

TOWN of CALAIS

Zoning Districts and Overlay Districts

Rural Residential District (yellow highlight)

Originator: Town of Calais

Purpose: to guide the development of residences, home businesses and other allowed uses (listed below) in ways that minimize their impact on the working and natural environment, and are compatible with natural resources characteristic of the district, including: 1) water resources such as lakes, ponds, streams, wetlands, floodplains, and fluvial erosion hazard areas; 2) earth resources such as primary agricultural soils and mineral resources; 3) contiguous stretches of forest and undeveloped land and other significant wildlife habitat, rare, threatened and endangered species, and important natural communities; and 4) connecting habitat corridors of smaller forests which tie together the larger contiguous areas and are critical for the survival of many species of animals and plants. The protection of rural land and natural resources through the use of density averaging (see Subdivision Article) or PUD provisions for new subdivisions, and definition of building sites for other uses, is encouraged. Expansion of existing residences and small home businesses is allowed within this District..

