

## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Bryan Emerson, TNC, MNRCP Mitigation Program Manager

Re: **2021 Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program Funding Allocations**

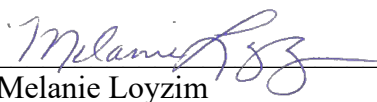
The Maine Natural Resources Conservation Program (MNRCP) was created in 2007 to manage the allocation of funds collected by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) through its In Lieu Fee Compensation Program. This voluntary program allows entities that are impacting natural resources, 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 \$32,128,051 in resource compensation fees have been received.

On November 2, 2021, the MNRCP Review Committee was convened by DEP to evaluate 30 full proposals that were received in response to an RFP posted in July 2021. 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. The committee then developed recommendations for grant funding from MNRCP.

On November 17, 2021, the MNRCP Approval Committee (Interagency Review Team [IRT]) 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 thirteenth 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 authorization signed by the Approval Committee (IRT) 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 – MNRCP 2021 Funding Allocations

Concur:   
Melanie Loyzim

Date: 12/7/2021

Concur:   
Taylor Bell

Date: 2021/12/06

## Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program 2021 Funding Allocations

Region	Project	Sponsor	Funds Requested	Funds Awarded
<b><u>Central &amp; Eastern Lowlands</u></b>				
	Burnt Land Lake Outlet Road Crossing	Project SHARE	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Seboeis Plantation	Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	\$537,500	\$537,500
		Region Total:	<b>\$637,500</b>	<b>\$637,500</b>
<b><u>Central Interior &amp; Midcoast</u></b>				
	Conservation Mooring & Eelgrass - Brunswick	Town of Brunswick	\$223,187	\$223,187
	Conservation Mooring & Eelgrass - Harpswell	Town of Harpswell	\$224,406	\$224,406
	Frost Gully Brook Dam Removals	Trout Unlimited	\$162,518	\$162,518
	Half Moon Pond	Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust	\$200,000	\$200,000
	Long Cove & Beaver Pond	Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	\$600,000	\$140,000
	Maquoit Bay - Eckert	Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust	\$170,000	\$170,000
	Oyster River Bog	Georges River Land Trust	\$598,730	\$481,865
	Passagassawakeag Headwaters	Coastal Mountains Land Trust	\$112,832	\$112,832
	Swett Marsh Restoration	Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	\$403,896	\$403,896
	Walden Parke Preserve 2	Bangor Land Trust	\$406,000	\$406,000
	Curtis Bog - Camp Gustin	Androscoggin Land Trust	\$383,000	\$0
	Salmon Lake Narrows	7 Lakes Alliance	\$545,000	\$0
	Tondreau Project	Harpswell Heritage Land Trust	\$265,000	\$0
		Region Total:	<b>\$4,294,569</b>	<b>\$2,524,704</b>
<b><u>Downeast Maine</u></b>				
	Old Pond Marsh	Maine Coast Heritage Trust	\$29,500	\$29,500
	Schoppee Salt Marsh	Downeast Salmon Federation	\$555,570	\$73,170
		Region Total:	<b>\$585,070</b>	<b>\$102,670</b>
<b><u>Southern Maine</u></b>				
	Cox's Pond Wetlands	Great Works Regional Land Trust	\$51,200	\$51,200
	Kezar Corridor - Anglo Celtic	Greater Lovell Land Trust	\$430,000	\$430,000
	Little River Estuary	US Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior	\$259,838	\$259,838
	Nonesuch River - Libby	Scarborough Land Trust	\$250,000	\$250,000
	Norton Heirs	York Land Trust, Inc.	\$91,400	\$91,400
	Porter Heath	Francis Small Heritage Trust, Inc.	\$127,305	\$127,305
	Rolfe Hill	Loon Echo Land Trust	\$784,000	\$676,000
	Twin Bridges - Cummings	Western Foothills Land Trust	\$46,085	\$46,085

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	Twin Bridges - Edward Mills	Western Foothills Land Trust	\$655,000	\$500,000
	Twin Bridges - Robinson	Western Foothills Land Trust	\$16,367	\$16,367
	Cutts Ridge Brook - Wollerscheid	Kittery Land Trust, Inc.	\$440,000	\$0
	Kezar Corridor - Chadbourne	Greater Lovell Land Trust	\$200,000	\$0
	Salmon Falls Tidal Waters	Great Works Regional Land Trust	\$751,450	\$0
<b>Region Total:</b>			<b>\$4,102,645</b>	<b>\$2,448,195</b>
<b>Total Number of Full Proposals considered for funding:</b>		30	<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$9,619,784</b>
				<b>\$5,713,069</b>