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**To:** Kathryn A Dumont  
**Cc:** Kevin Roche; Mike Burman; Mayor  
**Subject:** City of Saco Comment on Regional Dredge Program & Equipment

Dear York County Commissioners:

Please accept this as the City of Saco's letter of interest in a York County purchase of dredge equipment infrastructure. Shoreline damage mitigation and harbor dredging has been a priority up and down the southern Maine coast for decades. The fishing, lobstering and tourist industries are heavily dependent on navigable waters and sandy beaches. Combined with climate change, necessary dredging becomes even more vital to the Southern Maine environment, as well as to our economy and workforce.

A dredge program remains a top priority for our community and we have recently reopened discussions with Southern Maine Planning and Development in hopes of working with regional partners to push forward with a dredge program that will benefit coastal communities across York County. Addressing our coastal erosion issues in Saco could not be a more urgent priority. As we work with the Army Corp of Engineers on solutions to disrupt damaging wave action, a dredge and sand renourishment program will be a major part of any plan to mitigate this very pressing situation. We urge you to strongly consider assisting our communities and help provide relief to this major challenge we face.

Thank you very much for your attention and consideration.

Kind Regards,

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