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# THE HALFWAY POINT: Goals and Major Activities for 1977-1978

A Report to the People of the  
STATE OF MAINE

from

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THE HALFWAY POINT PROGRESS REPORT

Purpose 1 - Government Operations

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1	1	Reorganization plan for human services	Depts. of Human Services*, Mental Health & Corrections		None		1/79	P	Study completed; study orders to be delivered to Legislature 1/78; work plan in preparation
1	2	Task force to evaluate substate agencies	Legislature, SPO, Task Force	x	390		ongoing to 12/78		Task Force established by Executive Order will be necessary for study.
1	3	Task force study of natural resource agencies	Legislature, Task Force DOC*	x	1840	x		S	Reorganization legislation for DOC only; did not involve task force; decision on future action needed regarding a Department of Natural Resources
1	4	Pilot regional service center	Governor's office*, SPO, BPI, participating agencies	x				S	Report to Governor on cost of meeting alternative space requirements has been submitted.
	5	Replace costly state liquor stores with agency stores	Legislature, Dept. of Finance and Adm.*		None			P	This is being implemented. Anticipate more agency stores in near future. First year opened 29 agency stores closing 7 State stores
1	6	Sunset Law	Legislature		262 (1206)	7/11/77		I	Agency implementation/cooperation now required. The first justification reports are due October 31, 1978. It is important to receive guidelines which are scheduled for production in May as early as possible so that we can have sufficient lead time to develop the report.

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1	7	Review of agency rules and regulations	Legislature		211	x		P	By January 15, 1978 every agency shall submit to the Legislature a copy of each rule promulgated by it which is in effect in January, 1978.	
2	1	Incorporate State treasurer into Dept. of Fin. & Administration	Legislature, Finance and Administration*		145 721		x	S	Decision on future action needed. Further study for legislation and more support.	
2	2	Standardization program for State purchases	Dept. of Finance & Administration*	x				ongoing	P	Implementation has taken place in some areas and will continue.
2	3	Limit new bond issues to the amount annually authorized or to self liquidating projects	Legislature, Dept. of Fin. & Administration*	Implement	621	x		10/77	P	L. D. Accomplishes part of this action. Chapter 367, Public Laws. However, the L. D. was amended so that some of the original intent of the Task Force is not incorporated into the law. Consideration should be given to submitting additional legislation which would enact the intent deleted by the 108th Legislature.
	1	Conduct elections & negotiate with State employees	Off. of Employee Relations, Dept. of Personnel	x				ongoing	P	Negotiations currently underway with Maine State troopers Assoc and Council 74 AFSCME for institutional employees. Bargaining will start in October with MSEA for prof. and tech, Superv, admin, and law enforcement.
3	2	Expand training programs	Depts. of Personnel & Education & Cult. Svcs., all agencies	x	1772		x	ongoing	P	L. D. 1772 may be resubmitted. Will establish mechanisms administratively. Programs to implement this and initial supervisor training have begun.

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3	3	Employee productivity measurement program	Dept. of Personnel *, all agencies	x	none		ongoing	P	Performance appraisal task force has completed work; recent legislation will require reorientation and training.
3	4	Job analysis, employee counseling	Dept. of Personnel *	x	none			I., P.	Job analysis is complete; now seeking funds to develop counseling program
3	5	Newsletter	Dept. of Personnel *	x	none		2/77	I	Published monthly. Will seek to improve or substitute with more professional state employee news vehicle.
4	1	Focus state expenditures through program evaluation	Governor's Off. Bureau of Budget, SPO, *all departments	x	1671				Halfway Point gives major goals and actions. Legislature is reviewing proposed changes in budget and planning systems.
4	2	Program budgeting	Dept. of Finance & Adm. *, agencies		none		ongoing	I	Budget document is now program-oriented.
4	3	Consider all financial resources in State budgeting & Appropriations	Governor's Off. Dept. of Finance & Adm.		1777			S	Decision on future action needed as L.D. 1777 failed. Further study and resubmit to Legislature with more support.

