



Route 113 Corridor Communities

Introductory Presentation

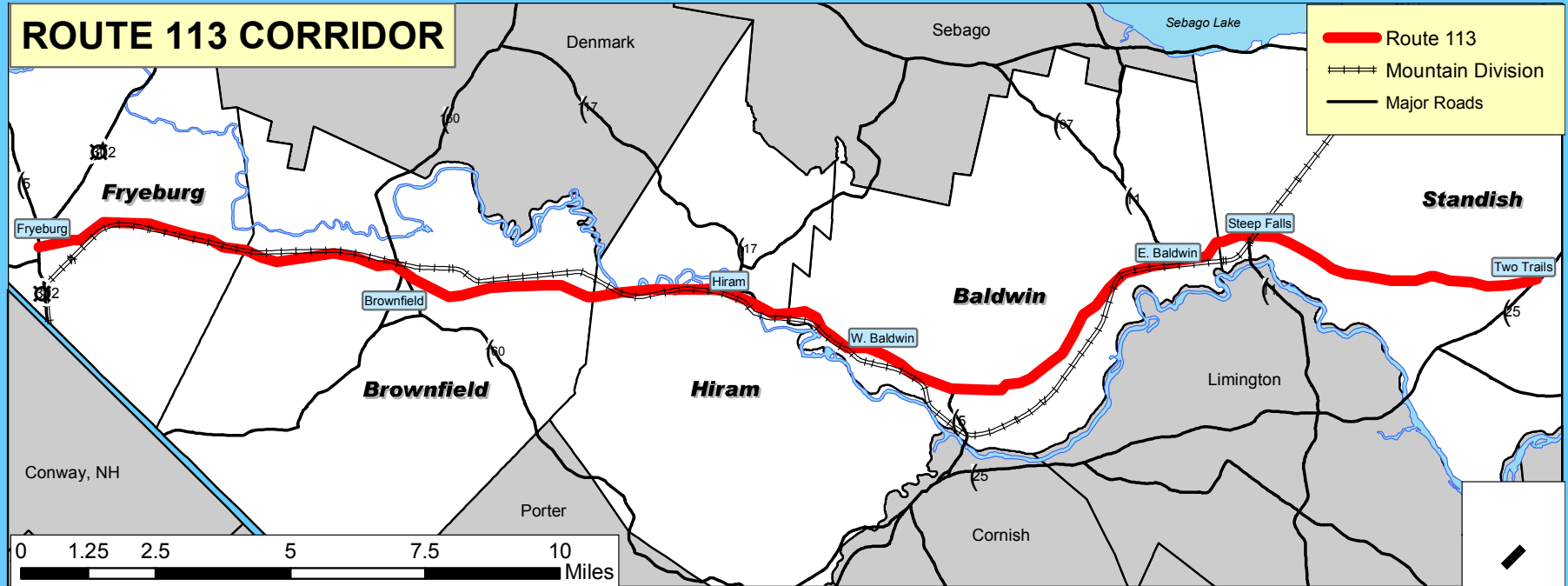
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Steep Falls Fire Station

Why Are We Here?

- Increased traffic from Standish to Fryeburg leading to safety and traffic movement issues
- Need to promote local and regional economic development
- Concerns over effects of development on the Corridor's villages and other historic and scenic areas
- Role of trails and recreation in the region
- Opportunities for regional collaboration to address all of these issues

Let's Look at the Corridor



30 Miles, 5 Towns

(Fryeburg, 4 mi; Brownfield, 6 mi; Hiram, 4 mi,
Baldwin, 9 mi; Standish, 7 mi)

