

# HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

## SECTION A - OVERVIEW

### Introduction

To meet the Local Mitigation Plan requirements in §201.6 of the Interim Final Rule, several municipalities located in the County of Waldo, State of Maine have decided to develop a multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan. The municipalities participating in the development of this plan are too small to complete such an undertaking on their own. The multi-jurisdictional mitigation planning effort has attempted to encourage agencies at all levels, residents, businesses, and the non-profit sector to participate in the mitigation planning and implementation process. Participation in this planning effort has enabled the development of mitigation measures that are supported by various stakeholders and reflect the needs of the wider community.

The Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 requires mitigation planning for natural hazards. It does not require mitigation planning for man-made hazards. This plan has been developed solely for natural hazards.

The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan includes the following sections:

- A. Overview
- B. Adoption
- C. Planning Process
- D. Risk Assessment
- E. Mitigation Strategy
- F. Plan Maintenance Process

### Geographic Information

The municipalities within Waldo County, Maine that are participating in the development of this Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan include the Towns of:

Brooks	Montville	Swanville
Freedom	Northport	Palermo
Liberty	Searsport	Prospect
Lincolntonville		

The Towns of Lincolntonville, Northport and Searsport are coastal communities. The Town of Prospect borders on the Penobscot River. The towns of Brooks, Freedom, Liberty, Montville, Palermo and Swanville in inland towns. All of these towns are heavily forested areas with low population densities. (See map on page A-2)

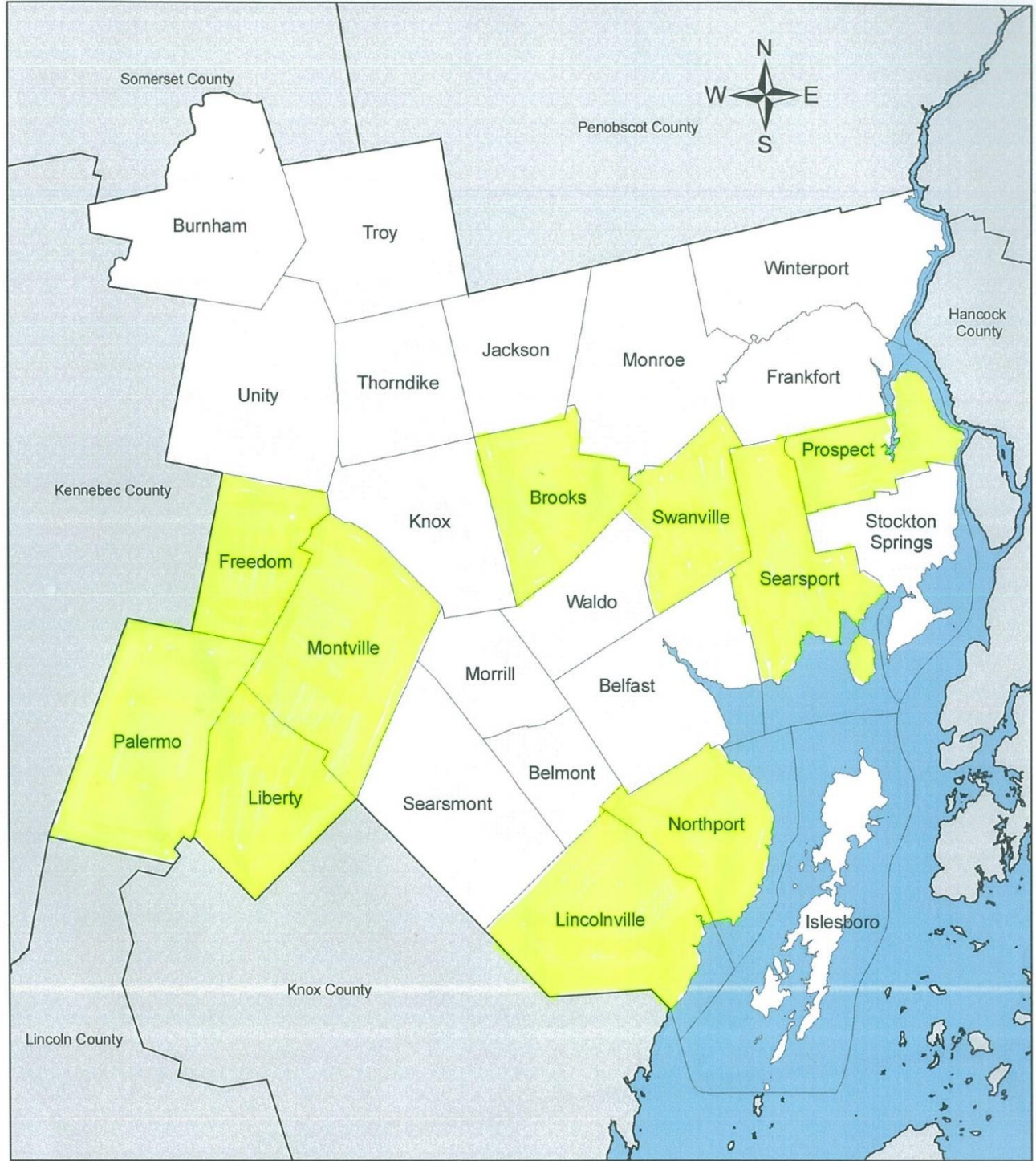
### Town Government Information

The municipalities are responsible for Tax Collection, Town Records, Road Maintenance, Snow Removal, Refuse Collection, Land Use Planning, Code Enforcement, Animal Control, Fire Protection, and Cemetery Maintenance. The Towns of Searsport and Lincolntonville have wastewater treatment facilities.

Lincolntonville, Northport and Searsport have Town Managers and elected Selectboards. The other towns have elected Selectboards and no Town Managers.

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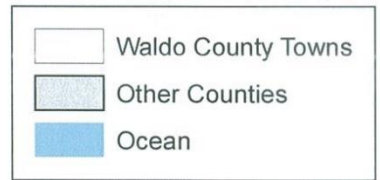
## Waldo County Political Subdivisions Map



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## Demographic Information (2020 CENSUS)

### Population

Town/City	Year-Round Population	Median Age	Pop Density	Total Homes	Occupied Homes	Household Density
Brooks	1,010	38.6	42.5	562	446	2.26
Freedom	711	44.7	32.4	343	292	2.43
Liberty	934	47.2	32.2	718	395	2.36
Lincolnton	2,312	47.5	55.1	1,465	959	2.41
Montville	1,020	43.6	23.9	553	433	2.36
Northport	1,550	47.8	62.7	1,162	681	2.28
Palermo	1,570	47.6	36.1	944	658	2.29
Prospect	698	47.7	38.4	340	307	2.27
Searsport	2,649	46.9	89.0	1,510	1,186	2.23
Swanville	1,377	40.2	64.2	793	558	2.47
TOTAL	13,831	45.5	50.3	8,390	5,915	2.31

The overall 10-year census trend for these towns in Waldo County had a slow population growth of 2.1%, with the median age increasing 6.0%. The household density decreased by 1.7%. The number of total homes increased by 1.6%.

In general, the residents of Waldo County are getting older and the households are getting smaller. The percentage of children as a whole is shrinking, however, the poverty rate among households with children is increasing.

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