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Cumberland County

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Portland, ME 04062

Signature Report

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Adoption of Cumberland County’s Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Study.

Background and Purpose of Request:

Under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that all Entitlement Communities conduct an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Study within their jurisdiction and update this study every several years. Cumberland County partnered with the City of Portland to hire a consultant, Root Policy Research, to complete this study for all of Cumberland County. The findings of this study can be seen as a tool for municipalities across the county to address zoning, land use, and DEI policies that may contribute to unfair housing practices.

The Executive Summary of the Analysis of Impediment to Fair Housing study is attached. The full study is available on the County’s Community Development page under “Plans and Reports” and can also be downloaded by [clicking here](#)

<https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/6976eb32-88c4-4cf7-9910-e51d736907aa>.

Staff Contact: Kristin Styles, Community Development Director

Presentation: No

Fiscal Impact and Source:

The study was paid for using HOME-ARP administration funds. The study cost \$97,620.00 which was split evenly between Cumberland County and the City of Portland.

Effective Date if Applicable:

May 9, 2023

At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners on 5/8/2023, a motion was made by James Cloutier, seconded by Susan Witonis, that this Order be ADOPTED. The motion passed.

Yes: 5 Chair Jamieson, Commissioner Cloutier, Commissioner Witonis, Commissioner Gorden, and Commissioner Smith

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Chair Jamieson
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