7 Villages

Scenic Views of Several Mountains and Ponds

Transportation Corridor



**Alternative
Arterial
Route**



Historic Role



Regional Crossroads

Historic Villages



Hiram



Steep Falls



West Baldwin

Recreation



**Mountain
Division
Corridor**



**View from
Mount Cutler**



Saco River

Businesses



Industrial



Agricultural



Dining



Retail

Communities



Organizations



Where We Live



Family Roots

Scenic Touring



Foliage

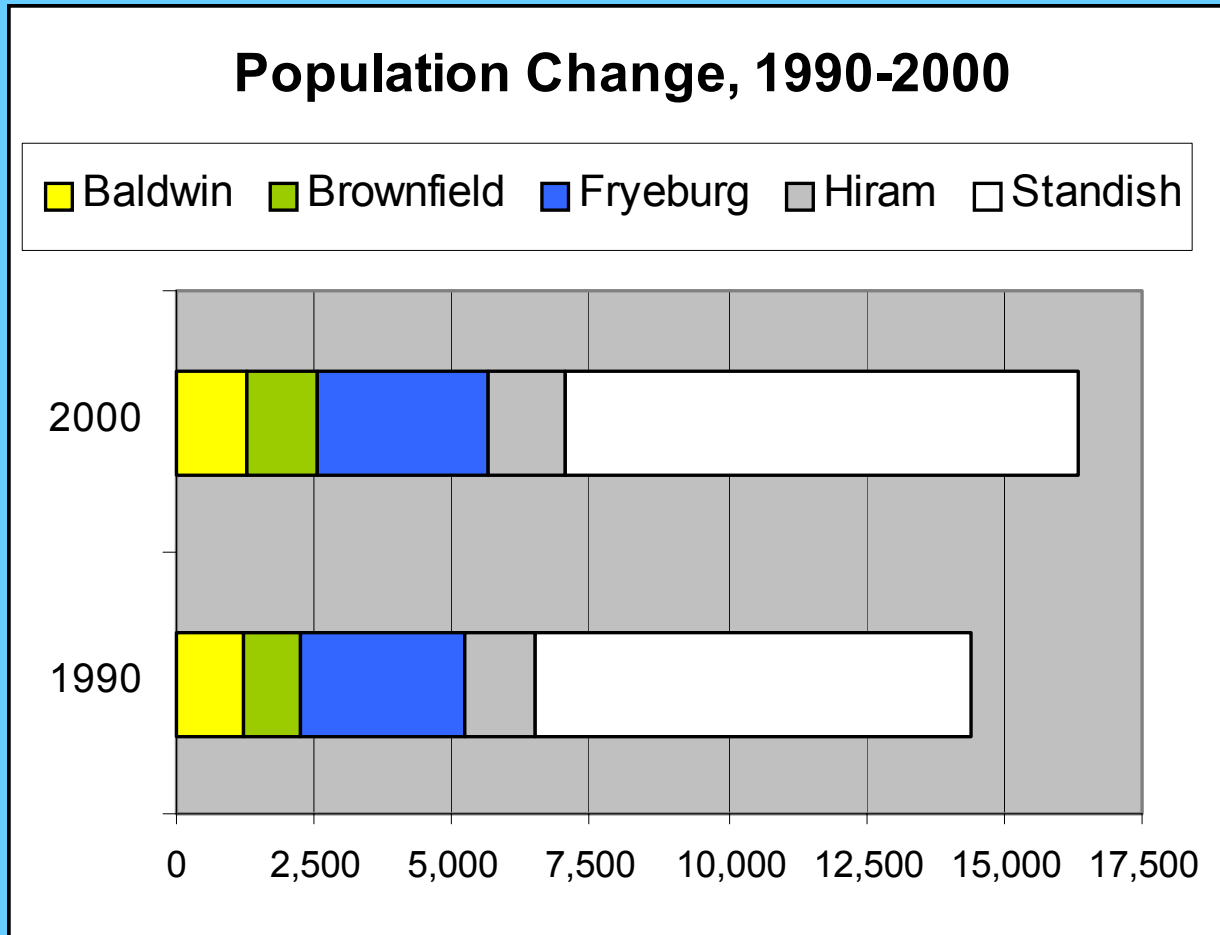


Preserving Views



Tourist Services

Population Change, 1990-2000



Percent Change

Baldwin: 5%

Brownfield: 21%

Fryeburg: 4%

Hiram: 13%

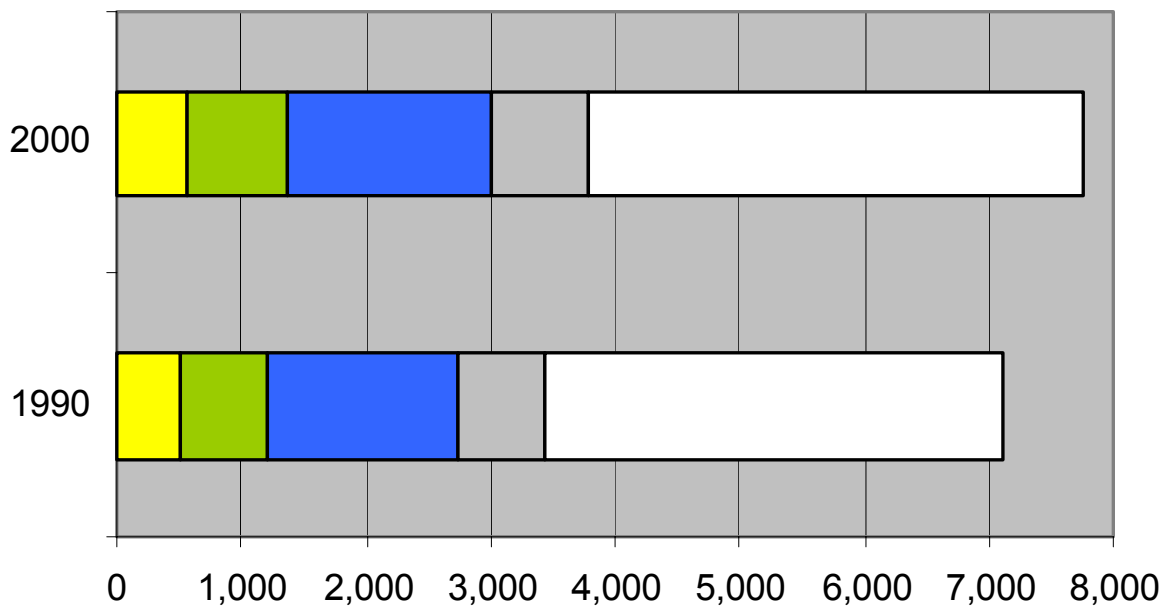
Standish: 18%

Total: 14%

Housing Change, 1990-2000

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■ Baldwin ■ Brownfield ■ Fryeburg ■ Hiram □ Standish