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4	4	Support report of Commission on Me's Future.	Governor, Commission*, Legislature, SPO	x				11/1/77	P	Preliminary Report presented 6/30 and final report due 11/1/77. SPO responsible for items needing immediate implementation.
4	5	Local & regional input in formulation of State programs & budgets	SPO*, Dept. of Finance & Adm., Governor's Off., Legislature	x	1671		x		P/I	Decision on future action needed as proposed legislation is being reviewed. Revised Executive Order # 1 FY 77/78 requires all state plans to be submitted to the Clearinghouse for local review and comment.
5	1	Undedicate state property tax from financing only education programs	Governor* Legislature						S	Results on uniform property tax referendum will affect the state property tax.
5	2	Set upper limit on state spending early in legislative session	Governor*, Legislature		1671		x		S	L. D. 1671 received Ought Not To Pass report although recommended by Budget Task Force. This should be considered for resubmission to the Legislature.
5	3	Submit omnibus tax bill along with State budget to show local/state tax mix.	Governor* Legislature		1740		x		S	Decision on future action needed. L. D. 1740 was redrafted into L. D. 1848 - Governor vetoed because redraft changed intent of bill.
5	4	Improve property tax administration on large plants	Dept. of Finance & Adm.*, Legislature		1606		x		S	Decision on future action needed. L. D. 1606 was killed. Recommended by Select Committee on Property Tax Valuation. This would provide assistance to municipalities in the valuation of industrial property and improve the equity of property taxation at both the State and local level. Further study for resubmitting to Legislature with more support.

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5	5	Retain inventory tax for 1 year to allow vote on local option	Legislature, Constitutional referendum				x		S	Administration prepared the L. D. but failed of passage.
5	6	Amend personal income tax schedules for more equity	Legislature, Finance and Administration*		1749	x			I/S	L. D. 1749 - Chapter 424, Public Law. This L. D. only addressed part of the problem.
5	7	Exempt residential electricity from sales tax	Legislature		362 1348		7/11/77		S	Included in the Governor's budget but failed to pass.
5	8	Expand tax relief for elderly	Legislature, Finance and Administration*	implement	184	7/77			I	Enacted in Part II budget; several bills on this subject were introduced.
5	9	Continue & improve current use taxation	Depts. of Agriculture* & Conservation*, Legislature	x	1734	x		ongoing	P	This was tree growth tax legislation from DOC other nonlegislative work is ongoing.

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Purpose II - Economic & Natural Resource Development

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	1	Promote Federal policies to enhance State's economic position	Governor, Cabinet*	x			ongoing	P	Action taken on several issues (e.g., Loring, Indian Land Claims, immigrant labor policies). Continuing actions to be taken as needed as a result of work to develop a State growth and development strategy.	
1	2	Present balanced budgets without new taxes	Governor, * Legislature					I	Governor's budget and subsequent Appropriation Acts accomplished this objective for the 1978-1979 biennium.	
1	3	Council of Economic Advisors	Governor, Legislature		814			S	Passed to be engrossed in the Senate, killed in the House.	
1	4	Streamline land use regulation system	Land & Water Resources Council*; agencies, Legislature	x	476	x		S	L. D. 476 formalizes one stop permit system. Administrative efforts to let contract for further study of refinements and simplification have been approved by the Commissioners and Land and Water Resource Council. Contract process denied by Contract Review Committee.	
1	5	Provide additional staff & resources to PUC	Legislature		209	x		immediate	I	
2	1	Prepare State growth & development policy	Commission on Maine's Future, * SPO, Cabinet					11/77	P	Commission on Maine's Future recommendations to be followed by any necessary administrative and legislative actions, and appropriate coordination and follow-up by SPO and the Cabinet.

