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Hello Shelly,,

Welcome to Summer in Maine! With its breathtaking landscapes, fresh seafood, and endless outdoor activities, Maine is the perfect place to unwind and recharge.

Let us take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to you, our members. Your support of our mission has been instrumental in enabling us to continue advocating on behalf of our members and shaping the future of Maine's real estate industry.

Our unwavering dedication to advocating for your interests is at the forefront of everything we do. We are honored to have you as a valued member and we thank you for your continued support.

As always, we strive to provide you with the latest news and updates on the real estate industry through our 7/23/24, 10:35 AM

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timely newsletters. We hope you find this edition engaging and informative!

Board of Directors Updates

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Shelly Clark

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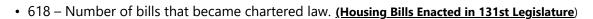
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Public Policy Update

131st Legislature Adjourns Sine Die, Non-Emergency Laws Take Effect August 9, 2024

The 131st Legislature, which was sworn in December 2022, adjourned sine die on May 10, 2024. The following is an overview of the two-year legislature, by the numbers:

• 2,291 – Number of bills introduced.



• 80 – Number of bills that were reviewed and considered by MEREDA Public Policy Committee: o 66 were actively monitored. Of those, 3 were submitted on behalf of and with direction from MEREDA's PPC 14 others were supported, and 3 were opposed.

- 12 Number of vetoes by Governor Mills, none of which were overturned.
- 35 Number of pocket vetoes by Governor Mills after sine die in 2024.
- 8/9/24 Date non-emergency legislation will go into effect.
- Just 21 out of 250 Number of bills with fiscal notes that were successfully funded by the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee (noting that the funding for a handful of bills were tucked into the supplemental budget).

 <0% - the common wisdom likelihood of the legislature getting called back into special session to handle the bills left dangling at the end of session. The Republicans have said they would not support a special session, leaving the decision up to the Governor, who has also indicated that she will not be asking the legislature to return.

MEREDA Helps Enact Three New Laws to Improve Development Landscape in Maine

MEREDA had one of its most successful years in arguably one of the most difficult legislatures to get bills passed. The Public Policy Committee proposed three bills to the 131st, and all were enacted.

Click here to learn more and to read the full report.



Help us Craft our 25/26 Legislative Agenda by Participating in our Survey!

132nd Legislative Policy Agenda in Development

Members of the MEREDA Executive and Public Policy Committees have begun brainstorming possible legislative action items for the 132nd Legislature, which will begin its work in earnest in January 2025. MEREDA intends to continue its focus on legislation that creates a more fair, practical, and predictable development landscape for Maine.

MEREDA hopes to build on its success in the 131st Legislature by tackling legal and regulatory issues commonly faced by housing creators in particular and all real estate developers generally. Top of mind matters include: reducing NIMBY influence; closing development loopholes in state environmental and subdivision review to fully effectuate LD 2003 density provisions; increasing statewide incentives to meet local and regional housing production goals; and monitoring changes to the building code that could drive up construction costs or otherwise impose barriers to attainable housing.

As always, the Public Policy Committee would like to survey members for their input and suggestions to help us craft our legislative agenda. **Please fill out the survey below by August 15, 2024**. The PPC committee will randomly draw a winner of an item of MEREDA swag at their fall meeting.

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MEREDA Matters Podcast

Have you ever wanted to be a fly on the wall listening in on a conversation between Maine's real estate industry leaders? Been curious about the people who have put together some of Maine's most important development deals? **Well, the Maine Real Estate** & Development Association (MEREDA) has a treat for you!

The organization known for bringing people together for insightful discussions on all things related to real estate and development has a podcast! **MEREDA Matters** is a podcast that highlights the people, stories, and relationships behind the responsible development happening in Maine.



We invite you to listen in! Listen to a new episode every month.

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MEREDA's Strikes for Scholars Donates \$15,000 to Maine Students



Due to the success of MEREDA's Annual Strikes for Scholars Bowl-a-Thon Fundraiser, the organization will donate a total of \$15,000 towards scholarships to Maine students entering the building trades. \$5,000 designated towards scholarships will be provided to each of the following: Associated General Contractors of Maine's Education Foundation, Associated Building and Contractors of Maine, and the ACE Mentor Program of Maine.

