		Hor	nes	
	Pe	pulatio	n	0 to 4	4 yrs	5 to 1	4 yrs	15 to	17 yrs	18 yrs ai	nd older	Year I	Round	Seas	onal
	1990	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	<u>2000</u>	2010	2000	2010
Franklin:															
East Central	459	526	808	27	27	89	94	23	41	387	646	234	350	116	278
North	21	41	61	0	2	9	5	2	3	30	51	19	27	262	400
South	56	70	69						54	28	27	13	22		
West Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	28
Wyman	65	70	88	1	6	7	4	1	4	61	74	48	42	112	120
*Madrid	178	173	*N/A	10	*N/A	27	*N/A	4	*N/A	132	*N/A	79	*N/A	129	*N/A
	779	880	1026	40	42	147	107	35	52	658	825	408	446	661	848

*Madrid deorganization effective July, 2000, added to East Central in the 2010 census

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY - ANALYSIS OF BUDGET PROPOSALS - COUNTIES

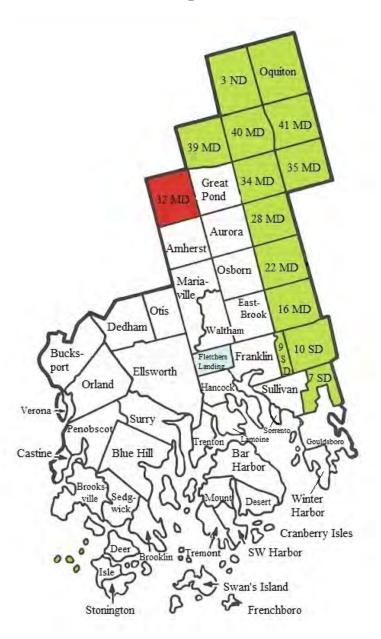
Six Year Comparison Ended June 30, 2019

Franklin

				% Increase								
		2014	2015	(-) Decrease	2016	(-) Decrease	2017	(-) Decrease	2018	(-) Decrease	2019	(-) Decrease
County Services:	•	100 001	100 146	7	00 400	ć	100 001	0	104 061	Ċ	7,00	Ċ
Koads and Bridges	ሱ	186,907	188,146	\.O	188,489	7.0	189,801	0.7	194,801	7.0	130,117	4.7-
Snow Removal		403,325	403,750	0.1	433,345	7.3	407,266	-6.0	407,266	0.0	473,746	16.3
Solid Waste		95,380	142,941	49.9	137,608	-3.7	123,780	-10.0	127,535	3.0	117,351	-8.0
Fire Protection & Public Safety		163,734	169,992	3.8	180,994	6.5	190,845	5.4	161,616	-15.3	161,961	0.2
Community Support & Recreation		4,167	4,950	18.8	4,880	-1.4	4,980	2.0	5,237	5.2	6,633	26.7
Other Services		2,500	2,500	0.0	2,500	0.0	3,500	40.0	2,000	-42.9	3,000	50.0
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subtotal County services		030,013	917,219	0:0	347,010	9.6	920,232	6.7-	030,010	4.7-	932,000	0.0
Other:												
Contingent		0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Capital/Equip/Paving Reserve		450,000	150,000	-66.7	150,000	0.0	150,000	0.0	100,000	-33.3	100,000	0.0
Capital - Outlay		9,500	9,500	N/A	12,000	26.3	11,500	-4.2		N/A		0.0
Capital - Reserve	ļ	0	0	0.0	15,000	0.0	25,000	0.0	6,500	N/A	26,500	307.7
Subtotal Other		459,500	159,500	-65.3	177,000	11.0	186,500	5.4	106,500	-42.9	126,500	18.8
Administration		92,776	53,589	-18.5	56,241	4.9	55,337	-1.6	50,251	-9.2	23,965	7.4
Total County Services Budget		1,381,289	1,125,368	-18.5	1,181,057	4.9	1,162,069	-1.6	1,055,266	-9.2	1,133,273	7.4
Estimated Revenues:												
Local Road Assistance		58,932	44,400	-24.7	40,720	-8.3	41,140	1.0	41,140	0.0	41,572	1.1
Excise Taxes		100,000	100,000	0.0	125,000	25.0	130,000	4.0	130,000	0.0	150,000	15.4
Snowmobile		300	150	-50.0	150	0.0	150	0.0	150	0.0	150	0.0
Other		11,500	11,500	N/A	5,500	-52.2	8,750	59.1	1,250	-85.7	1,000	-20.0
Subtotal Revenues		170,732	156,050	-8.6	171,370	9.6	180,040	5.1	172,540	-4.2	192,722	11.7
Unassigned Fund Balance Transfer		-48,128	-22,536	-53.2	-19,937	N/A	-16,206	-18.7	-5,526	-65.9	-13,327	141.2
Tax Commitment before TIF	I	1,258,685	991,854	-21.2	1,029,624	3.8	998,235	-3.0	888,252	-11.0	953,878	7.4
*TIF Tax Commitment		1,741,200	1,696,673	-2.6	1,432,813	-15.6	1,041,000	-27.3	1,048,045	0.7	914,545	-12.7
**Total Tax Commitment	φ.	2,999,885	2,688,527	-10.4	2,462,437	-8.4	2,039,235	-17.2	1,936,297	-5.0	1,868,423	-3.5

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Hancock County Unorganized Territory 2010 Resident Population Census



U.S. Census I	Bureau In	formation	on			Chil	dren			Ad	ult		Hor	nes	
	Po	pulatio	n	0 to	4 yrs	5 to 1	4 yrs	15 to	17 yrs	18 yrs a	nd older	Year l	Round	Seas	onal
	<u>1990</u>	2000	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	2000	<u>2010</u>								
Hancock:															
Central	138	138	117	5	2	20	12	8	4	105	99	71	55	31	34
East	40	73	94	1	6	8	14	4	5	60	69	35	38	545	637
Northwest	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	1	18	19
	178	215	213	6	8	28	26	12	9	169	170	108	94	594	690

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY - ANALYSIS OF BUDGET PROPOSALS - COUNTIES Six Year Comparison Ended June 30, 2019

