

City of Auburn, Maine

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To: Auburn Planning Board From: Megan Norwood, City Planner

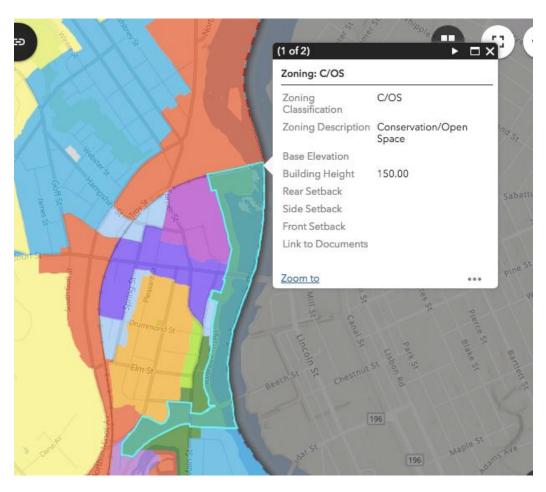
Re: Proposed Amendment to Explain the Purpose of the Conservation/Open Space FBC District

Date: March 25, 2021

I. PROPOSAL: The City has five "transects" under the Form-Based Code, all of which have intent/purpose and space/bulk requirements except for Transect 6 which is the Conservation/Open Space FBC District. This area of the City is primarily the riverwalk (see map below). We recently had a CMP proposal to replace some infrastructure in that area and realized we do not have anything explained in the ordinance about what this transect is supposed to be. Staff suggests the following purpose statement:

Section 60-553 (Currently Reserved -> Intent/Purpose)

The Conservation/Open Space District is reserved for natural resource and compatible open space uses such as agriculture and forestry, low-intensity recreation, facilities that provide water access and similar low impact uses.



II. DEPARTMENT REVIEW:

- Police No Comments
- Auburn Water and Sewer No Comments
- Fire Department/Code Enforcement No Comments

- Engineering No Comments
- Public Services No Comments
- Airport No Comments
- 911 No Comments

II. PLANNING BOARD ACTION/STAFF SUGGESTIONS: Staff suggests the Planning Board offer a recommendation to the City Council to amend the ordinance language as follows:

Section 60-553 (Intent/Purpose)

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