MEREDA believes strongly in empowering Maine students on their journey towards careers that resonate with our core values of fostering responsible development and ownership of real estate across the state. The Strikes for Scholars fundraiser not only allows us to contribute towards education but also serves as a beacon of support for students venturing into the building trades industry. Every dollar raised at the event directly benefits students as they pursue their studies and gain

valuable experience in the field. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this important cause – together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of aspiring professionals in Maine!

MEREDA began its scholarship program for students 12 years ago and has continued to grow and support the program. Since the fundraiser's inception, MEREDA is proud to have raised and donated over \$181,000 to deserving Maine students.

We are deeply appreciative of everyone involved in this event. Our Sponsors **Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Daigle Commercial Group, and SERVPRO** as well as our bowling teams, and those who purchased raffle tickets!

Additional thanks to the folks at Port Property for allowing us the use of their Lancaster Street parking lot to help with the overflow of guests!

And the winners are...

Congratulations to **First Place Winners from Team "Malone Commercial Ballahs"** (Malone Commercial Brokers) and **Runners-up Team "Pin Counters"** (Berry Dunn)!

Taking home the **Best Shirts title is "The Gutter Group"** (The Dunham Group)! They also won free bowling at Bayside Bowl!

We look forward to bowling with everyone again next year!



Check out more great photos from the event **here** on MEREDA's Facebook Page!



2024 Annual Spring Conference Recap - May 15, 2024

2024 Spring Conference: Penciling the Future: Navigating the Changes Impacting Successful Development - On Wednesday, May 15th, the Maine Real Estate & Development Association (MEREDA) hosted its annual Spring Conference where close to 300 real estate professionals gathered at the Holiday Inn By the Bay to discuss designing development solutions that align with Maine's needs for the future. Housing creation is one of Maine's most significant needs and MEREDA's event provided an opportunity for industry professionals to hear different perspectives from local, regional, and national experts on this important and complex issue.

"Our Spring Conference is a time to look ahead at Maine's future. There is a critical need for more housing in our state and we need more developers to be involved in creative housing creation," shared MEREDA President Craig Young. "It can be difficult to pencil out deals for these types of projects, which is why we organized this conference. There are opportunities, like historic tax credits and smart growth design, that can facilitate more projects coming together that will enrich our communities and meet the needs of our state."

Read More >>>

Presentation materials and videos from the day can be found *here*.

Photos from the event can be found *here*.

Thank you to our Event Sponsors!

The event received local media attention and had nearly 300 participants in attendance to learn about Navigating the Changes Impacting Successful Development. The support of our sponsors is essential to our organization and a reason why we are able to continue to provide forums such as our Spring Conference to discuss the critical issues impacting the real estate industry.

Quite simply, we cannot host these types of events without the support of our members! *Thank you!!*

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2024 MEREDA Index

MEREDA has released its 18th edition of the MEREDA Index. As a key economic indicator for Maine, the MEREDA Index measures the pulse of the state's real estate industry and is the leading way our industry tracks changes in Maine's real estate markets.

A measure of real estate activity designed to track changes in Maine's real estate markets, the Index is a composite of nine seasonally adjusted measures reflecting both new development and transactions involving existing properties and it covers both the commercial and residential markets statewide. This most recent edition covers the year 2023. The MEREDA Index was tabulated by economist Dr. Charles Colgan.



The latest edition of the MEREDA Index showed a decline of 1.5% between

2022 and 2023. The driver of the decline was the residential index, which declined 11.3% as interest rate increases being driven to offset inflation began to seriously bite into real estate markets. The commercial and construction components of the index both increased, by 23.5% in the former case and 2.3% in the latter case. These increases were not sufficient to offset the drops in residential activity.

To download a copy of the full report, please click here.