Hancock

% Increase (-) <u>Decrease</u>	0.0 0.0 0.0 13.4 0.0	2.1	0.0 N/A 0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0 3.7 83.3 30.6	6.5	0.0	1.2	-37.0	-29.6
2019	67,500 90,000 32,000 44,800 1,650 23,400	259,350	0 0 0 13,000	13,000	12,000	284,350	9,000 28,000 1,100 4,700	42,800	0	241,550	629,172 *	870,722
% Increase (-) Decrease	0.0 5.9 0.0 1.4 N/A 2.8	3.1	0.0 A A A 0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0 22.7 N/A 0.0	16.2	N/A	0.9	N/A	138.6
2018	67,500 90,000 32,000 39,500 1,650 23,300	253,950	0 0 0 13,000	13,000	12,000	278,950	9,000 27,000 600 3,600	40,200	0	238,750	0298,670	1,237,420
% Increase (-) Decrease	3.8 13.3 6.7 13 N/A -8.6	5.1	0.0 N/A 0.0	N/A	2.4	4.7	-13.2 0.0 0.0 0.0	-3.8	N/A	6.1	-32.7	-19.2
2017	67,500 85,000 32,000 38,956 150 22,664	246,270	0 0 13,000	13,000	12,000	271,270	9,000 22,000 10 3,600	34,610	0	236,660	282,000	518,660
% Increase (-) Decrease	8.3 5.6 1.4 37.1 0.0	10.7	0.0 N/A N/A N/A	-91.5	10.7	-31.0	0.0 18.9 0.0	10.4	-100.0	-30 3	12 9	-7.1
2016	65,000 75,000 30,000 38,456 1,150 24,804	234,410	0 0 0 13,000	13,000	11,720	259,130	10,368 22,000 10 3,600	35,978	0	223,152	419,048	642,200
% Increase (-) Decrease	0.0 1.4 5.7 1.8 N/A	3.2	0.0 N/A -62.5 N/A	1812.5	-20.3	65.7	-18.6 15.6 0.0 N/A	1.0	-33.6	99.7	-9.3	21.4
2015	60,000 71,000 29,600 28,056 1,150 22,004	211,810	0 150,000 3,000 N/A	153,000	10,591	375,401	10,368 18,500 10 3,700	32,578	22,460	320,363	371,103	691,466
2014	60,000 70,000 28,000 27,556 150 19,536	205,242	0 0 8,000 N/A	8,000	13,283	226,525	12,732 16,000 10 3,528	32,270	33,848	160,407	408,964	\$ 569,371
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	County Services: Roads and Bridges Snow Removal Solid Waste Fire Protection & Public Safety Community Support & Recreation Other Services	Subtotal County Services	Other: Contingent Capital/Equip/Paving Reserve Capital - Outlay Capital Reserve	Subtotal Other	Administration	Total County Services Budget	Estimated Revenues: Local Road Assistance Excise Taxes Snowmobile Other	Subtotal Revenues	Unassigned Fund Balance Transfer	Tax Commitment before TIF	*TIF Tax Commitment	**Total Tax Commitment

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Kennebec County Unorganized Territory 2010 Resident Population Census



U.S. Census I	Bureau Ir	nformati	on			Chile	dren			Adı	ult		Hor	nes	
	Po	pulatio	n	0 to	4 yrs	5 to 1	4 yrs	15 to	17 yrs	18 yrs ar	nd older	Year l	Round	Seas	onal
	1990	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010
Kennebec:															
Unity Twp	36	31	43	1	0	2	5	3	2	25	36	15	19	5	0
	36	31	43	1	0	2	5	3	2	25	36	15	19	5	0

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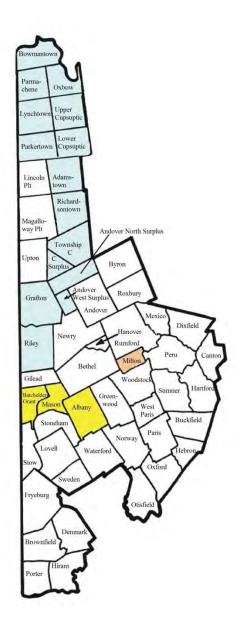
Six Year Comparison Ended June 30, 2019

Kennebec

		2014	2015	% Increase (-)Decrease	2016	% Increase (-)Decrease	2017	% Increase (-)Decrease	2018	% Increase (-)Decrease	2019	% Increase (-)Decrease
County Services: Roads and Bridges	۰	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Snow Removal	80	8,000	8,500	6.3	8,600	1.2	8,800	2.3	8,800	0.0	8,800	0.0
Solid Waste	4	4,300	4,300	0.0	4,400	2.3	4,600	4 5	4,800	4.3	4,800	0.0
Fire Protection & Public Safety	(1	2,517	2,517	0.0	2,517	0.0	2,517	0.0	2,517	0.0	2,517	0.0
Community Support & Recreation		0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Services		1,300	1,300	0.0	1,300	0.0	1,400	7.7	1,400	0.0	1,400	0.0
Subtotal County Services	16	16,117	16,617	3.1	16,817	1.2	17,317	3.0	17,517	1.2	17,517	0.0
Other:			,		,	,	,		,		,	(
Contingent		1,000	1,000	0.0	1,000	0.0	1,000	0.0	1,000	0.0	1,000	0.0
Capital/Equip/Paving Reserve		0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Capital - Outlay		0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Capital - Reserve		0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Subtotal Other		1,000	1,000	0.0	1,000	0.0	1,000	0.0	1,000	0.0	1,000	0.0
Administration		856	881	2.9	891	1.1	916	2.8	926	1.1	926	0.0
Total County Services Budget	17,	17,973	18,498	2.9	18,708	1.1	19,233	2.8	19,443	1.1	19,443	0.0
Estimated Revenues: Local Road Assistance	2	2,064	2,064	0.0	2,064	0.0	2,064	0.0	2,064	0.0	1,792	-13.2
Excise Taxes	9	6,400	6,400	0.0	6,400	0.0	6,500	1.6	6,500	0.0	8,000	23.1
Snowmobile		0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other		0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Subtotal Revenues	ω	8,464	8,464	0.0	8,464	0.0	8,564	1.2	8,564	0.0	9,792	14.3
Unassigned Fund Balance Transfer		(547)	(1,797)	228.5	(1,871)	0.0	0	A/N	(1,944)	0	(1,944)	0.0
Tax Commitment before TIF	10	10,056	11,831	17.7	12,115	2.4	10,669	-11.9	12,823	20.2	11,595	9.6-
*TIF Tax Commitment		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
**Tax Commitment	\$ 10	10,056	11,831	17.7	12,115	2.4	10,669	-11.9	12,823	202	11,595	9.6-

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Oxford County Unorganized Territory 2010 Resident Population Census



U.S. Census	Bureau	Informat	tion			Chil	dren			Ad	ult		Ho	mes	
	Pe	opulatio	n	0 to 4	4 yrs	5 to 1	l4 yrs	15 to	17 yrs	18 yrs a	nd older	Year l	Round	Seas	onal
	1990	2000	2010	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	2000	<u>2010</u>	2000	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	2000	<u>2010</u>
Oxford:															
Milton	128	123	143	9	4	19	17	6	9	89	113	49	61	29	11
North	11	17	24	0	2	1	0	0	0	16	22	12	12	578	313
South	455	515	579	26	24	75	68	28	21	386	466	234	251	547	192
	594	655	746	35	30	95	85	34	30	491	601	295	324	1,154	516

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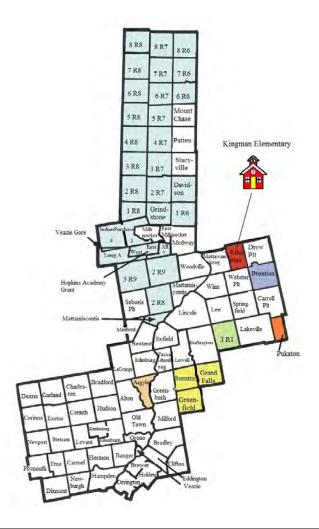
Six Year Comparison Ended June 30, 2019

