



2020 Public Policy Update

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MEREDA Public Policy Committee

MEREDA's Mission Statement

- Promote an environment for responsible development and ownership of real estate throughout the state.

Public Policy Committee Guiding Principle

- Pursue a more fair, predictable, and practical policy environment.

MEREDA Public Policy Committee

2020 Chairs

Public Policy Committee

Paul Peck

Drummond and Drummond

Tiffany Dembowski

**Chicago, Commonwealth &
Fidelity Title Insurance
Companies**

Before session begins, strategically initiates legislation.

During session, meets every other Monday to:

- ❖ Identify new legislation of interest or concern
- ❖ Coordinate and participate with other stakeholders
- ❖ Shape MEREDA testimony on key legislation

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2011

LD 322

Informed
Growth Act

2013

LD 695

Modifies
Site Law
Permits

2015

LD 395

Grandfathers
Stormwater
Systems

2016

LD 775

Expedites
Judicial
Review

2017

LD 805

Simplifies
Subdivision
Review

LD 1381 Defines
Municipal Land
Use Decision
Ripeness

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS !!

2018

Contained fee increases:
Fire Marshal, VRAP

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2019 Advocacy

**Submitted Bill to Repeal Commercial Property
Transaction Disclosure on Roads**

**Supported State Affordable
Housing Tax Credit
LD 1645**

**Passed Bill to Correct Error and
Define Site Plan Review
Public Law 2019, Chapter 174**

Engaged on changes to MUBEC

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2020 Advocacy
You can help!!

Reviewing C-PACE Legislation

➤ **Enact State
Affordable Housing
Tax Credit
LD 1645**

➤ **Extend Maine
Historic
Preservation Tax
Credit**

MEREDA Hall of Flags Day

1/8/2020



MAINE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING COALITION



MRRA



Midcoast Regional
Redevelopment Authority

HAY
RUNNER



MaineHousing
Maine State Housing Authority





NEW!

Local Issues Committee

Focus on local and municipal policy matters including:

- Zoning changes or proposals
- Citizen-initiated ordinance proposals
- Municipal environmental incentives or mandates
- City/Town comprehensive plans
- Economic development

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 23, 2020

Coming Soon!

Local Issues Committee Developer's Toolkit

To help developers earn local approval for projects:

- Scope the Project
- Understand Local Approval Processes
- Communicate with Stakeholders
- Effectively Manage Opposition
- Present the Project to Decision-Makers and Media
- And more!!



