

APPENDIX C

CULTURAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

INTRODUCTION

The Bath Region is fortunate to have a wide array of cultural and nongovernmental resources for its residents. These resources contribute greatly to the quality of life in Bath. The following table lists the names, descriptions, and contacts for many of them. Internet links for most are also available on the City of Bath and Main Street Bath web sites.

Organization Name	Contact Information	Mission	Service Population	Service Area	Number of Employees, Members, or Clients
Bath Area Family YMCA	303 Centre Street Bath, ME 04530 443-4112 bathymca@gwi.net , www.bathymca.org	To promote the health and well-being of individuals and communities	All service area community members	Bath, Brunswick, Topsham, Phippsburg, Woolwich, Georgetown, Arrowsic, West Bath	100-125 employees
University College of Bath/Brunswick	7 Park Street Bath, ME 04530 442-7736 www.maine.edu/ucbb	To provide support services and local access to college classes and degrees	Diverse array of learners, both seeking and not seeking college credit	Freeport to Boothbay	6 full-time, 15-45 part-time employees
Midcoast Senior College	7 Park Street Bath, ME 04530 442-7349 www.midcoastseniorcollege.org	To provide curriculum of intellectually stimulating learning opportunities and special activities for persons 50 years of age or older	Persons who are at least 50 years of age	Freeport to Boothbay	200 students
Patten Free Library	33 Summer Street Bath, ME 04530 443-5141 www.patten.lib.me.us	To provide library services and programming	Residents of the service area communities	Bath, Georgetown, Arrowsic, Woolwich, Phippsburg, West Bath	10 full-time employees
Friends of Patten Free Library	33 Summer Street Bath, ME 04530 443-5141	To promote the services of the library by sponsoring programs for all ages and providing financial support	All members of the Patten Free Library	Bath, Georgetown, Arrowsic, Woolwich, Phippsburg, West Bath	160 member households

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Salvation Army	25 Congress Avenue Bath, ME 04530	To provide social and religious services	General community members	Midcoast Maine	2 employees
Rotary Club of Bath	P.O. Box 313 Bath, ME 04530	World peace and understanding, service above self, financial support to community projects	Local and world-wide community	Bath	46 members
Maine Maritime Museum	243 Washington Street Bath, ME 04530 443-1316 www.bathmaine.com	To collect, preserve, and interpret materials relating to the maritime history of Maine	Members, families, school groups, community members	Midcoast Maine and general Maine tourism	9 part-time employees, 3 seasonal employees
Maine Maritime Museum Volunteers	243 Washington Street Bath, ME 04530 443-1316 www.bathmaine.com	To assist the Maine Maritime Museum in its mission	Provides services to the museum	The museum	
Elmhurst, Inc.	400 Centre Street Bath, ME 04530 443-9783 www.elmhurstmaine.com , elmhurst@gwi.net	To provide support services to individuals with developmental disabilities and autism	Individuals with developmental disabilities and autism	Lisbon to Boothbay Harbor	115 employees, 80 clients
Mid Coast Hospital	123 Medical Center Drive Brunswick, ME 04011	To provide quality health care and health-related services directed toward continually improving the health and well-being of the patients and communities	About 100,000 people in the Midcoast Maine area	Midcoast Maine	94 beds; more than 130 doctors plus support staff
Lanyard Theatre	20 Sunset Lane Portland, ME 04102 773-2727 KSunsetLane@aol.com	To provide world-premiere productions, exploring the complex dynamics of our global community	Anyone interested in the subject of our productions	Bath and surrounding communities	Paid casts, directors, crew (sizes vary by production)
Studio Theatre	P.O. Box 710 Bath, ME 04530	To provide semi-professional theatrical performances (305 per year)	Audiences from Portland to Rockland; casts typically from Bath and surrounding communities	Midcoast Maine	6-8 volunteers, 20-25 members, cast and crew paid depending on production