Oxford

	2015	% Increase (-) Decrease	2016	% Increase (-) Decrease	2017	% Increase (-) Decrease	2018	% Increase (-) Decrease	2019	% Increase (-) Decrease
\$ 228,800 200,000 77,000	232,800 202,000 78,540	1.7 1.0 2.0	233,000 218,000 78,000	0.1 7.9 -0.7	278,000 218,000 83,000	19.3 0.0 6.4	276,500 230,000 83,000	-0.5 5.5 0.0	261,500 230,000 85,000	-5.4 0.0 2.4
131,500 4,400 11,600	134,360 6,800 11,600	2.2 54.5 0.0	134,988 6,800 11,952	0.0	137,795 2,000 17,700	2.1 -70.6 48.1	137,995 9,800 14,600	0.1 390.0 -17.5	140,700 11,200 14,600	2.0 14.3 0.0
653,300	666,100	2.0	682,740	2.5	736,495	7.9	751,895	2.1	743,000	-1.2
25,000	25,000 0 500,000 100,000	0.0 0.0 66.7 0.0	25,000 0 500,000 145,000	0.0	25,000 0 500,000 100,000	0.0 0.0 0.0 N/A	25,000 0 500,000 100,000	0.0 0.0	25,000 0 500,000 200,000	0.0 0.0 0.0 100.0
325,000	625,000	92.3	670,000	7.2	625,000	-6.7	625,000	0.0	725,000	16.0
48,915	64,555	32.0	67,637	4.8	68,075	9.0	68,845	1.1	73,400	9.9
1,027,215	1,355,655	32.0	1,420,377	4.8	1,429,570	0.6	1,445,740	1.1	1,541,400	9.9
60,396 85,000 300 4,000	60,396 105,000 300 4,000	0.0 23.5 0.0	58,140 110,000 300 4,000	-3.7 4.8 0.0 0.0	58,140 110,000 300 4,000	0.0	58,140 110,000 300 4,000	0.0 0.0 0.0	53,600 120,000 200 5,000	-7.8 9.1 -33.3 25.0
149,696	169,696	13.4	172,440	1.6	172,440	0.0	172,440	0.0	178,800	3.7
0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
877,519	1,185,959	35.1	1,247,937	5.2	1,257,130	0.7	1,273,300	1.3	1,362,600	7.0
0	0	N/A								
\$ 877,519	1,185,959	35.1	1,247,937	5.2	1,257,130	0.7	1,273,300	1.3	1,362,600	7.0

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Penobscot County Unorganized Territory 2010 Resident Population Census



U.S. Census Bure	J.S. Census Bureau Information					Chil	dren			Ad	ult	Homes				
	Pe	opulatio	n	0 to 4	4 yrs	5 to 1	4 yrs	15 to	17 yrs	18 yrs a	nd older	Year l	Round	Seasonal		
	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	2010	<u>2000</u>	2010	2000	<u>2010</u>	2000	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	2000	2010	
Penobscot:																
Argyle	202	253	277	13	21	43	27	10	10	187	219	110	120	14	19	
East Central**	279	324	343	18	23	53	49	21	12	232	259	142	140	149	164	
Kingman	246	213	174	7	7	17	10	12	8	177	149	99	82	15	22	
North	403	443	463	11	6	43	25	14	14	375	418	219	226	818	844	
Prentiss*	245	214	214	16	10	28	20	11	7	159	177	91	95	22	83	
Pukaton	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	28	37	
Twombly	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	9	10	
	1,375	1,449	1,476	65	67	184	134	68	51	1,132	1,222	663	664	1,055	1,179	

^{*}Prentiss deorganized June, 1990

^{**}Greenfield deorganized July, 1993 and population added to East Central (2000 census)

^{***}Pukaton (FKA Whitney Twp, T5 R1 NBPP renamed in 1996

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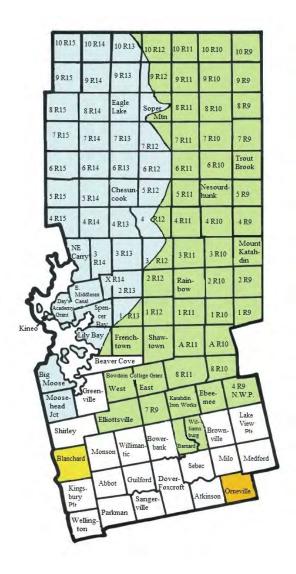
Six Year Comparison Ended June 30, 2019

Penobscot

% Increase (-) Decrease	0.0 3.2 -1.6 6.3	2.3	0.0 -7.3 0.0	-7.3	9.0	0.6	0.0 0.0 0.0	-6.1	-21.1	7.6		12.7
2019	105,000 879,749 230,820 102,090 28,155	1,349,814	0 257,000 0	257,000	80,341	1,687,155	90,000 215,000 0 50,207	355,207	179,296	1,152,652	266,000	1,718,652
% Increase (-) Decrease	-0.5 -3.2 -0.7 -1.0	-2.3	0.0 37.3 0.0	37.3	2 9	2 9	0.0 7.5 0.0 -23.2	-1.9	28.5	0.4		42.8
2018	105,000 852,259 234,642 96,070 27,855	1,319,526	0 277,285 0	277,285	79,841	1,676,652	90,000 215,000 0 73,428	378,428	227,115	1,071,109	453,378	1,524,487
% Increase (-) Decrease	-0.2 4.2 3.2 7.6 2.5	3 8 8	0.0 6.9 0.0	6.9	4.2	4.2	0.0 5.3 0.0 -2.7	2.0	16.4	3.3	N/A	3.3
2017	105,500 880,460 236,275 97,073 27,490	1,350,048	202,000	202,000	77,602	1,629,650	90,000 200,000 0 95,584	385,584	176,775	1,067,291	0	1,067,291
% Increase (-) Decrease	-0.3 3.3 10.1 4.1 0.5	4.1	0.0 2.8 0.0	2.8	3.9	3.9	-10.0 5.6 0.0 10.9	2.6	31.5	1.3	N/A	1.3
2016	105,750 845,201 228,882 90,195 26,830	1,300,108	0 189,000 0	189,000	74,455	1,563,563	90,000 190,000 0 98,205	378,205	151,822	1,033,536	0	1,033,536
% Increase (-) Decrease	-1.4 2.3 -0.7 -6.2	0.8	0.0 -0.5 0.0	-2.6	0.4	0.3	0.0 0.0 0.0 3.1	0.7	-15.6	2.4	A/N	2.4
2015	106,050 818,575 207,950 86,621 26,700	1,248,896	0 183,900 0	183,900	71,640	1,504,436	100,000 180,000 0 88,545	368,545	115,488	1,020,403	0	1,020,403
2014	107,550 799,900 209,355 92,305 26,800	1,238,910	0 184,900 4,000	188,900	71,390	1,499,200	100,000 180,000 0 85,906	365,906	136,794	996,500	0	996,500
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County Services:	Roads and Bridges Snow Removal Solid Waste Fire Protection & Public Safety Community Support & Recreation	Subtotal County Services	Other: Contingent Capital/Equip/Paving Reserve Capital - Outlay Capital - Reserve	Subtotal Other	Administration	Total County Services Budget	Estimated Revenues: Local Road Assistance Excise Taxes Snowmobile Other	Subtotal Revenues	Unassigned Fund Balance Transfer	Tax Commitment before TIF	*TIF Tax Commitment	**Tax Commitment

