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JACK CASHMAN
COMMISSIONER

October 26, 2004

Robert P. Clark, Executive Director
Northern Maine Development Commission
11 West Presque Isle Road
Caribou, Maine 04736



Dear Mr. Clark:

We have concluded our review of the final application you submitted on behalf of the Aroostook County Pine Tree Zone (ARPTZ). You have satisfactorily addressed our areas of concern. Our review of your development program indicated that ARPTZ currently has 13 parcels and 4,062 acres. A copy of the approved list is attached. As was suggested previously to you, given the high acre total, you may want to take advantage of the policy decision that encourages identifying "developable" acres rather than total acres.

The remaining item that was referenced in the preliminary designation letter was the municipal documentation that would need to be provided to us in order for the zone to receive "final" zone designation. All municipal documentation needed to fulfill this requirement has been provided to our office.

I am pleased to inform you that the Aroostook County Pine Tree Zone has achieved final designation status. A Certification of Final Designation is enclosed. All changes to the zone, including but not limited to, municipalities choosing to be included in or removed from a zone, acreage changes, etc. must follow the amendment process. A copy of the amendment procedure is enclosed for your reference.

I wish to thank you and your staff for the outstanding effort put forth to coordinate achievement of final designation status for the Aroostook County Pine Tree Zone.

Sincerely,


Jack Cashman
Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: Alain Ouellette, Business Development Specialist
Brian Longstaff, Business Development Specialist
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Jeff Sosnaud
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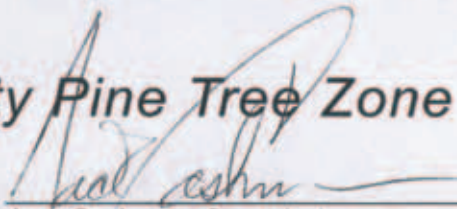
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Certificate of Final Designation

Aroostook County Pine Tree Zone



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