

**NOTICE OF ZONING PETITION
BY THE MAINE LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION**

This is to notify you that the Maine Land Use Planning Commission of 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0022 has initiated a zoning petition, pursuant to the provisions of 12 M.R.S. Section 685-A(8-A), for its adoption by reference of certain Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Knox and Hancock Counties as listed in the proposed draft of Appendix E of the Commission's *Chapter 10 Land Use Districts and Standards* and its adoption of a related revision of the Land Use Guidance Maps for affected minor civil divisions in those counties. The LUPC sent letters out notifying landowners and interested parties in its Knox and Hancock County service area regarding FEMA's release of the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for these counties, and about the associated comment and appeal period for the preliminary maps in July of 2014. In January of 2016, FEMA issued its letters of final determination on the maps. The LUPC's adoption of the final maps is required by FEMA so that the communities served by the Commission may participate in the federal flood insurance program. Landowners in the unorganized territories of Knox and Hancock Counties should review the final maps to see if any map revisions affect their property.

The petition and the proposed draft of Appendix E will be filed for public inspection at the Maine Land Use Planning Commission offices in Bangor and Augusta on February 26, 2016.

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Written comments from interested persons should be sent to the Bangor office of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission (address above) before the end of the public comment period, March 28, 2016. Comments in rebuttal to those received in the public comment period will be accepted until April 4, 2016.

Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing to the Commission in a timely manner. The Commission prefers that requests for a public hearing be submitted by the end of the public comment period. Requests for a public hearing must clearly state the reasons for why a public hearing is warranted on this petition.

For information on how to request a public hearing or for additional information, contact the Maine Land Use Planning Commission staff at the Bangor office or the Augusta office.