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Piscataquis County Unorganized Territory 2010 Resident Population Census



U.S. Census B	ureau Inf	formation	n			Chile	dren			Ad	ult		Hor	nes	
	Р	opulatio	n	0 to 4	4 yrs	5 to 1	4 yrs	15 to	17 yrs	18 yrs a	nd older	Year I	Round	Seas	sonal
	1990	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010
Piscataquis:															
Blanchard*	78	83	98	2	1	7	8	8	1	66	88	53	46	95	93
Northeast	218	347	273	16	3	37	16	18	10	276	244	177	140	1,037	1,188
Northwest	141	159	147	6	2	19	7	3	6	131	132	62	81	895	952
Southeast	247	254	253	6	14	39	18	13	5	196	216	118	113	199	220
	384	843	771	30	20	102	49	42	22	669	680	410	380	2,226	2,453
*Blanchard de	eorganize	ed in 198	35												

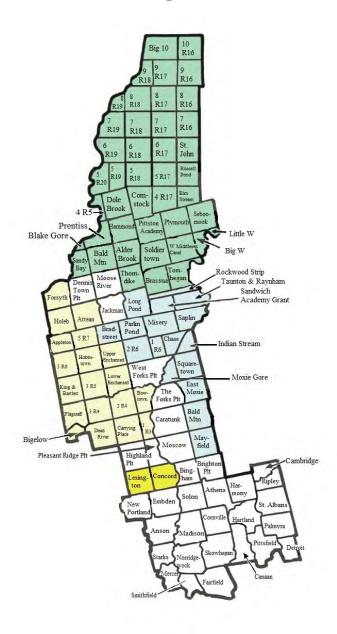
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Piscataquis

% Increase (-) Decrease	-14.4 4.6 5.7 2.1 5.0 -25.9	0.4	0.0 -20.7 0.0	-20.7	0.0	-3.4	1.6 15.7 0.0 -0.3	7.9	-15.0	N/A	-4.8
2019	212,825 558,500 251,300 131,100 39,038 6,000	1,198,763	218,000	218,000	72,000	1,488,763	72,000 185,200 0 95,600	352,800	170,000	0	962,963
% Increase (-) Decrease	-29.4 0.4 -20.2 -6.3 9.9 -10.0	-12 3	0.0 150.0 0.0	150.0	0.0	4.7	-0 5 14.4 N/A 2 5	7.3	-2.4	N/A	5.4
2018	248,725 534,000 237,700 128,400 37,163 8,100	1,194,088	0 275,000 0 0	275,000	72,000	1,541,088	70,856 160,100 0 95,900	326,856	200,000	0	1,014,232
% Increase (-) Decrease	20.0 -0.9 -14.0 3.2 3.0 -33.3	0.4	N/A N/A 0.0	N/A	-100.0	-5.4	-5.1 0.0 -100.0	-5.2	-8.9	N/A	-4.6
2017	352,385 532,000 297,700 136,975 33,813 9,000	1,361,873	0 110,000 0	110,000	0	1,471,873	71,184 140,000 0 93,550	304,734	205,000	0	962,139
% Increase (-) Decrease	38.5 5.8 35.5 1.5 65.6 -45.3	17.9	0.0	0.0	4.6	4.6	-2.3 -1.4 -11.1 N/A	8.7	12.5	N/A	1.8
2016	293,700 537,000 346,300 132,775 32,813 13,500	1,356,088	0 125,000 0	125,000	74,054	1,555,142	75,000 140,000 400 106,031	321,431	225,000	0	1,008,711
% Increase (-) Decrease	-35.1 -1.6 -29.7 1.5 10.6 -58.1	-18.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0:0	-5.2 1.4 -91.7 10.4	0.0	-33.3	N/A	11.6
2015	212,100 507,500 255,500 130,875 19,813 24,700	1,150,488	0 265,000 0 0	265,000		1,486,262	76,800 142,000 450 76,385	295,635	200,000	0	990,627
2014	326,900 516,000 363,700 128,915 17,913 58,980	1,412,408	0 0 0 0	0	70,620	1,483,028	81,000 140,000 5,450 69,207	295,657	300,000	0	887,371
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County Savidas	County Set Nices. Roads and Bridges Snow Removal Solid Waste Fire Protection & Public Safety Community Support & Recreation Other Services	Subtotal County Services	Other: Contingent Capital/Equip/Paving Reserve Capital - Outlay Capital - Reserve	Subtotal other	Administration	Total County Services Budget	Estimated Revenues: Local Road Assistance Excise Taxes Snowmobile Other US PLT	Subtotal Revenues	Unassigned Fund Balance Transfer Tax Commitment before TIF	*TIF Tax Commitment	**Total Tax Commitment

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Somerset County Unorganized Territory 2010 Resident Population Census



U.S. Census Bu	reau Info	rmation				Chil	dren			Ad	ult	Homes				
	Pe	opulatio	n	0 to	4 yrs	5 to 1	4 yrs	15 to	17 yrs	18 yrs a	nd older	Year I	Round	Seasonal		
	<u>1990</u>	2000	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	2000	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	2000	<u>2010</u>	
Somerset:																
Central	289	336	338	15	12	32	36	18	7	271	283	177	158	166	169	
Northeast	377	354	390	11	10	43	29	22	10	278	341	181	191	881	1029	
Northwest	8	46	62	3	1	6	7	2	1	35	53	29	31	423	563	
Seboomook	19 45 48 0 3 6				4	1	3	38	38	53	21	315	320			
693 781 838 29 26 87 76			43	21	622	715	440	401	1,785	2,081						

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Six Year Comparison Ended June 30, 2019