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2	2	Establish Maine Development Foundation	Governor,* Legislature	implement	1243	x		ongoing	P	Enabling legislation passed by the Legislature at a reduced funding level. Organizing committee must be appointed to raise matching funds and establish the foundation.
2	3	Public-private partnership for tourism promotion	Governor, SDO,* Legislature	implement	945	x		ongoing	P	\$400,000 for the biennium in Part II budget. SDO working with private tourism interests to implement.
2	4	State policies for coastal conservation & development heavy industry cumulative effects of development.	SPO, SDO, Adv. Committee on Coastal Cons. & Development* OER, DOC, DEP	recommend				1/78	P	Policy studies underway on the following issues: Tourism, Fisheries Development, Heavy industrial Siting, Means of Addressing Cumulative Growth, Port Development, and Information Transfer.
2	5	Target industries list	SPO, SDO*	x				12/77	P	Research and recommendations being prepared by the Economic Planning Division of the State Planning Office.
2	6	Support on-shore development related to OCS petroleum resources	SPO,* SDO	research, promotion, technical assistance				ongoing	P	Service base promotional brochure published 6/77. Additional assistance to towns as appropriate.
2	7	Short-range port development strategy	SPO, Dept. of Transportation, Governor, Legislature	complete strategy, implement				10/77	P	The Phase I report is now in preparation. Contract awarded to study feasibility of major expansion of cargo handling facilities.

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3	1	Comprehensive energy plan & annual updates	Office of Energy Resources	x				I	Maine State Energy Policy issued in April, 1977. Completed update of energy plan scheduled for December 1977.
3	2	Strategy to diversify energy base	Office of Energy Resources	x				I	Completed - Part of the State Energy Policy, Promulgated by Executive Order No. 3 FY 77
3	3	Evaluate electric load management techniques	PUC*, Office of Energy Resources	x			ongoing	P	PUC has initiated a generic investigation on optional load management techniques and will hold investigatory hearings in the fall of 1977.
3	4	Strategy to attract energy research funds	Office of Energy Resources	x			ongoing	P	Small-scale state/federal research and development grant program has been initiated. OER monitoring ERDA requests for proposals and helping applicants prepare proposals.
	1	Emphasize maintenance and replacement of transportation network	Dept of Transportation	x		x	ongoing	I	Legislature has passed Highway Improvement and Maintenance & Resurfacing Programs.

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4	2	Reduce Future tax & bond burdens of Maine motorist.	Depts. of Trans.* and Finance & Administration	x		x	ongoing	I	Highway Program authorized by the Legislature will not require an increase in highway user fees. Bond issue that has been authorized for referendum approval approximates the amount of bonds being retired during the biennium.
		Re-examine fee system of the Maine Turnpike Authority	Depts. of Trans., Legislative Transportation Committee*	x			ongoing	S	Options regarding the operation of the turnpike being evaluated for the special session.
4	3	Achieve equitable ICC transportation freight rates	Dept. of Transportation*, Governor, Dept. of Agriculture	x			ongoing	P	Cases are before ICC. Initial decision for modest lowering of rates appealed as inadequate relief.
4	4	Review past studies of East-West highway	Dept. of Transportation	x			ongoing	S	A draft report has been completed by the Department which summarizes the history of east-west highway proposals and recent developments. Will be circulated for review and comment.
4	5	Upgrade rail industry & infrastructure	Dept. of Transportation	x			ongoing	P	Update of State rail plan to be completed by October 1977.
4	6	Encourage airport development programs	Dept. of Transportation*, SDO	x			ongoing	P	DOT participates with local airport owners in making master plans. A State systems plan for airport development will be done 10/77.

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									\$1.8 million state bond issue to match \$10.4 million of Federal funds, to be considered in December referendum
4	7	Encourage flexibility of Federal airport funds	Dept. of Transportation	x			ongoing	P	The Department of Transportation is working with both the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the National Association of State Aviation Officials regarding greater flexibility in federal legislation regarding airport improvements.
5	1	Analyze present & future capital needs	SPO	x			6/77	I	Completed. Major need documented for business assistance and equity funds to be filled by the Maine Development Foundation and the Maine Capital Corporation.
5	2	State-level industrial bonds	Legislature, MGA*	implement	1474	7/77		P	Enabling legislation passed. Will become ongoing program of the MGA.
5	3	Eliminate referendum requirement for municipal revenue bonds	Legislature		1474	7/77		I	Replacement safeguards enacted to assure accountability of local officials.

