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# TESTIMONY BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

#### **IN SUPPORT OF LD 2033**

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey a Parcel of Land in the Town of Woodstock

### January 3, 2024

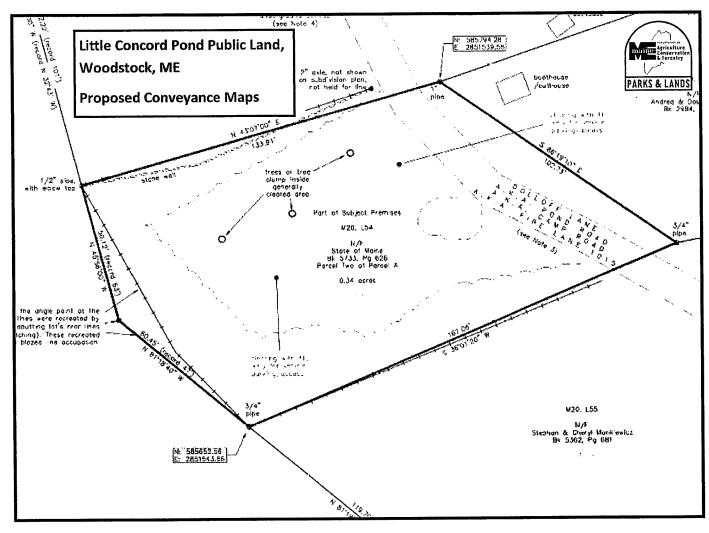
Senator Ingwersen, Representative Pluecker, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, my name is Andy Cutko, and I am the Director of the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands (BPL) within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF). I am speaking on behalf of the Department in favor of LD 2033, "Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey a Parcel of Land in the Town of Woodstock," and I want to thank Senator Keim for sponsoring this bill.

DACF endorses selling 0.34 acres of Public Reserved Land in the town of Woodstock. This land was acquired in 2022 as a small, disjunct part of a larger 175-acre acquisition. This 0.34-acre parcel is adjacent to a residence and provides no unique ecological or recreational value to the state. The Bureau proposes to sell the parcel at fair market value. Proceeds from the sale will be deposited in BPL's Oxford County Acquisitions Account to purchase conservation lands elsewhere in the county.

We are unaware of any significant concerns or opposition to the proposed sale. I would be glad to answer any questions.

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(Above) Survey Map of 0.34 Acre Noncontiguous Lot Proposed for Conveyance.

(Below) Survey Map Showing the 0.34 Acre Lot Proposed for Conveyance in the Context of the Main Acquisition Parcel