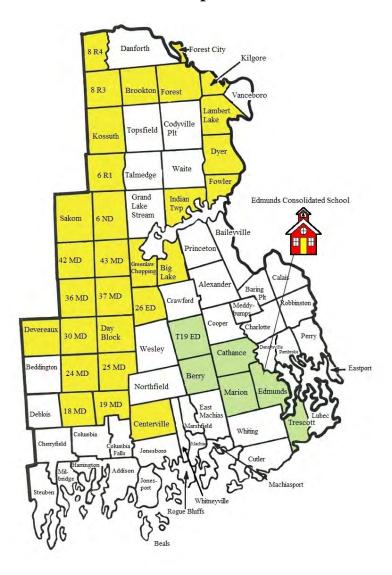
Somerset

% Increase (-) Decreas <u>e</u>	-2.2	8.1	0.7	-12.5	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	-6.9	6.9-	9.0	-1.1	0.8	8.2	4.8	0.0	0.9	0.0	-2.4	-5.5	-3.4
2019	291,355	219,628	334,259	45,737	8,340	1,417,206	0	0	0	445,000	445,000	73,276	1,935,482	65,000	196,300	50,080	0	311,380	0	1,624,102	800,610	2,424,712
% Increase (-) Decrease	-5 2 4.6	1.3	-8.6	29.1	N/A	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	-1.2	-1.0	0.8	-4.5	3086.0	-100.0	-1.1	0.0	-1.0	N/A	49.4
2018	298,060	203,200	331,790	52,298	0	1,406,255	0	0	0	478,000	478,000	72,832	1,957,087	64,500	181,500	47,790	0	293,790	0	1,663,297	846,863	2,510,160
% Increase (-) Decrease	7.9	0.8	84.5	-15.1	N/A	20.3	0.0	N/A	-100.0	264.5	-3.1	5.5	13.1	0.0	8.6	N/A	-6.0	4.4	0.0	14.8	N/A	14.8
2017	314,465	200,600	363,012	40,510	8,750	1,425,552	0	0	0	477,481	477,481	73,742	1,976,775	986'89	190,000	1,500	41,567	297,063	0	1,679,712	0	1,679,712
% Increase (-) Decrease	3.5	1.5	7.8	7.1	0.0	-1.8	0.0	4017.6	71.4	-68.4	14.5	-0.4	2.3	6.5-	9.4	-85.1	52.1	7.1		1.5	A/N	1.5
<u>2016</u>	291,318	199,000	196,713	47,710	10,008	1,184,749	0	350,000	12,000	131,000	493,000	69,920	1,747,669	966'89	175,000	1,300	44,211	284,507	0	1,463,162	0	1,463,162
% Increase (-) Decrease	-8.5	-5.1	5.3	9.6-	0.0	1:1	0.0	N/A	-43.5	-12.4	-12.3	35.0	-1.7	-0.4	18.5	569.2	-10.6	12.1	-100.0	2.0	N/A	2.0
2015	281,517	196,000	182,523	44,554	10,920	1,206,783	0	8,500	2,000	415,114	430,614	70,195	1,707,592	68,004	160,000	8,700	29,064	265,768	0	1,441,824	0	1,441,824
2014	\$ 307,588	206,500	173,285	49,304	0	1,193,340	0	2,000	12,400	473,820	491,220	52,000	1,736,560	808'308	135,000	1,300	32,498	237,106	86,510	1,412,944	0	\$ 1,412,944
	County Services: Roads and Bridges Snow Remoyal	Solid Waste	Fire Protection & Public Safety	Community Support & Recreation	Other Services	Subtotal County Services	Other: Contingent	Capital/Equip/Paving Reserve	Capital - Outlay	Capital - Reserve	Subtotal Other	Administration	Total County Services Budget	Estimated Revenues: Local Road Assistance	Excise Taxes	Snowmobile/Whitewater Rafting	Other	Subtotal Revenues	Unassigned Fund Balance Transfer	Tax Commitment before TIF	*TIF Tax Commitment	**Total Tax Commitment

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Washington County Unorganized Territory

2010 Resident Population Census



U.S. Census Bure	J.S. Census Bureau Information					Chil	dren			Ad	ult	Homes				
	P	opulatio	n	0 to	4 yrs	5 to 1	4 yrs	15 to	17 yrs	18 yrs and older		Year l	Round	Seasonal		
	<u>1990</u> <u>2000</u> <u>2010</u>			<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	2000	<u>2010</u>	
Washington:	shington:															
East Central	661	768	728	41	39	113	73	36	33	578	583	367	321	242	247	
North **	496	547	499	27	23	70	47	25	28	425	401	268	223	7476	811	
Centerville***	30	26	N/A	3	N/A	3	N/A	0	N/A	20	N/A	19	N/A	5	N/A	
	1,187 1,341 1,227		71	62	186	120	61	61	1,023	984	654	544	7,723	1,058		

^{*}Cathance Township (FKA Township 14) deorganized in April, 1986 and population added to East Central

^{**}Big Lake Township (FKA Township 21) deorganized in April 1983 and population added to North

^{***}Centerville deorganized July 1, 2004 and population added to North

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY - ANALYSIS OF BUDGET PROPOSALS - COUNTIES

Six Year Comparison Ended June 30, 2019

Washington

% Increase (-) <u>Decrease</u>	12.2 2.6 -0.1 -6.3 19.5	4.3	0.0 1.5 0.0 N/A	1.5	0.2	3.9	-2.2 15.9 N/A -9.7	9.5	N/A	2.4	0.3	1.6
2019	386,429 490,829 108,457 157,710 30,900	1,174,325	0 136,000 0 0	136,000	34,724	1,345,049	74,341 217,409 308 20,227	312,285	0	1,032,764	612,323	1,645,087
% Increase (-) Decrease	8.7 -0.1 -11.9 -9.8 -100.0	-1.7	0.0 N/A 0.0 -100.0	-12.4	-1.2	-2.9	1.3 0.8 -100.0 65.9	4.0	-100.0	3.1	-13.3	-3.8
2018	344,536 478,459 108,521 168,349 25,850	1,125,715	0 134,000 0	134,000	34,643	1,294,358	76,000 187,550 0 22,400	285,950	0	1,008,408	610,612	1,619,020
% Increase (-) <u>Decrease</u>	5.9 4.6 8.6 28.1 -21.1	7.4	0.0 0.0 0.0 75.0	8.5	-6.3	7.1	0.0 -11.4 0.0	-9.5	14.3	12.4	-25.7	-7.5
2017	316,875 478,931 123,141 186,543 39,650	1,145,140	0 125,000 0 28,000	153,000	35,050	1,333,190	75,000 186,000 550 13,500	275,050	80,000	978,140	704,000	1,682,140
% Increase (-) <u>Decrease</u>	-8.3 -1.1 -3.7 -4.3 -13.6	-4.5	0.0 0.0 0.0	-2.8	18.6	-3.8	-6.3 -2.3 0.0 33.6	-1.7	-51.7	3.8	-0.1	-2.8
2016	299,095 457,740 113,358 145,580 50,271	1,066,044	0 125,000 0 16,000	141,000	37,418	1,244,462	75,000 210,000 550 18,300	303,850	70,000	870,612	948,139	1,818,751
% Increase (-) Decrease	9.4 2.7 1.3 8.9 48.3	7.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 13.7	13.7	7.7	7.7	-19.9 -2.3 0.0	-8.5	N/A	3.3	-24.1	-13.9
2015	326,046 462,755 117,713 152,130 58,166	1,116,810	0 0 0 145,000	145,000	31,545	1,293,355	80,000 215,000 550 13,700	309,250	145,000	839,105	1,032,224	1,871,329
2014	298,046 450,755 116,213 139,679 39,216	1,043,909	0 0 0 127,500	127,500	29,285	1,200,694	99,900 220,000 550 17,600	338,050	50,000	812,644	1,359,836	2,172,480
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Oxford County's Proposed Aldrich Brook Bridge Replacement in Parkertown Township

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FY 2019 - UT Oxford County Services Budget

Statement from the Fiscal Administrator

Proposed Aldrich Brook Bridge Replacement in Parkertown Township

Oxford County originally included a \$ 200,000 increase in a Capital Outlay Reserve in their FY 2019 UT Budget that would replace the Aldrich Brook Bridge in Parkertown Township in Oxford County. After a review by the County Finance Committee, the Oxford County Commissioners approved a FY 2019 budget with a Capital Outlay Reserve containing an increase of \$ 100,000.

