

MEMORANDUM

To: Melanie Loyzim, Acting DEP Commissioner, MNRCP Approval Committee Co-Chair
Ruth Ladd, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MNRCP Approval Committee Co-Chair

From: Bryan Emerson, TNC MNRCP Mitigation Program Manager

Re: **2018 Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program Funding Allocations**

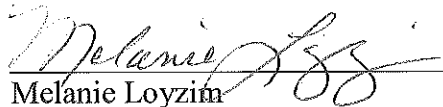
The Maine Natural Resources Conservation Program (MNRCP) was created in 2007 to manage the allocation of funds collected by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) through its In Lieu Fee Compensation Program. This voluntary program allows entities that are impacting natural resources, primarily wetlands, to make a payment directly to DEP as an alternative to the traditional mitigation process. Fees collected by DEP are deposited in a Natural Resource Conservation Fund administered by The Nature Conservancy in Maine (TNC). To date, a total of \$19,225,985 in resource compensation fees have been received.

On November 8, 2018 the MNRCP Review Committee was convened by DEP to evaluate 11 full proposals that were received in response to an RFP posted in June 2018. The Review Committee evaluated the proposals for consistency with core program requirements, and ranked all proposals based on the review criteria included in the RFP. They also developed recommendations for grant funding from MNRCP.


On November 29, 2018 the MNRCP Approval Committee was convened by DEP and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (the Corps) to consider the Review Committee recommendations and to approve the tenth round of funding from MNRCP. Attached is the resulting list of projects approved to receive funding, and the funding amounts, for your concurrence.

Upon receipt of this signed authorization by the Approval Committee Co-Chairs, and prior to the release of any MNRCP funds, TNC will enter into project agreements with each of the approved project sponsors. The project agreements shall be in general conformance with the sample "Agreement" included in Appendix C to the "State of Maine In Lieu Fee Program Instrument" between DEP and the Corps, unless otherwise authorized by DEP and the Corps.

Attachment

Concur: 
Melanie Loyzim

Date: 11/29/18

Concur: 
Ruth Ladd

Date: 11/29/2018

Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program 2018 Funding Allocations

Region	Project	Sponsor	Funds Requested	Funds Awarded
<u>Aroostook Hills & Lowlands</u>				
	Aroostook NWR Wetland Restoration	Friends of Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge	\$63,500	\$63,500
			Region Total:	\$63,500
<u>Central & Eastern Lowlands</u>				
	Third Lake Stream Restoration	Project SHARE	\$65,000	\$65,000
			Region Total:	\$65,000
<u>Central Interior & Midcoast</u>				
	Sherman Marsh Northern Headwaters-Arter	Damariscotta River Association	\$99,500	\$99,500
	Taylor Bait Ponds Restoration	Orono Land Trust	\$62,300	\$62,300
	Heal Pond Wetlands	Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	\$200,000	\$0
			Region Total:	\$361,800
<u>Downeast Maine</u>				
	Spring Point, Hog Bay	Frenchman Bay Conservancy	\$94,500	\$94,500
			Region Total:	\$94,500
<u>Southern Maine</u>				
	Blandings Park Wildlife Sanctuary - Brandt	Blandings Park Wildlife Sanctuary	\$40,000	\$40,000
	Fixing Furbish Phase I	Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, USFWS	\$134,550	\$134,550
	Josias Woods	York Land Trust, Inc.	\$430,000	\$430,000
	Tiger Hill Forest	The Trust for Public Land	\$480,000	\$480,000
	Norton Brook to Mill Creek Conservation Corridor Phase I	Falmouth Land Trust	\$400,000	\$0
			Region Total:	\$1,484,550
Total Number of Full Proposals considered for funding:		11	Grand Total:	\$2,069,350
			\$2,069,350	\$1,469,350