MEREDA's 2023 Notable Project Recipients Honored

MEREDA Celebrates Real Estate Development in Maine





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2023 Notable Project Recipients:

Above: Phoenix Flats, Community Housing of Maine (Portland), University of Southern Maine Portland Commons Residence Hall and McGoldrick Center for Career & Student Success (Portland), Johnson Hall Opera House, Johnson Hall Redevelopment, LLC (Gardiner) Left: Homeless Services Center, Developers Collaborative (Portland), Below: Maine Savings Amphitheater, Waterfront Concerts, LLC (Bangor), The Armature at Hanover Works, Reveler Development(Portland), Northeastland Hotel, Haley Ward, Inc. (Presque Isle)



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Photo courtesy of Haley Ward, Inc..

The Maine Real Estate & Development Association (MEREDA), the state's leading organization promoting responsible real estate development, honored projects from Portland to Gardiner to Presque Isle, with each receiving special recognition at MEREDA's 2024 Spring Conference on May 15th.



Each year, MEREDA recognizes some of the state's most "noteworthy and

significant" real estate projects, completed in the previous year. The exemplary projects from across the state, completed in 2023, not only embody MEREDA's belief in responsible real estate development, but also exemplify best practices in the industry, contributing to Maine's economic growth by significant investment of resources and job creation statewide.

Each of the seven projects was selected in part based upon criteria including: noteworthy and significant project completed* in 2023 (*Building Occupancy Permit issued by 12.31.23), environmental sustainability, economic impact, energy efficiency, social impact, uniqueness, difficulty of development and job creation.

The recipients of MEREDA's Top 7 Most Notable Projects of 2023 include:



University of Southern Maine Portland Commons Residence Hall and McGoldrick Center for Career & Student Success in **Portland.** These two facilities represent a massive transformation of USM's Portland campus. The first-ever Portland residence hall will provide affordable housing for students in a market where inventory is low and expensive. The new student center incorporates cross-laminated timber columns to create a signature visual expression across the front facade. These new campus facilities represent the pinnacle of sustainability and embrace

renewable low-carbon building technologies. Portland Commons is the second largest Passive House residence hall in the United States and is projected to use 50% less energy than a standard modern building. The McGoldrick Center, with its large-scale 33.3-kW rooftop photovoltaic array and passive

solar heating, is pursuing LEED Gold certification. The construction project is the largest in the school's history.

Accepting the award is Nick Vaughn, Senior Principal of SMRT, Lindsey Cleveland, Senior Project Engineer at PC Construction, and Andrew Pires, Project Manager at PC Construction, with MEREDA President Craig Young, and Executive Director Shelly R. Clark.

Waterfront Concerts, LLC of Old Town enlisted Ervin Architecture and completed their long-standing vision of developing a best-in-class amphitheater, with the Maine Savings Amphitheater being the largest and most modern music venue north of Boston. Bangor is now a premier concert destination for world class talent and amazing community events. Additions include ten corporate suites, five premium clubs, several ADA improvements, improved and expanded concessions, terraced



Hussey Fusion seating with wider seats and aisles, two hundred and fifty-two new bathrooms, and a dedicated video screens and audio system for the lawn. The team used Maine-made products, contractors, and environmentally sustainable materials wherever they could to maximize the impact locally and to minimize its impact on the community and environment.

Accepting the award is Alex Gray, Founder of Waterfront Concerts and Robert Ervin of Ervin Architecture.



Phoenix Flats in Portland is the first building in Maine to be constructed with the use of the newly created State Low Income Housing Tax Credit. The project is the result of a unique partnership between the City of Portland, MaineHousing, Portland Housing Authority, WNC, Bangor Savings Bank, and Community Housing of Maine, Inc. (CHOM), and was made possible by a longterm land lease from the City, and an additional land donation from Donald Sussman. Designed by CWS Architects, Thornton-Tomasetti, Bennet Engineering, Terradyn Consultants, and built by

AlliedCook Construction, Phoenix Flats is Passive House Certified, and its design is the embodiment of all CHOM has learned about good design, energy efficiency, and thermal comfort. This development combines both affordable residential apartments and first-class commercial space into one building in downtown Portland. Beyond adding critical affordable housing, it is a blended Housing First development, discreetly housing people who are chronically homeless. What was once a city owned parking lot is now a beautiful building contributing to the social and economic goals of the City of Portland and the State of Maine.