- Parkertown Twp has 22,700 acres. Bayroot, LLC and Wagner Forest Management own or manage 22,600 acres. There are no public roads or bridges in Parkertown, and there are no yearround residences.
- Thirty-eight Camp owners on the northern part of Lake Aziscohos in Parkertown Twp have asked
 the Oxford County Commissioners to replace the Aldrich Brook Bridge because the detour adds
 either 6 or 26 miles to their camps. The conflicting information about detour mileage was found
 in written information presented to county commissioners by camp owners and may result from
 different routes to the camps.
- Aldrich Brook Bridge is located on the private Lincoln Pond Road. The bridge failed and was removed last Spring.
- Oxford County estimates the bridge will cost up to \$180,000 to build. The accompanying pictures hint that it could be much more costly ... at least the \$200,000 originally budgeted.
- The Maine Constitution Article 4, Pt. 3, Section 1 Note 14 and 15 require that taxes may be imposed only for public purposes, and that expenditures of public funds must be for expenditures with public purposes.
- I presented testimony to the Oxford County Commissioners at the public hearing on the UT budget last November, and explained that the replacement of a private bridge on a private road was very likely not in compliance with the Maine Constitution Note 14 and Note 15. A taxpayer from Oxford County UT testified in opposition to the bridge. At a later county meeting where commissioners discussed replacing the Aldrich Brook Bridge, another UT taxpayer presented information in opposition to the bridge.
- Oxford County's FY 2019 UT capital plan for bridge and road maintenance that was distributed at the UT budget hearing along with the UT budget in November does not include the Aldrich Brook Bridge.
- When Oxford County Commissioners approved the UT 2019 County Budget, it included a \$100,000 increase for bridge renovations in the Capital Outlay Reserve.
- Scott Cole, Oxford County Manager, sent an email to me that stated: "At this point it is probably best to pose the Parkertown bridge question to the Taxation Committee and have a debate occur in that venue. Otherwise, if nothing specific is attached to FY 19 Oxford UT Budget and the commissioners ultimately decide to move forward, there will be no turning back (short of a court injunction)."

14. — Taxation, generally, subjects which may be regulated

Taxes may be imposed for public purposes only. Crommett v. City of Portland (1954) 150 Me. 217, 107 A.2d 841: Carlisle v. Bangor Recreation Center (1954) 150 Me. 33, 103 A.2d 339; Hamilton v. Portland State Pier Site Dist. (1921) 120 Me. 15, 112 A. 836.

Exercise of power to tax necessarily involves two steps, both of which are within sole province of legislature: first, determination of nature of tax to be imposed, and second, effective imposition of tax in such manner as to insure its collection and availability to State for purposes for which it is raised. City of Auburn v. Mandarelli (1974) Me., 320 A.2d 22, appeal dismissed 95 S.Ct. 25, 419 U.S. 810, 42 L.Ed.2d 37.

Amelioration of oppressiveness of statute providing procedure for forfeiture of land for taxes was matter for legislature and not courts. Id.

19 U.S.C.A. § 1553 prohibiting appraisement or imposition of duties upon bonded goods brought into United States solely for export does not prevent state from taxing activities related to transshipment of such goods. Portland Pipe Line Corp. v. Environmental Imp. Commission (1973) Me., 307 A.2d I, appeal dismissed 94 S.Ct. 532, 414 U.S. 1035, 38 L.Ed.2d 326.

Those engaged in interstate commerce are not exempted from taxing power of the states. Id.

Denial of exemption to property of Maine benevolent and charitable corporation conducted or operated principally for benefit of nonresidents was constitutional exercise of legislative power. Green Acre Baha'i Institute v. Town of Eliot (1963) 159 Me. 395, 193 A.2d 564.

What money shall be raised by taxation, what property shall be taxed, what exempted, rests exclusively with Legislature without any limitations, except such as are imposed by expressed constitutional provisions. Greaves v. Houlton Water Co. (1948) 143 Me. 207, 59 A.2d 217.

Legislative action may establish a policy that taxpayer shall lose his entire property by failure to pay all taxes properly assessed thereon, provided that adequate provision is made to give the taxpayer opportunity for redemption, and that the language used by Legislature in the particular act shows that such was clearly the legislative intention. Inhabitants of Town of Warren v. Norwood (1942) 138 Me. 180, 24 A.2d 229.

The Legislature has the power to impose a reasonable excise tax upon the sales of such commodities as it deems wise. Opinion of the Justices (1923)·123 Me. 573, 121 A. 902.

The wisdom of a tax exemption is within the discretion of the Legislature and not subject to control by the courts. Inhabitants of Whiting v. Inhabitants of Lubec (1922) 121 Me. 121, 115 A. 896.

Under this section, the State cannot enter upon a commercial enterprise, however alluring the prospect, and tax the people for its promotion; it being essential that the purpose for which taxes are raised be one proper for the Government to carry out. Opinions of the Justices (1919) 118 Me. 503, 106 A. 865.

Taxation, either directly or indirectly, for the chief purpose of developing and maintaining storage reservoirs for conserving the waters of the great ponds and increasing and regulating the flow of the outlet rivers and streams, for the purpose of increasing the capacity and value of privately owned water powers on said rivers and streams, is beyond the power of the Legislature to authorize, under this section. Id.

Expenditure of public funds, subjects which may be regulated

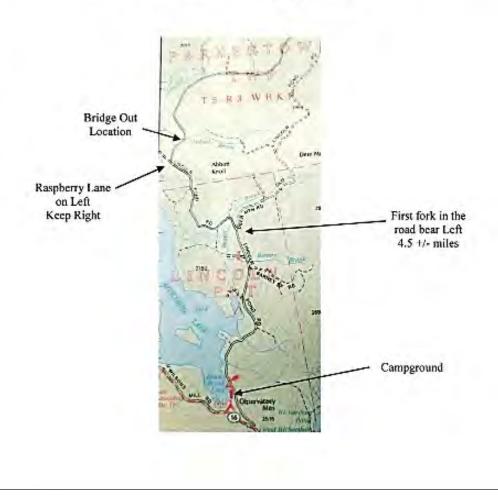
Corollary of proposition that to be constitutionally valid, taxation at either state or local level must be for public purpose, is that expenditure of public funds must be for public purpose. Common Cause v. State (1983) Me., 455 A.2d

