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Lisa J. Goodwin, Town Manager  
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Town of Lincoln  
63 Main Street  
Lincoln, ME 04457

Dear Ms. Goodwin and Mr. Phinney,

Congratulations! We are happy to inform you that the State Planning Office finds the 2011 Lincoln Comprehensive Plan to be **consistent** with Maine's Growth Management Act. Thanks to the hard work of your comprehensive planning committee, its consultants, Town staff and all the citizens who were involved, this plan will offer very useful guidance to the Town's decision-makers for years to come. We found this plan to be particularly thorough, thoughtful and well-written.

Our finding of consistency is based on our review of the January 2012 draft of the plan and the inclusion in it of text and map revisions that identify the habitat of the threatened Tidewater Mucket freshwater mussel species present in Cold Stream Pond.

We recognize your plan's many strengths and our finding is not conditional, however we invite the planning committee to consider revising the plan to incorporate suggestions contained in the state agency review comments that were attached to our 3/15/12 Notice of Completeness. Our finding of consistency extends to any revisions made pursuant to those agency suggestions, and such revisions may be adopted by the Town without further SPO review.

Again, please accept our congratulations and don't hesitate to contact me at 624-6216 or [phil.carey@maine.gov](mailto:phil.carey@maine.gov) with any questions you may have about our review or steps you can take towards implementing your plan.

Sincere Best Wishes,

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