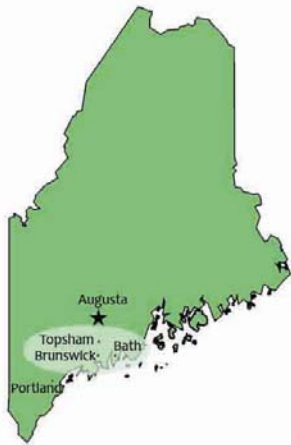


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## NASB Redevelopment Update



Naval Air Station Brunswick (NASB) and its Annex in Topsham will be closing soon, leaving behind a complex of buildings, state-of-the-art facilities and acres of natural open space. This update outlines the redevelopment benchmarks and ongoing initiatives and activities that will lay the foundation for productive, successful and creative redevelopment of NASB and Topsham Annex.

The final NASB squadrons departed at the end of December 2009. By the middle of November 2010, the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for NASB's reuse master plan should be complete, giving the green light to the Navy to start transferring properties to the state and local organizations receiving public benefit conveyances. The base will officially close in May 2011.

On March 2010, the MRRA Board of Trustees adopted the name Brunswick Landing: Maine's Center for Innovation for the Brunswick property. And just this summer, the Topsham Annex property was renamed the Topsham Commerce Park.

### ■ NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

Before any property at NASB or the Topsham Annex can be transferred, the Navy is required to prepare environmental documents on the reuse master plans, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). To meet NEPA requirements, the Navy has determined that the NASB Reuse Plan will be the subject of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the Topsham Annex Reuse Plan will only require an Environmental Assessment (EA) due to the size of the planning area. These processes began in October 2008.

**UPDATE:** The final EIS and Record of Decision is expected by Mid November, and the EA process at the Topsham Annex should be completed soon. MRRA continues to monitor and participate in the NEPA process.

### ■ BRUNSWICK RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTER

MRRA was granted funds from the Maine Technology Institute, with additional funds granted from the Economic Development Administration in August 2009, to conduct a feasibility study on the proposed Brunswick Renewable Energy Center (BREC). The BREC will be the home of a business complex and living laboratory for integrated research and development, manufacturing, testing, company incubation and productive operation of green energy technology products and services.

**UPDATE:** Task One of the BREC Feasibility Study began with Wright Pierce conducting the evaluation of the electrical distribution system and the development of a six year infrastructure and maintenance budget. Preliminary analysis shows that the electrical system on base can support energy generation and distribution with some capacity to feed back into the grid. In Augusta, EPA Region 1 agreed to provide \$100,000 to supplement our current grant award of \$400,000. MRRA and EPA have partnered with the National Renewable Energy Lab of Colorado to evaluate emerging alternative generation opportunities at Brunswick Landing

### ■ BUSINESS ATTRACTION

As part of the overall planning effort, economic and market analyses revealed several promising business opportunities and key market segments that are viable for redevelopment at the NASB sites. To that end, MRRA has been implementing a business attraction strategy focusing on targeted marketing industries such as: Aviation and Aerospace; Information Technology; Advanced Composites; Education; Renewable Energy Development; and Resort Hotel and Conference Center.

**UPDATE:** On July 23, Kestrel Aircraft Company announced it had chosen Brunswick Landing to build its Kestrel JP10 – an all carbon composite single engine turboprop airplane. Kestrel chose Brunswick Landing because of the excellent facilities, strong advanced composites industry in Midcoast Maine, state government support, and a highly skilled workforce. MRRA continues to work with several other companies interested in locating at Brunswick Landing.

■ GREAT STATE OF MAINE AIR SHOW & BUSINESS AVIATION EXPO

The tradition continues! MRRRA will be hosting the Great State of Maine Air Show & Aviation Expo August 26 - 28, 2011 at Brunswick Landing: Maine’s Center for Innovation. This will be the first civilian air show to be held in Brunswick. As in the past, we will be featuring the US Navy’s Blue Angels. In addition, the Show has been designated an “Official Tier 1” event celebrating 100 years of Naval aviation. New to the Air Show, MRRRA will host a business aviation expo. The expo will showcase Brunswick Landing to the business aviation community. You can learn more about the Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo by going to: [www.greatstateofmainearshow.us](http://www.greatstateofmainearshow.us).

**UPDATE:** Melissa LaCasse has joined the MRRRA staff as the Sponsorship and Special Events Coordinator. Among other things, Melissa is responsible for recruiting sponsors, volunteers, charities, exhibitors, static displays, and the general Maine aviation community at large to participate in The Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo at Brunswick Landing in August of 2011.

■ NASB REDEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