Accepting the award is Cullen Ryan, Executive Director, and Brian Kilgallen, Development Officer of Community Housing of Maine.

The City of Portland's Homeless Services Center in Portland, also known as the "HSC" is Maine's largest homeless shelter and is unparalleled in its provision of dignified living spaces and on-site wraparound support services. The HSC was thoughtfully designed and constructed specifically to serve the unhoused based on input from those experiencing homelessness. It includes 208 beds between separate men's and women's dormitories, a commercial kitchen and dining area, bathrooms with private showers, offices for service providers, an on-site health clinic run by Greater



Portland Health, and an outdoor recreation area with garden beds. A result of many years of visioning and planning, the City of Portland selected Developers Collaborative to develop the shelter and lease it back to the City. Winton Scott Architects designed the building and Cianbro served as construction manager. The HSC utilized a pre-engineered Murox building system, concrete floors, and minimal finishes. The result is a LEED Gold-certified building that is durable, functional, comfortable, and humane. HSC operations are free of fossil fuels, powered instead by a solar array installed on the

building's roof. Heating, cooling, and hot water are entirely electric, and the building features a highly efficient variable refrigerant flow system.

Accepting the award is Kevin Bunker, Founder and Principal of Developers Collaborative.



The Northeastland Hotel project in Presque Isle is noteworthy for its groundbreaking approach to community development, where a nonprofit partnered with the private sector to drive economic growth and create new opportunities in Presque Isle. Ignite PI reimagined the Northeastland Hotel as a dynamic hub for innovation and economic growth. Haley Ward, served as the Lead Designer and Architect of Record, and played a pivotal role in this endeavor, collaborating with Bowerbird Design Collective as the Interior Designer and Nickerson & O'Day, Inc. as the Construction

Manager. The completion of Phase I in March 2023 marked a significant milestone for the renovation of over 8,900 square feet of space within the hotel. The repurposed Northeastland Hotel houses a coworking Innovation Center and revitalized common areas, including the restaurant, lobby, and staff rooms. This multifaceted approach not only modernizes the hotel but also transforms it into a vibrant space that fosters collaboration, entrepreneurship, and community engagement. The project highlights how a collaborative, forward-thinking approach can transform a community and its historical landmarks.

Accepting the award is Matthew Carter, Senior Project Architect of Haley Ward.

Johnson Hall Redevelopment, LLC, redeveloped Maine's oldest Opera Theater. Johnson Hall Opera House in Gardiner, the threestory brick Italianate building is a significant feature of Gardiner's Historic District with a fascinating history spanning over 150 years. The building received both interior and exterior renovations to all three floors with an installation of a new balcony. It was constructed in conformance with historic standards as set forth by the National Park Service, Maine Historical Preservation Commission standards and Gardiner Historical Society



requirements. Today the building features a 400-seat theater with state-of-the-art sound, lighting and projection equipment; a gracious lobby and concession area; and a green room for performers on the second floor; an expanded foyer and full-service box office on the ground floor; a renovated 100-seat theater on the lower level; and ADA compliant access throughout all floors with ramps, an elevator and a stage lift. During pre-construction and construction, over 37 consultants and businesses combined were engaged in the project. Johnson Hall Opera House is now an anchor to downtown hospitality businesses and an engine of economic opportunity. It will promote, create, and inspire artistic excellence through the presentation of world class entertainment and professional performing arts education to the Kennebec Valley.

Accepting the award is Stacey Morrison of Ganneston Construction, Mike Miclon of Johnson Hall, Inc, and Mike Lynn of Developers Collabortive.



Reveler Development's The Armature at Hanover Works in Portland is Portland's first and only lifestyle apartment complex. The mixed-use property opened for occupancy in November 2023 and is located in Portland's rapidly emerging West Bayside neighborhood, featuring 171 residential units, 10% of which is workforce housing, with integrated parking and 6,400 SF of commercial space. The Armature provides much-needed housing while also transforming the building's ground floor into a retail and dining hub within West Bayside. Once a mechanical garage and

surface parking lot for Portland's fleet of public works vehicles, the industrial history of the site inspired The Armature's name and branding. A ground-up construction project, The Armature

required an intensive construction timeline and was made possible by a collaborative effort with its project partners, including Penobscot General Contractors, Acorn Engineering, and Reveler's in-house construction team. The space was designed by Boston-based architecture firm Cube3. On the ground floor, The Armature's four commercial spaces will connect with local businesses along 82 Hanover Street, forming Hanover Works and fostering an indoor-outdoor neighborhood hub.

