



Hancock County has Acadia National Park and other natural beauty; mountains, islands, Penobscot and Union River Watersheds, night skies--all making for great recreation and providing inspiration for millions.

The tourism, agricultural, maritime, and service industries provide the bulk of employment opportunity. Part of the ongoing work to keep these industries robust is water quality protection. Each of our 37 municipalities and associated agencies, along with our residents in the Unorganized Territories, contributes to keeping watershed surface and groundwater clean and potable, knowing its importance.

HC has some of the best schools in Maine at all educational levels, both public and private, including Maine Maritime Academy and College of the Atlantic.

All religious denominations have a welcoming home here.

I love the blend of rural and urban lifestyles, including endless cultural and community involvement opportunities. The cold North Atlantic Ocean's waters govern a climate that unites residents with a common purpose. Life here can be exciting and relaxing all in a day. Our elected officials continually strive to serve and protect their constituents, both fiscally and with their polices.

Maine offers a combination of lifestyle and civic opportunities that most states can't match, and which revitalize its economy. These include same-sex marriage, legal cannabis use, publicly-funded elections, and ranked-choice voting.

Hancock County has a strong ethic for sustainability as evidenced by regional planning, shellfish alliances, local food sovereignty ordinances, beverage container and household recycling, and fee-per-bag solid waste disposal. Many of these aspects begin with neighbors wanting to make a difference. Community relations are valued strongly everywhere.

Goals for new developments exist mainly because of natural resource conservation. These include tidal and solar energy manufacturing and production, conversion of manufacturing facilities to aquaculture, textile production from farm-raised livestock, organic meat and vegetable cultivation, farm to market, table, and institutional.

Other development goals are low income housing, public transit, bikeways/pedestrian paths, fiber optic broadband expansion, and small-locally owned sustainable business propagation, such as retail, home revitalization, and other climate change contingencies. Opportunity for consultants and engineers in these endeavors abound. Affordable housing development is essential, made possible by continual advocacy for living wages and respect for labor.

Major events are based on natural cycles, that have earned reputations for quality and fun experiences for individuals of all ages and their families. These include the annual Night Skies, Harvest, Winter, Lobster Festivals, Community Celebration, Lamoine and Blue Hill Community Arts Fall Productions, Poinsettia Ball, Acadia NP and Schoodic Institute educational series, to name a few.

HC Major Employers are Jackson Laboratory, School Districts, Healthcare Systems, and Hospitals.