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David Hediger
City Planner/Deputy Director Planning and Code Enforcement
City of Lewiston
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February 7, 2017

Dear Mr. Hediger,

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry thanks the City of Lewiston for submitting its revised Comprehensive Plan for our review for consistency with the Growth Management Act.

We've completed our review and I'm happy to report that we find the *Legacy Lewiston, City of Lewiston Comprehensive Plan*, revised December 2016, to be **consistent** with the Maine Growth Management Act. This finding will remain valid until 3/18/2027 - twelve years from the date of our original consistency finding.

We have previously noted the City's worthy efforts to engage its citizens in the planning process, and the resulting plan's reader-friendly graphic presentation. Here, we would also like to applaud the care that has gone into refining the original draft. We understand the Lewiston City Council unanimously adopted the revised plan on 1/17/2017, and we offer our congratulations to everyone involved.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, or if we can be of any assistance.

Sincere best wishes,

Phil Carey
Senior Planner
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cc (via email): John Maloney, Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments

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March 18, 2015

Robert Macdonald, Mayor
Bruce Damon, Planning Board Chair
City of Lewiston
27 Pine Street
Lewiston, ME 04240

Dear Mayor Macdonald and Mr. Damon;

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry thanks the City of Lewiston for submitting its proposed Comprehensive Plan, "Legacy Lewiston" for review for consistency with Maine's Growth Management Act.

Upon accepting your plan for review, we solicited comments from relevant state agencies and your regional planning organization. We subsequently received comments from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (Maine Forest Service), Department of Transportation and Department of Environmental Protection.

Those written comments were attached to our Notice of Incompleteness, dated 11/5/2014. In response to that notice and those written comments, the City submitted a revised plan via email on 3/5/2015. The revised plan includes the elements that we found were missing during our initial review.

We have now completed our review of the plan and are pleased to inform you that we find the March 2015 final draft "Lewiston Legacy" Comprehensive Plan to be **complete** and **consistent** with the Growth Management Act.

We again want to congratulate the City's comp planning committee, staff, consultants and citizens on its lively, inclusive and well-publicized planning process. As we noted in November, the format and graphics of the draft plan reflect that process very well. With the recent revisions, the plan not only remains visually appealing, forward-looking and a pleasure to read, but is now even more informative. Thanks to the skill and hard work of all involved, this plan will provide important guidance to the City's decision-makers for years to come.

Again, thank you for submitting your plan for our review. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 287-3860 or phil.carey@maine.gov if you have any questions.

Sincere Best Wishes,

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