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Bath Housing Authority	80 Congress Avenue Bath, ME 04530 443-3116	To help meet affordable housing needs	Low- and very low- income persons	Bath and a 10-mile radius	10 employees, 263 clients
Midcoast Maine Community Action	34 Wing Parkway Bath, ME 04530 442-7963	MMCA is a community action organization advocating on behalf of low-income and other at-risk individuals, assisting them to identify and address their needs, enabling them to achieve self-sufficiency and independence. MMCA actively promotes economics and community development of the businesses and communities in the Midcoast area where individuals and families reside.	Low- and very low-income families and individuals	Northern Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox and Waldo Counties	MMCA currently has a staff of 94. This past year, 15,628 individuals and 5,955 families were provided with services.
Pine Tree Society	149 Front Street Bath, ME 04530 443-3341 www.pinetreesociety.org info@pinetreesociety.org	To provide Maine children with disabilities the opportunities and the means to create better lives for themselves and their families	Individuals with disabilities	State of Maine	
Bath Historical Society	Patten Free Library Sagadahoc History and Genealogy Room 33 Summer Street Bath, ME 04530 www.patten.lib.me.us	The collection and preservation of local history, including genealogy and the sharing of these resources	Those interested in the history of Bath and the genealogy of its families	City of Bath	5-10 volunteers, 200 members

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Sagadahoc Preservation, Inc.	880 Washington Street Bath, ME 04530 443-2174	To preserve and maintain the Bath area's fine architectural heritage through the creation of a historic district commission, the promotion of stewardship, and the use of protective covenants	All residents of Bath and surrounding towns who are interested in historic preservation	Lower Kennebec County	0 employees, approximately 175 members
Chocolate Church Arts Center	798 Washington Street Bath, ME 04530 442-8455 www.chocolatechurcharts.org	To provide afford-able, accessible programming that would otherwise be unavailable to resi-dents and visitors in our region. To bring the visual and performing arts to the Midcoast and surrounding regions of Maine. The preservation of the Arts Center's historic buildings that are an integral part of historic Bath. .Make the Chocolate Church Arts Center a destination venue for those seeking entertainment, exposure to, and participation in the visual and performing arts. Contribute to the regional economy.	CCAC provides programs and events to more than 7,000 patrons annually	Sagadahoc, Androscoggin, Knox, Lincoln, Cumberland, and Kennebec Counties	1 full-time, 2 part-time, numerous volunteers

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Lower Kennebec Regional Land Trust	P.O. Box 1128 Bath, ME 04530 442-8400 www.lkrlt.org	To promote for public benefit the preservation and enhancement of natural and other resources in the Lower Kennebec Region	General public living in or visiting the area	Georgetown, Arrowsic, Woolwich, Bath, West Bath, Westport Island, and around the estuaries of the Kennebec and Sheepscot Rivers	1.75 full-time, 10 volunteers
Friends of Merry-meeting Bay	P.O. Box 233 Richmond, ME 04357 666-3372 www.friendsofmerry-meetingbay.org	Preserve, protect, and improve the unique ecosystems of Merrymeeting Bay through education, research, advocacy, land conservation, and membership activities	General public living in or visiting the area	Merrymeeting Bay—the confluence of Androscoggin, Kennebec, Eastern, Abagadasset, Cathance, and Muddy Rivers	2 employees, 100 volunteers, 350 members
Bath Area Food Bank	United Church of Christ 150 Congress Avenue Bath, ME 04530	To provide food for needy individuals and families	Families and individuals in need living in the Greater Bath Area	Greater Bath Area	40 volunteers/month, 400-450 food boxes/month
Bath Area Soup Kitchen	First Baptist Church 851 Washington Street Bath, ME 04530	To provide three meals per week to those in need	Families and individuals in need living in the Greater Bath Area	Greater Bath Area	60 volunteers/month, 1,800 meals served/month
Bath Area Clothing Exchange	Corliss Street Baptist Church 402 Middle Street Bath, ME 04530	To provide used clothing to those in need	Families and individuals in need living in the Greater Bath Area	Greater Bath Area	25-30 volunteers/month, 75-100 visitors/month
Tri-County Literacy	2 Sheridan Road Bath, ME 04530 443-6384 877-885-7441 tricityliteracy@tricityliteracy.org, www.tricityliteracy.com	To improve people's lives through two literacy programs: Literacy Volunteers Adult Literacy and Read with Me Family Literacy Project	Adults who could benefit from the services and families of children attending Head Start, Kindergarten, and 1st grade in Bath	Midcoast Maine (Bath and 38 other communities in Sagadahoc, Cumberland, and Lincoln Counties)	9 part-time employees, 75 adults served, 250 children and 350 adults

