

Community Facilitators

Trained, volunteer facilitators working with groups in your area

Recent graduates of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension training series **STRENGTHENING YOUR FACILITATION SKILLS, Level 1** are available to offer facilitation services to assist local government, nonprofit, and community groups working in your area.

Community Facilitators are volunteers interested in offering support to help groups achieve their goals. Community Facilitators have completed 20 hours of training and developed skills including:

- ▶ assessing group needs and goal setting,
- ▶ establishing agreements for working together,
- ▶ designing effective meetings,
- ▶ generating and narrowing ideas,
- ▶ using a variety of decision-making options,
- ▶ planning actions,
- ▶ addressing disruptive behaviors,
- ▶ and intervening in difficult group situations.



Who should consider working with a Community Facilitator?

Town/City staff, boards, committees, or working groups, such as a comprehensive plan committee designing a public input session, an economic development committee working to create an action plan, or recreation department staff brainstorming new program ideas, etc.



Nonprofit and community groups: A neighborhood association creating a plan for a new playground, a local food pantry strategizing how to bring in additional volunteers, a Rotary Club revising its fundraising plan, etc.

To learn more about working with Community Facilitators, contact Strengthening Your Facilitation Skills instructor Kristen Grant, Maine Sea Grant and UMaine Cooperative Extension, at 207.646.1555 or kngrant@maine.edu. A Community Facilitator will contact you to learn more about your group's needs. If the Community Facilitator is able to work with you, a simple contract will be developed to begin collaboration.