Accepting the award is Clay Maker, Co-President of Penobscot General Contractors and John Laliberte, Chief Executive Officer of Reveler Development.

MEREDA congratulates its 2023 Notable Project Award Recipients and thanks its Membership for their continued commitment to responsible development in Maine. Each project will be recognized with its own article in the Maine Real Estate Insider e-newsletter published by Mainebiz.

For more information on these impressive projects, please click here.

Election of Officers | Retirees Thank You | Welcome New Additions

MEREDA Elects 2024 - 2025 Officers

The Maine Real Estate & Development Association Board of Directors elected its 2024 / 2025 slate of officers which include President **Shannon Richards** of Hay Runner, Vice Presidents **Gary Vogel** of Drummond Woodsum, **Jennifer Small** of Malone Commercial Brokers, and **Jason Favreau** of BerryDunn, Treasurer **Mark Stasium** of Camden National Bank, and Secretary **Shelly R. Clark**, who also serves full time as MEREDA's Executive Director.

MEREDA Names President for 2024 - 2026



Portland resident, **Shannon Richards**, has been elected as President of MEREDA for a two-year term. Born and bred in Maine, Shannon has been an artist and entrepreneur since she was young, spending the last 20-plus years in the practice of designing and building, manifesting a life centered around creation. Shannon has produced hundreds of custom homes, commercial spaces, pieces of furniture and fixtures.



Shannon is the founder of Hay Runner, a real estate development company that provides services related to residential and commercial real estate transactions,

project management, design, construction, furnishing and produces design centric events. Hay Runner also provides brokerage services through its affiliation with Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty.

An active member of MEREDA, Shannon recently served as a MEREDA Vice President, co-chaired MEREDA's Conference Committee and continues to serve on its Executive Committee. Shannon joined the MEREDA board in 2019 and that same year, was selected to receive one of two MEREDA's Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Shannon is also part of the Greater Portland Board of Realtors, the Maine Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors.

MEREDA Board of Directors - Outgoing Board Members - Thank You!



Many Thanks to Our Retiring Board Members!

It is with the utmost respect and admiration that we extend our heartfelt thanks to our retiring board members. Their tireless efforts, unwavering dedication, and relentless pursuit of excellence have not only set a standard for others to follow but have also served as a beacon of inspiration for all of us. Working alongside these exceptional individuals has been a privilege, and we are profoundly thankful for the invaluable contributions they have made to our organization throughout the years.





Pictured Above, **Don McFadden** of McFadden Environmental, and left, **Bill Shad** of TD Bank with Shelly Clark, Executive Director of MEREDA.

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Many Thanks to Our Retiring Board Members!

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Kim Twitchell of NBT Bank and Bev Uhlenhake of Pierce Atwood with Past President of MEREDA Craig Young and Shelly Clark.

Below: Rebecca Greenfield, Pierce Atwood



Thank you, to all!

Welcome to our New Board Members

Jeremy Deering of Scarborough and Ron Dovich of Cumberland have been elected to the board of directors of the Maine Real Estate & Development Association (MEREDA), a statewide organization of commercial real estate owners, developers and related service providers.



Jeremy Deering is a Senior Vice President and Regional Commercial Banking Manager for the Maine Region for NBT Bank, based in Portland. He is a native Mainer who was born and raised in Central Maine. Jeremy graduated from the University of New England and began his banking career shortly thereafter. He has spent the last 25 years in the Banking industry, the vast majority of which has been focused on Commercial Banking.

Prior to the last five years at NBT Bank, Jeremy has enjoyed team leader roles in Commercial Banking at Bank of New Hampshire and Androscoggin Bank. Jeremy's professional interests include Construction, Development,

Commercial Real Estate, Family-Owned Businesses and Leadership. Jeremy is passionate about Maine, Maine people, and helping move Maine forward.