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Purpose III - Human Resource Development & Protection

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1	1	Joint research, planning and evaluation effort	Depts. of Human Services, Mental Health & Corr., Educ. & Cult. Services	x			ongoing	P	1) The Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee has developed an RFP to provide for the coordination of group homes and residential placement services. 2) BEH grant to study preschool services is now operational. 3) Resolves and/or actions related to Juvenile Code are now being considered.  Criminal Justice has developed and forwarded a grant application to support the staffing necessary to the coordinating committee.
1	2	Expand & Improve Childrens' Protective services Program	Legislature, Dept. of Human Services*	x	757 (Public Works) 1859 Part 1	x	ongoing	I,P	60 Protective service workers have been hired with Public Works Funds. Program of statewide reporting and 24 hour emergency assistance has been implemented.
1	3	One major mental health institution	Legislature, Governor's Office, Department of Mental Health & Corrections		1330	x		S	The Department is now developing a process to define the role of the institution in the delivery of mental health services.

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1	4	Geriatric & autistic center at BMHI	Department of Mental Health & Corrections		1330	x		S	This was part of the mental health institution package that was rejected by the legislature, and so has not been implemented as proposed. Funds were appropriated by the legislature (\$123,514) to upgrade the Pooler Pavilion which currently houses the program on aging at BMHI. Plans to improve the facility are now being implemented so that accreditation standards will be met.
1	5	Increase staff at Pineland & other institutions	Legislature, Department of Mental Health & Corrections	x	757 (Public Works)	x		I/P	As noted in the Halfway Point Report, new positions were authorized and funded at Pineland Center and Maine Youth Center. Hiring procedures have been initiated to fill these positions.

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	6	Client Bill of Rights	Legislature, Depts. of Human Services & Mental Hh. & Corr. *		1802 1735	x	1/78	P	Bill of Rights for mentally retarded. MH&C will prepare separate "bill of rights" bills for other mentally ill and criminal offenders in next session.
2	1	Controls on costs of medical care program	Dept. of Human Services	x			3-6 months	P	Medical Management Information System has been designed. DHS is awaiting federal approval before implementation can begin. Request for Proposal prepared and released. Contractor has been selected. Federal approval of contract is pending.
2	2	Remove ineligible recipients from AFDC	Dept. of Human Services	x			ongoing	I/P	70 additional staff have been added to increase surveillance, error rates substantially reduced
2	3	Insure accountability of absent parent	Legislature, Dept. of Human Services	x			ongoing	I	11 field investigators have been added in last 2 years, plus 8 administrative hearing officers;; significantly more money is being collected from fewer absent parents.
3	1	Free drugs for elderly	Legislature, Governor's Off. Dept. of Human Services*	x	1895 (Part II budget)	x	10/77	P,I	\$500,000 appropriated for each year of biennium; regulations being developed.

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	2	Improve services to geriatric blind	Dept. of Human Services	x	1123	x	10/77	I	Passed by the Legislature. Will be law October 24, 1977.
3	3	Review Lifeline electric rate program	Legislature, PUC*	x	1867	x		S	PUC will present a report on the demonstration lifeline electric rate program conducted in 1976 on July 25.
4	1	Increase Maine State Police personnel	Legislature, Dept. of Public Safety *	x	1895 (Part II Budget)	x	10/77	I	Five additional troopers funded under Part II, 10 additional funded from existing resources under Part I budget, and 3 additional funded from Highway and other funds.
4	2	Division of Special Investigations in Dept. of Public Safety	Legislature, Dept. of Public Safety	x	1882	x	10/77	I	Criminal Justice continued the balance of federal funding until December which will overlay the general fund appropriation effective in October. DSI's major role is still drug enforcement. The Organized Crime Unit appl. turned down and will soon be in the appeal process.
4	4	Expand regional law enforcement communications system	Legislature, Dept. of Public Safety*	x				I	Department of Public Safety awarded \$145,000 grant from LEAA to hire 15 dispatchers during FY '78 & '79