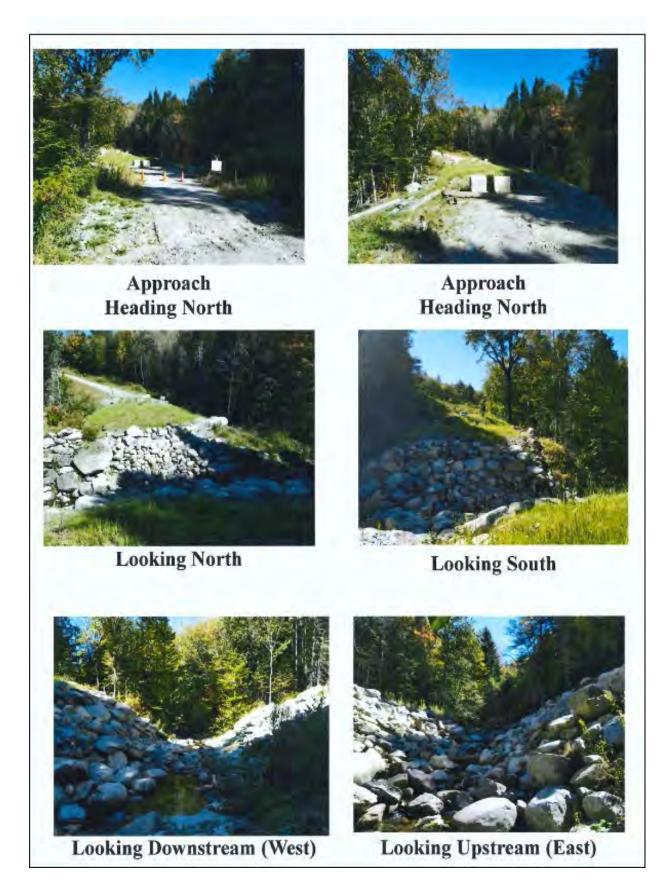
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Bridge Out Parkertown Township Aldrich Brook



Panoramic Looking Up Stream





OPINION OF THE JUSTICES

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OPINION OF THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT given under the Provisions of Section 3 of Article VI of the Constitution.

Supreme Judicial Court of Maine.

Questions Propounded to the House in an Order Dated May 16, 1989.

Answered June 13, 1989.

HOUSE ORDER PROPOUNDING QUESTIONS

House Order Propounding Questions to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court

WHEREAS, it appears to the House of Representatives of the 114th Legislature that the following are important questions of law and that this is a solemn occasion; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Maine, Article VI, Section 3, provides for the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court to render their opinion on these questions; and

WHEREAS, there is now before the 114th Legislature, for its consideration, House Paper 271, Legislative Document 383, "An Act to Clarify Maintenance of Private Roads and Ways by Municipalities" and the constitutionality of the Act has been questioned; and

WHEREAS, it has long been recognized that municipalities have an obligation to protect the health and safety of their residents, and as municipalities have taxing powers to generate the funds for such activities; and

WHEREAS, it has also been long recognized that municipalities have authority to create special service districts to provide specific public services to segments of the municipality's population and the exact scope of the municipal power to raise taxes or assess fees in relation to specific services is now unclear; and

WHEREAS, it has generally been an accepted principle that municipalities could not expend general tax revenues for private benefit and as it is also not uncommon for municipalities in Maine to maintain and plow private roads and this practice has arisen because of the concern of

municipal residents to ensure access over these roads for police, fire and other emergency vehicles and for the safety and welfare of

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those residents or visitors also traveling these roads; and

WHEREAS, it appears that several municipalities have made such expenditures for many years, while other municipalities have refrained from doing so because of doubts as to municipal authority; now, therefore, be it

Ordered, that in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of Maine, the House of Representatives respectfully requests the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court to give their opinions on the following questions of law:

Question No. 1: Do the provisions of this bill allowing the use of municipal tax revenues for the purposes set out therein violate the "public purpose" limitation of the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1?

Question No. 2: Do the provisions of this bill, allowing a municipality by vote of its legislative body to assess the users of a right-of-way for the maintenance of that way, violate any provision of the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Maine?

Question No. 3: Do the restrictions in the definition of a "privately owned road" contained in the bill violate any provision of the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Maine?

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

H.P. 271-L.D. 383

An Act to Clarify Maintenance of Private Roads and Ways by Municipalities

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

23 MRSA § 3106 is enacted to read:

§ 3106. Maintenance of privately owned roads 1. Purpose: findings. This section is intended to explicitly recognize and limit a municipality's home rule authority to repair, maintain, sand, salt or remove snow from privately owned roads within the municipality. The Legislature finds that

expenditures for this activity are made in furtherance of a public purpose in that it protects the health and safety of the members of the public who reside along the privately owned road by ensuring adequate access and egress for police, fire and other emergency vehicles, as well as other vehicles traveling to and from those residences. 2. Privately owned road defined. For the purposes of this section, privately owned road means a road, the fee of which is owned by a private person or persons, which serves as the primary means of access and egress to 2 or more private year-round residences and over which the public has no legal right of travel. 3. Authorization. Under its home rule authority, a municipality may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the repair, maintenance, sanding, salting or removal of snow from privately owned roads within the municipality, if the requirements of subsection 4 are met, for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of those who reside along or must travel on the privately owned road. 4. Requirements. A municipality may repair, maintain, sand, salt or remove snow from a privately owned road under this section only if: A. The road is not obstructed, marked or identified in any manner that discourages public travel, such as gates, bars or other physical barriers and signs reading private road, no trespassing, residents only or similar phrases which have the effect of discouraging public travel; B. The road was constructed before the effective date of this section; and C. The municipality has enacted an ordinance or adopted a regulation that requires all roads constructed within the municipality after the effective date of this section to be built to certain standards. 5. Raising money. A municipality may raise money for the repair, maintenance, sanding, salting or removal of snow from privately owned roads in the manner provided in section 3551 or may assess, on a proportional basis, the amount necessary to perform these services against those persons who possess a right-of-way to use the privately owned road in the same manner provided for the apportionment of damages and benefits regarding public ways under chapter 311, subchapter II. 6. Expenditures. Any funds available to the municipality, including surplus revenue and money raised under subsection 5, may be used to pay the total expenses of repairing, maintaining, sanding, salting or removing snow from a privately owned road or may be used to supplement money raised by those persons who possess a right-of-way to use the privately owned road and provided to the municipality for the purpose of paying for any services provided under this section. 7. Liability. The Maine Tort Claims Act, Title 14, chapter 741, applies to a municipality and any officer, official or employee of a municipality which performs repairs, maintenance, sanding, salting or snow removal under this section. 8. No duty. This section shall not be construed to establish any duty upon a municipality to repair, maintain, sand, salt or remove snow from any privately owned road. Whether to perform maintenance and the level of maintenance to be provided is solely a decision of the municipality, except as provided for in any contract between the municipality and any private party. 9. No interest acquired. A municipality's repairing, maintaining, sanding, salting or removing of snow from a privately owned road under this section does not result in the acquisition, by prescription or otherwise, of any interest in the privately owned road or the services provided by the municipality under this section by any person, including the municipality, the general public or the persons possessing a right-of-way over the privately owned road. Section 3656 does not

apply to any repairs performed	by a municipality under this sec	tion
In House of Representatives,	1989 Read twice and	l passed to be enacted.
	Speaker In Senate,	1989 Read twice and
passed to be enacted	President	
	Approved	1989
Gov	ernor	

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ANSWERS OF THE JUSTICES

To the Honorable House of Representatives of the State of Maine:

In compliance with the provisions of section 3 of article VI of the Constitution of Maine, we, the undersigned Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, have the honor to submit the following responses to the questions propounded on May 16, 1989.

QUESTION NO. 1: Do the provisions of this bill allowing the use of municipal tax revenues for the purposes set out therein violate the public purpose limitation of the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1?