Percent Change

Baldwin: 12%

Brownfield: 16%

Fryeburg: 6%

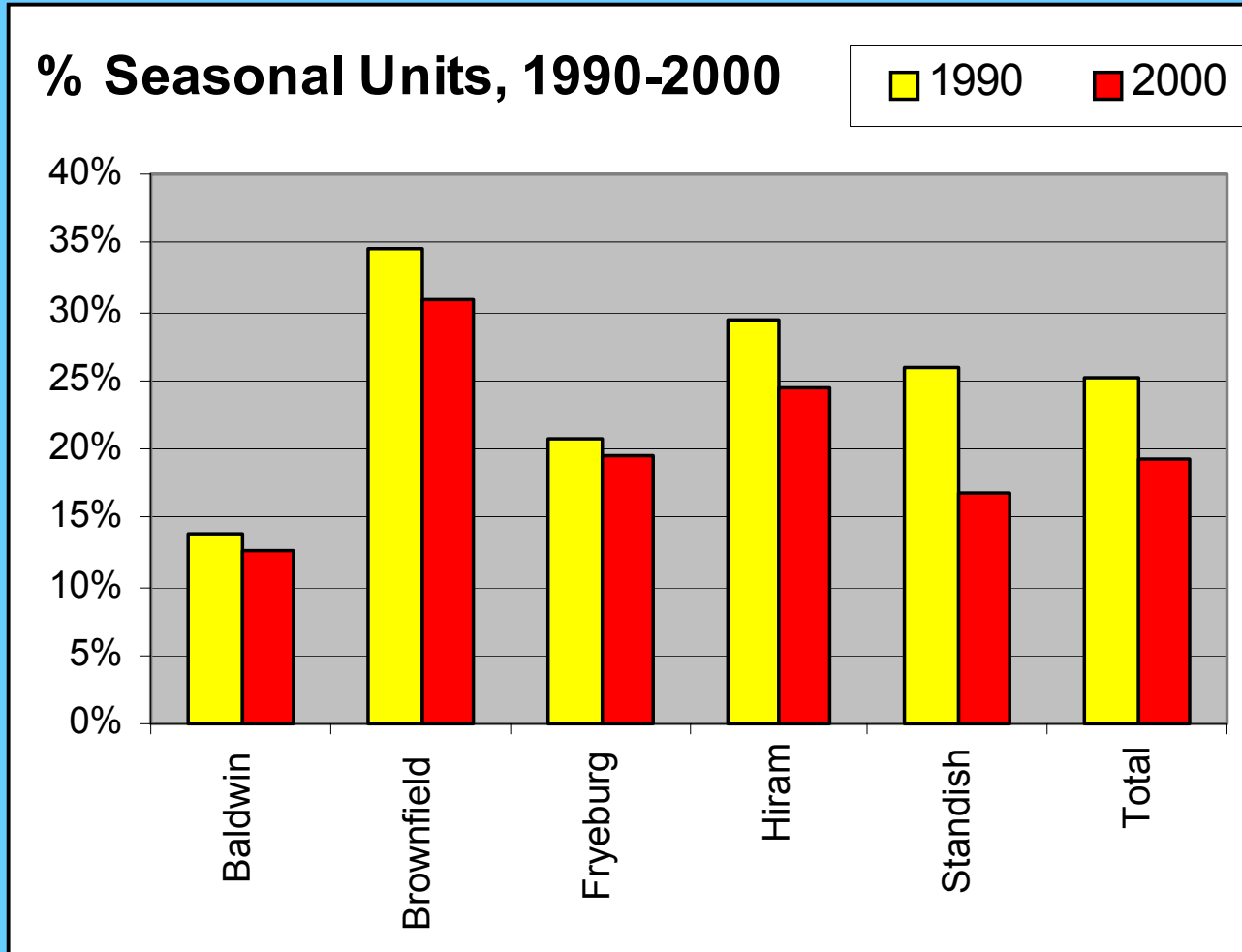
Hiram: 11%

Standish: 9%

Total: 9%

What's Going On?

SEASONAL CONVERSIONS



**1990: 25%
Seasonal**

**2000: 19%
Seasonal**

One Approach: Scenic Byways Program

- National program established in 1991—goal is to preserve and enhance unique corridors
- Comprehensive Approach that looks at economic, recreational and preservation needs in region
- Maine has 4 National Scenic Byways and 5 State Byways—all are Downeast or North of Route 2
- State and Federal Funding are available for a variety of planning, development and preservation purposes

Scenic Byways in Maine



Benefits of Scenic Byways Program

- Community Recognition: Use of logo, inclusion on maps, uniform signage
- Economic Development/Tourism: Marketing as part of state and national promotional efforts
- Community Vision: Provides focal point for region to consider broader planning issues
- Partnering: Opportunities for government, business and community groups to work together positively

Is Route 113 a Scenic Byway?

There are six “intrinsic qualities” of byways:

1. Archaeological
2. Cultural
3. Historic
4. Natural
5. Recreational
6. Scenic

ROUTE 113 APPEARS TO MEET ALL SIX

What Would We Need to Do?

- Form Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG)
- Work with MDOT to determine eligibility
- Complete Eligibility application
- If found eligible, complete Corridor Management Plan (CMP) to achieve State Designation
- If designated, implement plan and report annually to MDOT
- After six years of implementation, CMP must be updated

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