Why’d we do it?
Desperation!!!!

A crisis level lack of affordable housing and shelter capacity.
Tiny and Small Houses

A possible statewide solution to affordable housing in rural Maine.
We share a mission.

To work in cooperation with the vision and principles of Habitat for Humanity International, bringing people together to build hope, homes and community and end poverty housing in Knox County, Maine.

Helping families find home, help and hope for a better future.

To be the center of excellence in breaking cycles of poverty and homelessness in mid-coast Maine and bringing homeless families to sustainable independence and a better future.
The POWER of Collaboration
Midcoast Habitat for Humanity & Knox County Homeless Coalition

• Shared Mission
• Capacity & Initiative
• Efficiency & Strength
• Shared Resources
• Community Building
• Support
Our First House.

A tiny billboard to draw attention to our need for affordable housing and additional supportive shelter capacity.
The Site.
The Home.

Tiny Supportive Shelter
Size: 192 square feet
Cost: $15,000
Includes:
Sleeping/Living Area
Kitchenette
Full Bath
Community Building
Kitchen
Dining
Recreation

Small House
Size: 550-750 square feet
Cost: $60-$80,000 ($90/sf)
Includes:
1-2 Bedrooms
Kitchen
Living
Dining
Full Bath
Diverse Neighborhood
The Program.

Comprehensive
• Structure
• Case Management
• Education
• Work
• Community

Operational Cost
$11,500 per unit / year

Monthly income based contribution

Sustainable Independence
• Homeownership
• Fiscal Responsibility
• Continued Support
• Community

Cost
$450-$550 mortgage
$125 utilities

Income based qualification (30-60% GMI)
Maximum 30% monthly housing cost
The Habitat Model....

- Volunteer Labor (schools, churches, rotary clubs etc.)
- In-kind and/or discounted labor & materials
- ‘The math works’ with the Habitat model
Importance of Community.

Creating Community for All

Goal is supportive living with agency support, gardens and space to share education, activities and lives.
Planning & Challenges

• Being an established community partner
• Building relationships with municipalities and town officials
• Educate community and neighbors about your work
• Develop a clear plan
• Have patience

• Land Use Ordinance / Zoning
• Perception / NIMBY
• Funding

Make Maine ‘the way life should be’ for all.
Thank you!