Mills Administration Priorities



Access to
Healthcare



Economic
Development



Climate
Change

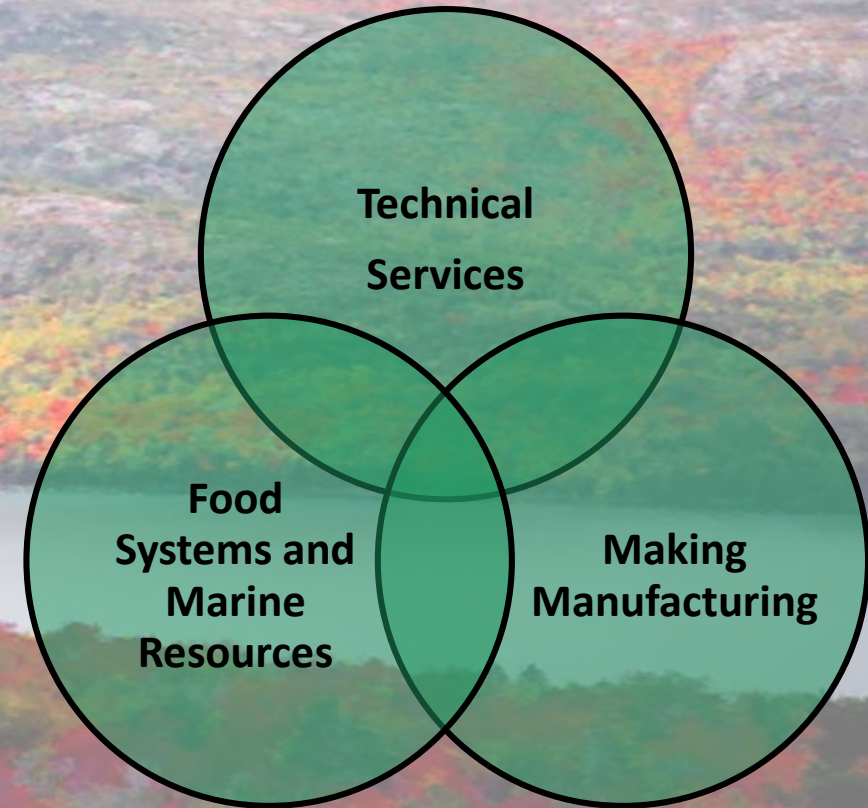
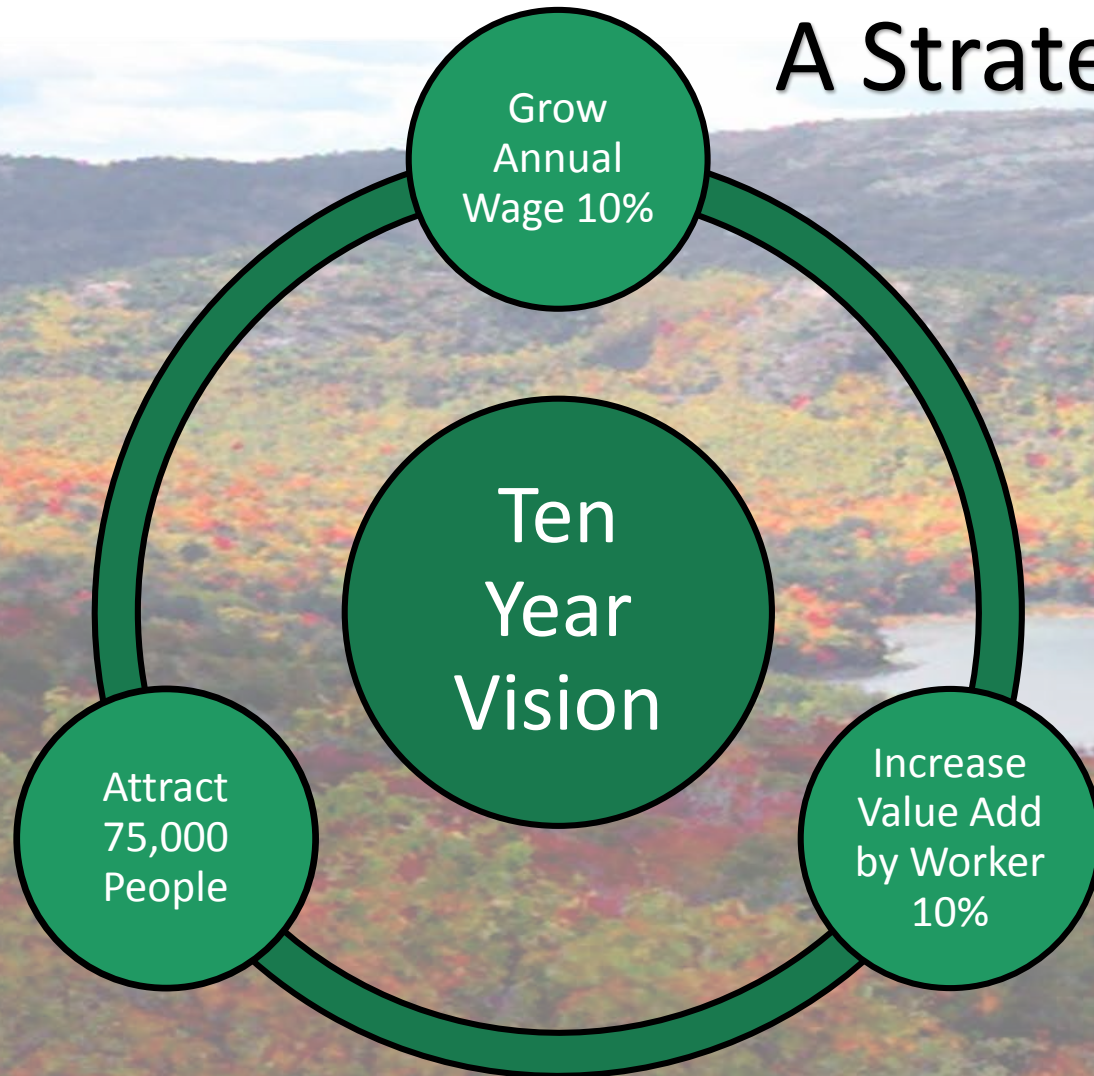