We answer Question No. 1 in the affirmative. The legislative power under Article IV, Part Third, Section 1, of the Maine Constitution includes the power to tax, but only to the extent that the tax revenues are spent for public purposes. *See Common Cause v. State*, 455 A.2d 1, 8 (Me.1983). The maintenance at taxpayer expense of privately owned roads as defined in L.D. 383 would be an unconstitutional appropriation of public funds for the benefit of the private property owners.

The public's access to "privately owned roads" as defined by L.D. 383 is both uncertain and potentially transitory. By the definition in the proposed section 3106(2), "the public has no legal right of travel" over any privately owned road on which the bill would authorize the expenditure of public funds. Any possible consent by the private owners to the public's use of the road at most would arise only by inference from the absence, at the time of expenditure, of any barrier or sign "hav[ing] the effect of discouraging public travel." But even that questionable implicit consent could disappear at the whim of owners who subsequently put up a "no trespassing" sign or similar barrier. Any indirect public benefits derived from the proposed public expenditures upon private roads from which the public is or may be barred are outweighed by the public detriment. *See Common Cause v. State*, 455 A.2d at 25. We have no occasion to comment on the validity of a general statute addressing the maintenance of access to private property for the use of emergency vehicles.

QUESTION NO. 2: Do the provisions of this bill, allowing a municipality by vote of its legislative body to assess the users of a right-of-way for the maintenance of that way, violate any provision of the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Maine?

We construe the term "users of a right-of-way" in Question No. 2 to be the equivalent of "those persons who possess a right-of-way to use the privately owned road" who under L.D. 383 could be assessed to pay municipal costs of maintaining that road. We answer Question No. 2 in the affirmative for essentially the same reasons as Question No. 1. For the special assessment that would be authorized by L.D. 383 to be valid, it must involve both a public purpose and a special benefit to the persons to be assessed over and above that accruing to the public. *See City of Auburn v. Paul*, 84 Me. 212, 215, 24 A. 817, 818 (1892); *Montgomery County v. Schultze*, 302 Md. 481, 489, 489 A.2d 16, 20 (1985). As we state in our answer to Question No. 1, maintenance of privately owned roads as contemplated in L.D. 383 does not meet the public purpose test.

Because of the absence of a public purpose, an involuntary assessment under L.D. 383 to pay for maintenance costs on a privately owned road would be invalid. L.D. 383 would authorize a municipality to require the owners of a privately owned road, over which the public has neither taken nor been given any public rights, to pay the municipal costs of maintaining their private road. The owners would be required to bear those costs even though some or all of them did not wish the road maintained by the municipality at all, or did not wish it maintained in the way elected by the municipality. The assessment system that would be authorized by L.D. 383 is not the voluntary contractual arrangement upheld by the New Hampshire Supreme Court in *Clapp v. Town of Jaffrey*, 97 N.H. 456, 91 A.2d 464 (1952), by which the private owners of the road contracted for municipal services. Imposing the proposed

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assessment on those owners whose private road the municipality maintained against their will would violate the Due Process Clauses of both Constitutions. Me. Const. art. I, § 6-A; U.S. Const. amend. XIV.

QUESTION NO. 3: Do the restrictions in the definition of a privately owned road contained in the bill violate any provision of the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Maine?

We construe Question No. 3 to address the constitutionality under the Equal Protection Clauses of the Maine and the United States Constitutions of the definitional limitation of "privately owned roads" to those that "serve as the primary means of access and egress to 2 or more private year-round residences." We conclude that if L.D. 383 were otherwise constitutional, that limitation would not contravene the constitutional requirements of equal protection of the laws. Under either the Fourteenth Amendment or section 6-A of the Maine Declaration of Rights, exercises of the police power that do not infringe on fundamental rights or implicate a suspect classification are subject to only a rational basis scrutiny. See Town of Kittery v. Campbell, 455

<u>A.2d 30</u>, 34 (Me.1983). If the municipal expenditures under L.D. 383 passed constitutional muster as being for a public purpose, it would not violate the Equal Protection Clause of either Constitution to limit those expenditures to private roads that at the minimum serve more than one year-round home.

VINCENT L. McKUSICK Chief Justice DAVID G. ROBERTS DANIEL E. WATHEN CAROLINE D. GLASSMAN ROBERT W. CLIFFORD D. BROCK HORNBY SAMUEL W. COLLINS, Jr. Associate Justices

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Camp owners ask commissioners for help with bridge

Lewiston SunJournal

By Matthew Daigle, Staff Writer - January 16, 2018

PARIS — The owner of a seasonal home in northern Oxford County reminded county commissioners Tuesday that he and others want to know whether the county will help pay for a bridge to access their properties.

Paul Hodsdon of Norway is one of dozens of landowners who want the Aldrich Brook bridge on Lincoln Pond Road in Parkertown Township replaced so they can get to their lots along Aziscohos Lake without taking a 26-mile detour.

Hodsdon is president of the Aziscohos Lake Campers Association, which represents 61 camp owners, 38 of whom use Lincoln Pond Road, he said after the meeting. Owners have deeded access over 13 miles of the paper company road, including the bridge, he said.

Hodsdon added that camp owners pay a total of about \$71,000 in taxes annually to the county but get nothing in return.

The issue arose when some camp owners in the unorganized territory attended the Dec. 20 commissioners meeting to ask for help to build a bridge, after one that replaced a culvert washed out last May and was removed by the owner in July 2017.

County Administrator Scott Cole said Lincoln Park Road used to have a culvert, "but sometime around 2011 or 2012, Trout Unlimited made an effort to remove the culvert to allow better fish passage."

He said an "undersized bridge" was installed but was inadequate.

"It only lasted for about three or four years, and then it became unsafe," Cole said. "The bridge ended up being blocked and removed. Now the core issue is that there's no bridge allowing the camp owners to get in and out. Instead, they have to go a roundabout way. ..."

At the Dec. 20 meeting, Sarah Medina, land-use director of Seven Islands Land Co., which owns land in Lincoln Plantation south of Parkertown, said she disapproved of the county using taxpayer money for a bridge in unorganized territory and suggested landowners seek grants to pay for one.

Hodsdon said Tuesday that he took Medina's advice and went to the Maine Department of Agriculture office in Augusta to research funding.

"Well, lo and behold, I learned that if we had gone up to their office right after the bridge was removed, when all of the debris was in the brook, they could've written a grant and gotten it taken care of," Hodsdon said. "Now that the bridge is gone, we have no leg to stand on."

"Our options are getting kind of thin here," he told commissioners Steve Merrill of Norway, David Duguay of Byron and Tim Turner of Buckfield.

"I'm here to remind you that we have a major decision to make," he said. "Quite often, the squeaky wheel gets the grease. Well, we're the wheels that are squeaking, and you are the gentlemen holding the grease gun."

Staff Editor Mary Delamater contributed to this report.

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Landowners in Parkertown Township are asking the Oxford County Commissioners to fund a bridge over Aldrich Brook after the previous one was removed several years ago. The landowners say that it is "a safety issue" because there is only one other way in and out of the unorganized territory. The above photo is of the Aldrich Brook bridge before it was removed. (Submitted photo)

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