



# City of Auburn, Maine

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To: Auburn Planning Board  
From: Katherine A. Cook, Planning Coordinator  
Re: Resolve directing the Planning Board to provide an opinion on whether to eliminate the income standard and current strip zoning limitations in all areas outside the Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay.  
Date: October 11, 2022

**Proposal:** City Council directs the Planning Board after consultation from the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board to provide an opinion and deliver recommendations to the City Council no later than March 20, 2023, on whether to eliminate the income standard and the current strip zoning limitations in all areas outside of the Lake Auburn Watershed overlay.

### Planning Board Action:

Hold a workshop on the timeline and process to support making a recommendation to council.

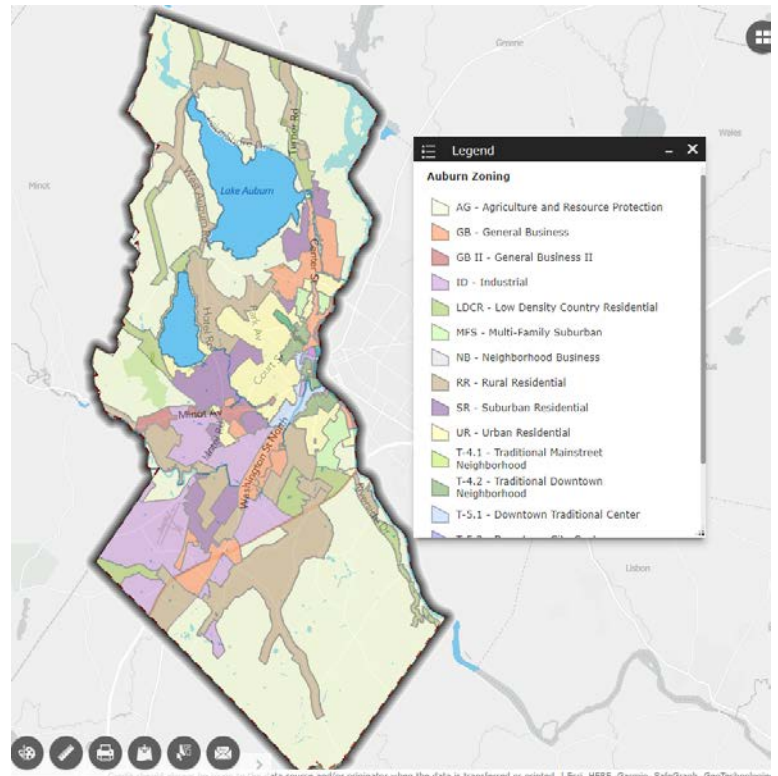
### Upcoming Planning Board Meetings:

- November 15, 2022
- December 13, 2022
- January 10, 2023
- February 14, 2023
- March 14, 2023

### Background

The planning board has been asked to deliver a recommendation as to whether it should keep or remove the requirement that a certain percentage of household income should be generated from agricultural operations as a prerequisite to building a single-family home in the Agriculture and Resource Protection (AG) zone which makes up approximately 40% of the city's land area. The following links and attachments provide background and context.

- Auburn's 2021 Comprehensive Plan- -See Future Land Use, Food Access and Ag-Economy Chapters <https://www.auburnmaine.gov/pages/government/comprehensive-plan>
- Chapter 60 Article IV Division 2- Agriculture and Resource Protection District [https://library.municode.com/me/auburn/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH60ZO\\_ARTIVDIRE\\_DIV2AGREPRDI](https://library.municode.com/me/auburn/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH60ZO_ARTIVDIRE_DIV2AGREPRDI)
- Resolve 06-09062022 (Attached)
- H.P. 1489- L.D. 2003 (Attached)



- LD 2003 Guidance  
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