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Bath Area Senior Center	45 Floral Street Bath, ME 04530 443-4937	To provide a place of meeting for their mutual benefit, pleasure, and amusement; to afford a means of contact with others; to keep alive old friendships and to make new	Senior citizens (55+) in the Greater Bath Area	Greater Bath Area	50 volunteers, 419 members
Bath Adult Education	826 High Street Bath, ME 04530 443-8255 www.bathpublicschools.com/bes/body	To provide Bath residents with a number of critical adult education services, including GED preparation, high school diploma certification, college preparation, and vocational training	Adults interested in additional scholastic opportunities	Greater Bath Area residents	Enrollment and number of teachers varies each term
Five Rivers Arts Alliance	108 Main Street Brunswick, ME 04011 798-6964 www.fiveriversartsalliance.org	To connect regional arts, culture, and heritage through advocacy, education, promotion, and celebration	Residents of Bath and surrounding communities interested in the arts	Bath, West Bath, Phippsburg, Woolwich, Arrowsic, Georgetown, Harpswell, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, and Brunswick	1 employee, 14-member board, several hundred members
Habitat For Humanity/7 Rivers Maine	108 Centre Street Bath, ME 04530 386-5081 www.hfh7riversmaine.org	A division of Habitat for Humanity International, which "seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action"	Low-income individuals and families in need of housing assistance	31 communities extending along the coast from Brunswick to Bremen and inland to Richmond	6-7 staff, 17-member board, 50-60 businesses / organizational partnerships, hundreds of volunteers

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Main Street Bath	4 Centre Street Bath, ME 04530 442-7291 www.visitbath.com	Revitalization of traditional downtowns to enhance the appearance and economic stability of the commercial district and to improve community pride and quality of life for residents and visitors	Property owners, business owners, in Downtown Bath	Downtown Bath	2 staff, 11-member board, hundreds of volunteers
Tedford Housing	P.O. Box 958 14 Middle Street Brunswick, ME 04011 729-1161 www.tedfordshelter.org	Works to end homelessness in Midcoast Maine by providing—in collaboration with others—shelter, housing, and services to those in need		All of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties, Cumberland County south to Freeport, and Androscoggin County north to Lisbon	20 staff, 20-member board, number of volunteers varies
Bath Farmers Market	Karen Sparrow Sparrow Farm Route 126 Pittston, ME	To provide customers in Bath and the Midcoast the best quality farm-fresh produce	Midcoast Maine	Midcoast Maine	15 vendors

PLANNING IMPLICATIONS OF THE CULTURAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

1. A review of this inventory finds that many organizations, both cultural and social services, are regional. It would seem that the population needed to support each effort—whether as participants, volunteers, or financial donors—is achieved by grouping several towns together. Also, the traffic patterns of Southern Midcoast Maine residents usually include several area towns; therefore, the regional groupings are a natural outcome.
2. Communication is key to making the most of the resources available. One of the most effective ways is with current organizational web sites. With this in place, the City of Bath, Main Street Bath, and Patten Free Library can assist inquiries by identifying links. Attempts at a coordinated community calendar have only been partial. Keeping information current must be the responsibility of the specific organization, not a central body.
3. Appendix A, the Demographics Inventory, describes a growing number of older residents, many of whom are retired. Service and cultural organizations may need to revise their programs to stay relevant. A positive effect of the additional retirees is the availability of more volunteers.