

To: Boothbay Planning Board
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Subject: Botanical Gardens
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When we discussed Botanical Gardens back in January the Board agreed that we should add Botanical Garden to the Table of Land Uses, create a definition for Botanical Gardens (see below), and make provisions for Botanical Gardens in the WRP and R Districts but we never finalized what those provisions would be. So here is a proposal for how we finalize this approach.

Definition

The Board agreed on the following definition:

Botanical Garden: A facility that is owned by a public or private nonprofit entity that is primarily used for the display and conservation of plants including related botanical education and research activities. A botanical garden may include the following types of facilities provided that such facilities are accessory to the primary function of the botanical garden: gardens, visitor centers, education and research facilities, greenhouses, conservatories, plant maintenance and propagation facilities, trails, docks, concessions including eating facilities and gift shops, meeting rooms, and parking and other transportation facilities.

Table of Land Uses

- WRP District – Botanical Gardens would be allowed subject to review with a footnote limiting it to CMBG in accordance with the consent decree. The footnote could read:
 - Botanical Gardens are limited to the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden and all uses, facilities, and activities of Coastal Maine Botanical Garden in the WRP District shall comply with the April 24, 2018 Consent Decree between the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden and the Town of Boothbay
- R District – Botanical Gardens would be allowed subject to review with a footnote that CMBG would be subject to the consent decree. In the WPO provisions we would include limits on Botanical Gardens within the watersheds. The footnote could read:

All uses, facilities, and activities of Coastal Maine Botanical Garden in the R District shall comply with the April 24, 2018 Consent Decree between the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden and the Town of Boothbay

- WPO – The language about CMBG in the limitations for Educational Facilities would be removed and a similar limitation would be applied to Botanical Gardens other than CMBG. The limitation on Educational Facility in 7.5.18.2.4 would be revised to read:

- Educational Facility (R, BVC, BVF,BVMU,CC)

And Botanical Garden would be added to this section to read:

- Botanical Garden other than the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden which is subject to the April 24, 2018 Consent Decree between the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden and the Town of Boothbay