



**Forest Products Industry**  
*The lifeblood of our communities*

## Our Mission

The Mission of the Ashland Economic Development Committee is to promote the development and attraction of a quality workforce in support to current and future needs of regional employers.

The Route 11 Corridor is home to:

- Maibec Mill
- Eco-Shell
- Katahdin Log Homes
- Re-Energy
- Maine Woods Company
- Portage Wood Products
- Beaver Brook Mill
- Maine Cedar Store
- Moosewood Millworks
- Northeast Pellets
- Driscoll Diesel
- Rafford Trucking
- Clark Trucking
- And many others!

## History

### Chronology:

- Started in fall of 2015 when area employers expressed needs for skilled labor workforce.
- An employer survey was conducted in January 2016.
- The survey of findings was shared with area employers in April 2016.
- A stakeholder meeting was held in September 2016.

## Way Ahead

Critical Path developed to address workforce needs:

- MSAD 32 conducts a job fair in December 2016
- Cooperative effort with local mills to start part-time employment of students
- Conduct a student survey
- Explore options with area CTEs
- Explore opportunities with area educational delivery systems to have an Adult Education, area students in an Ashland setting to take full advantage of local training/resource opportunities
- Address need for qualified training (paramount for employers)

## Opportunities

There are opportunities to grow the Route 11 Corridor economy given our strong presence of forest products industries and small businesses that directly support them.

### The area offers:

- ✓ Affordable Housing
- ✓ Jobs (for both spouses)
- ✓ Modern School that showcases its Academics, Music, Arts and Sports
- ✓ Four Season Recreation
- ✓ A Great Quality of Life

## Committee Members

Don Tardie - Chair  
Ralph Dwyer  
David Basley  
Kevin Bushey



## GET INVOLVED



Whether you already live and work in the area or are thinking about moving here, the Ashland area has much to offer for small business owners, families and visitors. The Economic Development Committee wants to hear from you on how to improve workforce initiatives in support to our local employers and what our communities can do to support all stakeholders in improving the economic stability and growth of our area and its businesses.

## WHO WE ARE

### Our North Maine Wood Heritage



Polling wood on a stream compared to modern harvesting methods.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Economic Development Committee



## Route 11 Corridor Oxbow to Portage, Maine

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