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4	5	Process for victim compensation	Department of Mental Health & Corrections	x	1760		x		S/P	The Department and MCJPAA continue to supervise a restitution project in Cumberland County to evaluate the conditions under which restitution is successful. Probation officers now perform this function. The Restitution Project is not developing a large case load because of "research" criteria.
4	6	Three area residential centers for minor crimes	Department of Mental Health & Corrections	x	1295 Withdrawn		x		S	The Department is in the process of hiring a planner to complete the research and the implementation plans necessary before implementation is possible.
4	7	Improve sentencing options	Legislature, Department of Mental Health & Corrections*	x	898 1302 1306	x x x		10/77	I	Laws enacted which impact upon this action step remove restrictions on sentencing and thereby increase the options for a given offender, but do not require Department action to implement. Additionally, a Probation and Parole case management system has been developed and is in the process of being implemented. This allows for three levels of supervision, and again increases options for a given offender.

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4	8	Expand foster care for juveniles	Department of Mental Health & Corrections	x	1894	x	10/77	P	The Juvenile Code has been enacted and the Department is now in the process of developing a implementation plan which will facilitate access to and use of foster services.
4	9	Rehabilitative services for mentally retarded inmates	Department of Mental Health & Corrections	x				P	A Bureau task Force has identified retarded offenders in institutional and community service modes and is currently prioritizing alternatives to existing services with an emphasis on meeting the needs of those dangerous to themselves or others.
4	10	Pre-release centers statewide	Department of Mental Health & Corrections	x				I/P	Pre-release centers now exist on a state-wide basis, but the implementation of three area centers would have incorporated and expanded these services. So. Windham Pre-Release Center had been funded by MCJPAA for two years and is now legislatively supported.
4	11	Community alliance criminal justice standards and goals process	Criminal Justice Planning*	x			June 78	P	800 citizens involved in study. Preliminary report completed for public hearings.

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5	1	Partnership vocational development fund	Legislature, Dept. of Educ. & Cult. Svcs.		285	x		S	State Board at last meeting asked Senator Katz to appoint committee to look at structure of VTI's.
5	2	Vocational guidance & training for the blind	Dept. of Human Services	x			ongoing	P	Specialized training of staff has been increased
5	3	Refined manpower forecasting techniques	SPO, Dept. of Manpower Aff.	x			ongoing	P	
6	1	Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program	Legislature, Dept. of Educ. & Cult. Services *		1481	x	10/77	I	Both private and public post-secondary students eligible.
6	2	State standards for student performance	Dept. of Educ. & Cult. Services *		1810	x	10/77	P	Committee has been established. Public hearings planned in October or November.
6	3	Revise State financing of local school construction	Legislature, Dept. of Educ. & Cult. Services *		583	x	10/77	P	State Board policies relating to school construction have been developed.

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	4	Assign educational services of MH & C to DECS, if found proper	Depts. of Educ. & Cult. Svcs., Mental Health & Corr., Governor's Office					S	Joint standards, written agreements on interdepartmental roles and responsibilities need to be addressed by the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee.
6	5	Upgrade certification and recertification procedures	Dept. of Educ. & Cult. Services*	x			Ongoing	P	Certification Advisory Committee of the State Board of Education is working on upgrading these procedures.
7	1	Require charitable organizations to register with Sec. of State	Legislature, Secretary of State		1736	x	10/77	I	
7	2	Prevent high cost life insurance companies from doing business in Maine	Legislature, Dept. of Business Regulation		304			S	Department is doing more research on this matter, plans to introduce new bill
7	3	Require public utilities to bear certain costs	PUC, Legislature		166			S	
8	1	Improve housing programs	Maine Housing* SPO*	x				P	Gov. adopted housing policies Exec Order 2FY 77-78. Committee established to meet to recommend admin. action and legislative actions needed to implement housing policies.

