



**Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA)
FirstPark Business Park
Town Report Update**

The Town of Palmyra is one of 24 central Maine communities that comprise the Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA), formed by the Maine Legislature in 1998 to advance regional economic growth through the development of FirstPark in Oakland. The Town's representative to the KRDA's governing General Assembly is Priscilla Jones.

FirstPark is a 285-acre commerce and technology park strategically located at Exit 127 off Interstate 95. Today, the park is home to approximately 1,000 employees and supports dozens of additional service and supply-chain jobs throughout the region. Employers include businesses such as T-Mobile, MaineGeneral Health, Maine Technology Group, Waterville Community Dental Center, and Novel Energy Solutions, representing healthcare, IT support and services, renewable energy, and professional services.

FirstPark currently has 11 shovel-ready lots available ranging from 7 to 28 acres. The park offers three-phase power, high-speed fiber internet, municipal water and sewer, Foreign Trade Zone designation, and state pre-permitting...positioning it competitively for continued growth.

In January 2026, Kristine Logan was hired to be the new Executive Director of KRDA. Kristine is focused on strengthening engagement with member communities and aligning development efforts with regional economic priorities. She is looking to better understand local goals and ensure FirstPark's growth delivers meaningful and measurable benefits across the entire region.

The year ahead will focus on responsible growth, transparent communication, and strategic progress. That includes:

- Strengthening regional alignment among member communities
- Proactive outreach to targeted industry sectors
- Enhancing marketing and visibility
- Supporting expansion of existing park businesses
- Identifying opportunities that generate shared regional benefit

The 2025-2026 officers elected by the KRDA General Assembly are President Michelle Flewelling (Fairfield); President-Elect Mike Roy (Waterville); Secretary Peter Mills (Cornville); Treasurer James Jurdak (Oakland); and Assistant Treasurer Ken Lust (Starks). Office staff or Kristine Logan, Executive Director, and Cynthia Cloutier, Executive Assistant. The office can be reached at (207)859-9716.