



The Greater Portland Council of Governments

Presents

Toward a Sustainable Regional Economy

March 27, 2009

Program

- 7:45 Registration – coffee and refreshments
- 8:15 Welcome – Paul J. McKenney, GPCOG President
- 8:20 Quick Overview of GPCOG – Neal W. Allen, GPCOG Executive Director
- 8:30 Key Note Presentation – Michael Shuman
- 9:30 Q & A with Michael Shuman
- 10:00 **BREAK** – Refreshments available
Please take this opportunity to fill out the Forum survey.
- 10:30 Panel Discussion: Example Businesses in Southern Maine – Are they Sustainable? Why did they choose Maine? Challenges?
- Moderator:**
Dr. Richard Barringer, Muskie School of Public Service, Governor's Council on Maine's Quality of Place
- Panelists:**
- Michael Shuman, Author, Attorney, Economist, Entrepreneur
 - Marty Grohman, President, Correct Building Products
 - Mary Allen Lindemann, Co-Owner, Coffee By Design
 - Mark McAuliffe, Apothecary by Design and PeRx-U-Up Cafe
- 11:30 Wrap Up – Dr. Richard Barringer
Final Thoughts and Overview of Governor's Council on Maine's Quality of Place
- 12:15 Door Prizes – Paul J. McKenney, GPCOG President
- 12:30 Thank You and Adjourn

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GPCOG Sustainability Principles

As adopted by the GPCOG Executive Committee – October 2008

A sustainable Greater Portland Region is one that...

1. Uses non-renewable resources sparingly, renewable resources at a sustainable rate, and in a continuous cycle
2. Remains flexible and adapts to changing opportunities and challenges
3. Maintains and protects Southern Maine's traditional resource-based industries of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries, while recognizing opportunities for sustainable global commerce
4. Recognizes, plans for, and values a diversity of housing, transportation, educational and employment opportunities for a varied and competitive workforce
5. Analyzes development opportunities based on long term effects on the regional economy, environment and community
6. Recognizes and protects natural, cultural and diverse human qualities that make the region unique and enhance the quality of life/quality of place for current and future generations
7. Thinks globally, acts regionally, and respects the local interests of its citizens.