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Purpose IV - Conservation of Natural Resources

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1	1	Integrated policies for development & conservation of land & water resources.	Adv. Committee on Coastal Dev. & Conservation* Commission on Maine's Future, Land & Water Resources Council, Legislature	Coordinate, recommend		none			ongoing	P  S	The Land Use Regulation Commission Comprehensive Land Use Plan approved by the Governor 9/17/76.  Inventories of existing policies and relevant state agency activities are about to be completed. An overview analysis of opportunities and constraints to development and growth is also being prepared. These studies when completed will be used to assist in preparing policy recommendations.
1	2	Program to coordinate coastal conservation & development activities	SPO*, Adv. CCDC, Governor	develop and implement		none			11/77 hearings	P	Draft application has been approved for public hearing.
1	4	Identify high priority water use issues	Land & Water Resources Council	identify, recommend		none				I  P	Identification of issues completed recommendations for action in progress  Several priority issues selected for detailed study as basis for recommended resolution.
1	5	Support special joint select committee on forest policy	Dept. of Conservation, Legislature*	x					10/77	I	report expected soon

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1	6	Analyze impact of Federal discharge elimination requirements	Dept. of Environmental Protection*	x	none		ongoing	P	part of ongoing water quality program; progress essentially depends on Federal action. drafting legislation for next session
2	1	Standards to identify critical areas	SPO*, Depts. of Conservation & Inland Fish., Hist. Pres. Comm.  Dept. of Agriculture*	x	none  1678	  x 7/7/77	ongoing	P	SPO has registered 80 critical areas; DOC has identified critical coastal areas IF&W has identified priority sea bird nesting islands and deer wintering areas.  108th Legislature enacted a revised Farm and Open Space Tax Law (PL 1977, chapter 467)
2	2	Management system to control forest disease & pests	Dept. of Conservation, * University of Maine	x			ongoing	P	Systems are being developed through the Bureau of Forestry Program Review; spruce budworm control program is example
2	3	Management system to control agricultural diseases & insect pests	Dept. of Agriculture, * University of Maine	x	1380	6/29/77	ongoing	P	examples: potato research, animal disease control programs. 108th Legislature enacted Equine Infectious Anemia Law (PL 1977, chapter 409).
2	4	Technical assistance to landowners to control erosion	Depts. of Conservation and Agriculture, * Soil & Water Cons. Comm., Univ. of Me.	x			ongoing	P	Ongoing effort within the capability of the existing 2½ member staff.

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2	5	Legislation for effective erosion control	Depts. of Inland Fish & Wildlife, Conservation, Env. Protection, * LURC	x	1504	x	ongoing	P	DEP is drafting proposed legislation for comprehensive sedimentation & erosion control; erosion prevention amendments to Great Ponds act were passed.
2	6	State waste recycling program	Dept. of Environmental Protection*	x	none			P	grants application for Federal funds being prepared; report of solid waste advisory committee due 9/77
3	1	Implement & update SCORP	Dept. of Conservation*	x	none		ongoing	I	Current SCORP approved, published 8/77, updates planned; Park System Plan in preparation
3	2	Consolidate State ownership of public reserved lands.	Dept. of Conservation*	x			ongoing	P	Continuing negotiations and litigation
	3	Programs to reduce roadside litter	Depts. of Conservation & Agriculture*	establish, implement	662 (Emerg)	6/27/77	ongoing	P	bottle bill implementation is new responsibility of Dept. of Agriculture. 108th Legislature enacted an emergency amendment (PL 1977, chapter 381).

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3	4	Programs to reduce billboards	Depts. of Conservation, Legislature, Transportation*	implement	1738	7/77		I	six year implementation period by Department of Transportation inhouse committee appointed to review passed legislation and recommend action necessary to implement by 1/1/78
4	1	State data collection plan for land & water use	Land & Water Resources Council, SPO*	x	none		1/79	P	user needs survey currently underway; inventory of existing data base will be prepared. Identification of water data needs will be prepared.
4	2	Continue Cooperative Soil Survey Program	Dept. of Agriculture, Soil & Water Cons. Comm., Univ. of Maine	x	none		1/80	P	cooperative effort with Federal government which is increasing its efforts - most agricultural land in Maine has been surveyed.
4	3	Complete Maine Coastal Resource Inventory	SPO	x	none		12/77	P	major work has been completed, including 202 maps published and handbook on interpretation.
4	4	Set up State-operated Forest Resource Survey						S	complete inventory of resource with more detailed forest type maps, who owns what, condition of resource, market needs to best utilize resource.

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