Renewable
Energy

Fulfilling Campaign Promises by Legislation and Executive Order

Economic Development

A Strategic Vision



Climate Change

Climate Council

Scientific and
Technical
Subcommittee

Energy

Transportation

Buildings,
Infrastructure
and Housing

Coastal and
Marine

Natural and
Working Lands

Community
Resilience Planning,
Public Health, and
Emergency

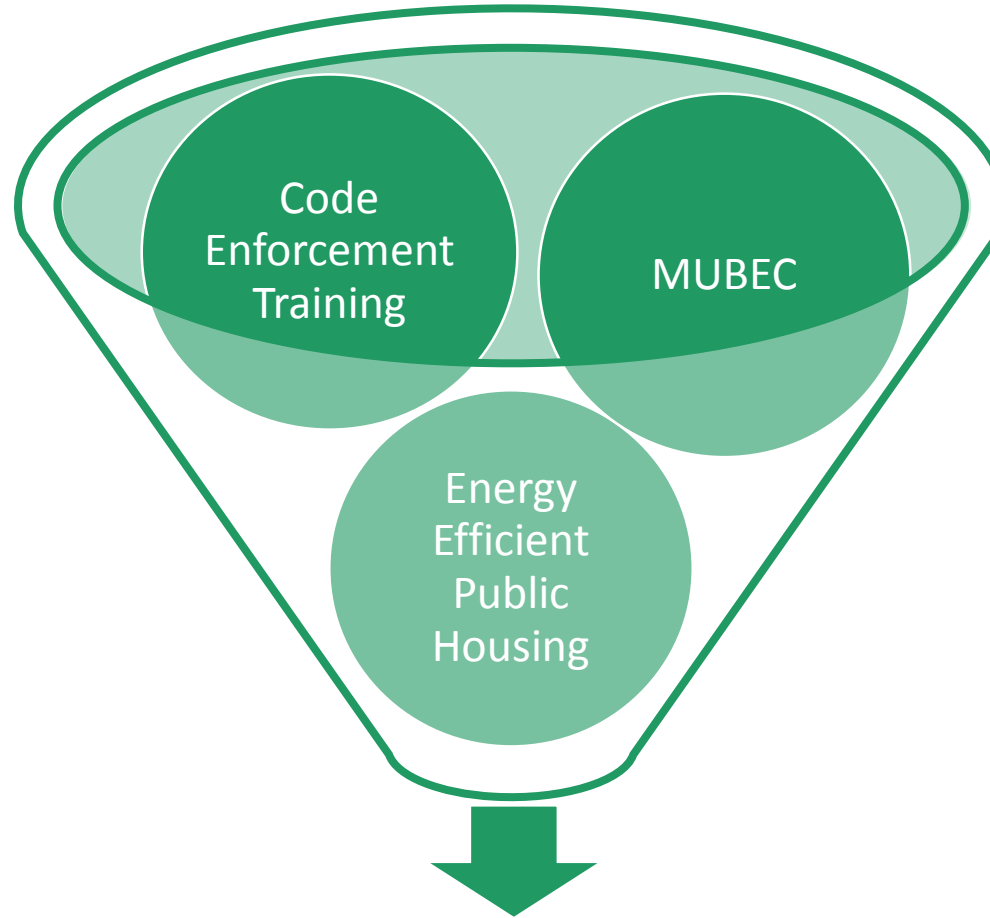
**Statutory
Reduction
Targets**

**80% by
2050**

**45% by
2030**

Buildings, Infrastructure and Housing

- ❖ Mitigation strategies to reduce gross and net annual greenhouse gas emissions
- ❖ Strategic actions for adaptation and resiliency to climate change



Potential Mitigation Strategies:

- ❖ Efficiency of **existing** buildings.
- ❖ Efficient, low-carbon building practices for **new** buildings.
- ❖ Distributed energy systems
- ❖ Fuel Switching

Thank you!



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