Regional Coordination Program

Shared Resources

Dresden shares a number of services and resources with neighboring communities and will continue working cooperatively with these communities to manage current and any future services and resources. There are no known conflicts with neighboring communities' policies and strategies. Shared services, resources and facilities include, but may not be limited to:

Bridge Academy – This facility serves as a town library, enrichment and community center.

Code Enforcement – Dresden holds a contract to share the services of the Richmond Code Officer.

Fire Protection Services – Due to a Mutual Aid Agreement, fire protection services are shared among the towns of Dresden, Bowdoinham, Litchfield, Pittston Phippsburg, Richmond, South Gardiner, Wiscasset, Woolwich, the city of Bath and all of Lincoln County.

Emergency Management System - In the spring of 1995, after two years of planning, a unified county-wide repeater network system was established. The Lincoln County EMS links all fire, ambulance, and police departments on a one-button paging frequency (155.985) that can be used in situations such as mass casualty or disasters, mutual aid, radiological and hazardous materials incidents, etc.

Emergency Dispatch – The Lincoln County Regional Communication Center provides emergency dispatching services for the entire county including the town of Dresden.

Education – Dresden, Farmingdale, Hallowell, Monmouth and Richmond make up RSU#2/KIDSRUS (Kennebec Intra-district Schools Regional School Unit). Services cover pre-kindergarten through fifth grade provided at Dresden's elementary school, and grades six through twelve at Hall-Dale Middle and High School located in Farmingdale.

Solid Waste Management Services – Dresden citizens use the Richmond Holding Area as disposal locations for white goods, bulky goods, tires, clean wood, or brush, demolition debris, clean metal and the Richmond Universal Waste Storage for disposal of TV's, computers, monitors, fluorescent bulbs, and items containing mercury. The city of Bath provides an alternative disposal location for the aforementioned items with the exception of yard waste. It also annually offers a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day open to Arrowsic, Bath, Dresden, Georgetown, Harpswell, Topsham, West Bath and Woolwich residents.

Dresden Recycling Center – Richmond and Dresden residents utilize the Recycling Center and Swap Shop which offers donated household items and clothing free to community members.

Food Bank – The Richmond Area Food Pantry is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which serves the towns of Richmond, Dresden and Bowdoinham providing food to low income individuals and families.

Route 27 – This is a State maintained highway that passes though Dresden Mills which runs from Boothbay Harbor, through August and further north to Coburn Gore at the Canadian border.

Route 197 – This is a State maintained highway that intersects RT 27 at Dresden Mills and passes over the Eastern River (Middle Bridge) and over the Kennebec River on the newly constructed , (2014), Maine Kennebec Bridge; continues west though Richmond, Litchfield and intersects with RT 126 in Sabattus.

Route 127 (Middle Rd) - This is State maintained in summer months and by the Town of Dresden for winter maintenance. Its southern intersection is with RT 1 in Woolwich, and runs north to intersect with RT 197 and onto RT 27 at Dresden Mills.

Route 126 (River Rd & Cedar Grove Rd) - This is State maintained in summer months and by the Town of Dresden for winter maintenance. Its southern intersection is with RT 127 in Woolwich (River Rd), and runs north and parallel with the Kennebec River with a major intersection across RT 197 (Cedar Grove Rd), and ends its northern point intersecting with RT 27.

Note: For detailed information on ALL roads in Dresden see the Transportation Chapter in this plan.

Kennebec River – This river forms the western shore boundary for the entire length of Dresden and Woolwich. It forms the eastern shore boundary for Richmond, and Bowdoinham. Swan Island resides in the river between Dresden and Richmond and is managed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife situated in between.

Dresden Fire and Rescue Incident Response Totals					
Incident Type	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2013-2014
Structure fire	1	0	2	1	0
Vehicle / other fire	1	4	4	0	0
Grass / woods / brush fire	4	3	0	3	2
Motor vehicle accident	27	41	43	50	37
Wires / trees down	9	10	8	9	25
CO2 / smoke alarm investigate	5	5	7	3	3
EMS assist	0	4	2	2	1
Fire investigation	1	1	1	0	0
Life flight assist	0	1	0	0	0
Chimney fire	0	1	1	3	2
Flooded roads / basements	3	2	2	0	1
Other fire / hazards	1	1	0	1	6
Water search / rescue	1	0	2	0	2
Ground search – missing person	1	0	1	1	0
Citizen / other assist	1	5	2	1	3
Severe weather preparedness	2	0	0	1	1
Mutual aid to other towns					
Richmond	4	5	6	5	10
Wiscasset	1	2	7	2	1
Woolwich	1	2	7	2	2
Pittston	1	2	1	0	2
Bath	0	0	0	0	0

West Bath	0	0	1	2	0
Boothbay	0	0	0	0	0
Bowdoinham	0	1	0	4	4
Bowdoin	1	0	0	0	0
Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0
Georgetown	0	0	0	0	0
Litchfield	1	0	0	1	0
Farmingdale	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	**66**	**90**	**92**	**91**	**103**