

# **Town of Mount Desert Scenic Resources Project**

## **Draft Project Tasks and Timelines**

*Project Overview: To develop an approach to identifying the town's scenic resources that assists the Planning Board with the promotion and management of community scenic character and important scenic resources.*

### **Part 1 – Scenic Inventory**

The scenic inventory will be a written document that identifies the community's important scenic resources. The inventory development will follow a similar process as outlined in the Scenic Assessment Handbook developed by the Maine State Planning Office. Generally the steps could include:

- A review of existing inventories and past efforts from the planning board (HCPC Report, Acadia National Park, Planning Board Sites, Comp Plan)
- Developing local maps in GIS format and adding existing inventoried sites to these maps.
- Map analysis – as described in the Handbook. This is “essentially” a desktop exercise.
- Public process - in the form of meetings targeted at discussing scenic resources
- An advisory group Discussions - representatives from other organizations and citizens
- Field Evaluations – Taking the information from the previous task and evaluating them in the field, with pictures, etc. Possible training needed.

Possible Benefits:

- Foundation for the regulatory approach
- Infrastructure and tourism decisions
- Land acquisition efforts
- Maintaining community scenic character when considering impacts of development or tracking cumulative impacts over time.

### **Part 2 – Regularity Work**

2A: Immediate needs evaluation – evaluation of any immediate needs for ordinance in 2012

2B: Long term needs based on results from part 1 – examples include developing architectural standards for ridgeline protection,

	Start Date	Duration (Days)	End Date
Task 1 – Review Goals and Tasks	12/8/11	32	1/9/12
Task 2 – Amendments for 2012 (TENTATIVE)	12/8/11	151	5/7/12
Task 3 – Review existing studies, Generate Maps	1/9/12	28	2/6/12
Task 4 – Desktop Mapping	2/6/12	85	5/1/12
Task 5 – Public Process		0	
Task 6 – Advisory Group		0	
Task 7 – Field Work/Training	5/1/12	122	8/31/12
Task 8 – Final Report	9/1/12	90	11/30/12
Task 9 – 2013 Land Use Changes (Tentative)	9/1/12	121	12/31/12