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Tony:

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has awarded GPCOG a Housing Opportunity Program Service Provider Grant that will allow us to proceed with the proposed site analysis for affordable housing development as detailed in our application:

The Town of Casco is finalizing a comprehensive plan that identifies two village areas as priority growth centers: the Pike's Corner neighborhood and the Cooks Mills neighborhood. Both are expected to support denser housing and mixed-use development than has generally occurred in Casco over the last several decades.

GPCOG will identify four specific priority parcels as strong candidates for both housing development and for catalyzing additional development within the area. GPCOG will also compare the potential for context-sensitive development of these sites against the restrictions imposed upon them by relevant zoning.

The deliverables for this project will include a report providing analysis and recommended next steps, including:


- *identification of each of the four priority parcels;*
- *explanations of the associated opportunities and constraints identified by GPCOG; and*
- *suggested edits to relevant zoning and performance standards.*

The report will be informed by community engagement activities (i.e., visioning session, community workshop, survey, etc.) following GPCOG's Public Involvement Plan.

At this time, I ask for the Town to provide a municipal point of contact for this project as we will be trying to schedule a kickoff meeting by early November.

Thank you,

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