Ron Dovich is a Senior Relationship Manager for TD Bank serving clients throughout Maine. He is responsible for Developing new business and managing existing client portfolios with a focus on commercial real estate. Ron joined TD Bank in July of 2020. Prior to TD Ron worked for a Commercial Real Estate Development Firm in Houston, TX where they focused on Light Industrial business parks and NNN Retail properties.

Originally from Jacksonville, Florida, Ron served in the US Navy for 10 years as a Naval aviator, which included 3 years assigned to NAS Brunswick, ME, ultimately influencing he and his family to relocate back to Maine in 2020.

"We are excited to announce the addition of Jeremy and Ron to our board of directors. Their diverse backgrounds and expertise in real estate, development, and investment will bring immense value to our organization. MEREDA is committed to making a positive impact and with the passion and dedication of our board members, we will continue to do so," says Shelly R. Clark, Executive Director for MEREDA.



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Articles are not intended to be promotional in nature, but rather informational/educational items, trends, etc. that would be useful to the membership or general reader. The articles should be around 500 - 750 words, along with a photo or two (as appropriate).

Feel free to take a look at the articles archived on our website located <u>here</u>. If you are interested in providing content to the Maine Real Estate Insider, please send your submissions for consideration to Shelly R. Clark at the MEREDA office at info@mereda.org.

Upcoming MEREDA Events



Check out our Upcoming Events

<u>September 19, 2024</u> - Morning Menu Breakfast Event - Breakfast with City of Portland Mayor, Mark Dion

McGoldrick Career & Student Success Center, 35 Bedford Street, Portland, ME

<u>October 3, 2024</u> - DevelopME Committee's Lunch & Learn Event – Antitrust: Navigating Brokerage Relationships, Agreements, and Compensation - *Approved for 3 Broker Credits McGoldrick Career & Student Success Center, 35 Bedford Street, Portland, ME*

October 17, 2024 - Morning Menu Breakfast Event - To be Determined *McGoldrick Career & Student Success Center, 35 Bedford Street, Portland, ME*

November ___, **2024** - Morning Menu Breakfast Event - To be Determined *McGoldrick Career & Student Success Center, 35 Bedford Street, Portland, ME* **December 18, 2024** - Morning Menu Breakfast Event - To be Determined *McGoldrick Career & Student Success Center, 35 Bedford Street, Portland, ME*

January 15, 2025 - DevelopME Committee's Lunch & Learn Event – To be Determined McGoldrick Career & Student Success Center, 35 Bedford Street, Portland, ME

January 30, 2025 - Morning Menu Breakfast Event - To be Determined McGoldrick Career & Student Success Center, 35 Bedford Street, Portland, ME

February 27, 2025 - Annual Forecast Conference & Member Showcase *Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME*

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Looking for an effective way to enhance your business's visibility and gain exposure to potential clients and partners? Look no further than sponsoring an upcoming event with MEREDA!

MEREDA organizes and hosts a variety of events throughout the year, from our signature annual Forecast and Spring Conferences to networking receptions and seminars at various locations around the state.

By becoming a Sponsor, you'll receive exclusive opportunities to showcase your brand, connect with influential industry leaders, and position your organization as a top player in the commercial real



estate industry. Don't miss out on this chance to elevate your business's profile - sign up to become a MEREDA Sponsor today!

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Have an Idea for a MEREDA Event?

Feel free to share your ideas with the MEREDA office! We are always looking for suggestions for new topics and speakers.

Thank you to Norway Savings Bank for participating as MEREDA's 2024 - 2025 Morning Menu Breakfast Series Gold Sponsor!



Our Members are Invested in What we Do!

MEREDA's strength has always come from the support and participation of its valued members. Thanks to their continued support, we have become the leading voice for responsible real estate development in Maine, representing hundreds of commercial real estate owners, developers and related businesses, from architects and engineers to property managers, and more.

We are pleased to give special recognition to our Cornerstone and Sustainer Level Members. If you are interested in learning more about these levels of membership, please contact the MEREDA office.

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