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Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry:

Enclosed please find the Land for Maine's Future (LMF) Biennial Report for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. You are receiving this report pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes Title 5, Chapter 353 Section 6206-E.

During the past biennium, LMF participated in the funding of 38 projects that impacted 30,081 acres of land in 12 counties building on the LMF's legacy to be used and enjoyed by future generations. Since 1987 LMF has brought the people of Maine closer to Maine's unique natural landscape by partnering with many governmental agencies, conservation interests and private citizens. An immense amount of time and money goes into nearly every LMF project in the years that are necessary to take a project application to completion.

The LMF program, now a responsibility of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, is guided by a 9 member board: 6 public members and the 3 commissioners of Marine Resources, Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, and Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Board members, all whom serve on at least one active subcommittee, carefully research potential projects and make thoroughly analyzed selections.

On behalf of the LMF staff, Deputy Commissioner Ed Meadows, who is directing the LMF Program, and the many LMF projects sponsors, we trust you will find this biennial report to be a useful summary of the most recent LMF projects.

Sincerely,

Walter E. Whitcomb
Commissioner

Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry
 Land for Maine's Future Funded Projects
 Completed Projects 2011-2012

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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LMF Program Overview:

The Land for Maine's Future (LMF) Program was established in 1987 when Maine voters first approved a \$35 million bond to purchase lands of state significance for recreation and conservation. The goal at that time was defined in the enabling statute:

"The Legislature declares that the future social and economic well-being of the citizens of this state depends upon maintaining the quality and availability of natural areas for recreation, hunting and fishing, conservation, wildlife habitat, vital ecologic functions and scenic beauty and that the state, as the public's trustee, has a responsibility and a duty to pursue an aggressive and coordinated policy to assure that this Maine heritage is passed on to future generations." (5 M.R.S.A. sec. 6200)

The original concept of the program was simple: Certain lands attract a broad public interest because of exceptional beauty or other natural features. The LMF Program now partners in limiting development on an ever widening array of working landscapes which in turn generate support for Maine's economy. The LMF Program farmland preservation projects support farmer and community efforts to keep land in production. Working forest conservation easements support a stable land base as a part of the wood supply for the forest products industries. The LMF Program protects wildlife and fisheries habitat. Taken as a whole these LMF efforts provide multiple forms of conservation, economic and recreational opportunities for citizens and visitors. Activities on these lands, such as hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, wildlife viewing plus other uses can be the basis for much needed jobs in rural areas.

Matching funds stretch the impact of investment of public dollars. LMF Board policy requires proposed projects to include a match greater than or equal to one-half of the total project expenses. The LMF Board considers the level of matching funds in making funding allocations. The LMF Program coordinates the efforts of state agencies and the many conservation partners, public and nonprofit as priorities are established for public funding of easements or land acquisition.

LMF Projects Overview:

Since the last biennial report, the program has funded 38 projects. Encompassing an additional 30,081 acres of forest, farm, historic, recreation, wildlife and other special areas, these projects are managed by state agencies, municipalities and private conservation organizations, in cooperation with the program.

These properties are valued at nearly \$18 million. The cost to the LMF program, however, was approximately \$5.6 million, or approximately one-third the total value. The difference was met by matching contributions and other sources from cooperating agencies and conservation partners.

Reflecting the Program's support for partnerships to conserve working landscapes, these projects include 23,044 acres protected through nine conservation easements, where the lands remain in private ownership with permanent land conservation agreements. These easements include six farmland protection agreements, covering 900 acres, and a "working forest" easement, covering 21,870 acres of forestlands.

The 2011 - 2012 projects protect an additional 28.8 miles of shorefront, water access and riparian habitats along the coast as well as on lakes and rivers throughout the state. Many of these projects are near Maine's coast and in the more populated southern counties where the need for public access is critical, although the program has supported conservation projects throughout the State.

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II. LMF PROJECT DETAILS 2011-2012

Presented is an explanation of the accomplishments of each project completed during the biennium.

Nine of these projects are conservation easements, protecting active farm land, working forests and other resources. These easements total 23,044 acres.

Projects are defined in the following categories specified in statute, bond language, and Board initiatives.

<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Acres</u>
• Conservation and Recreation (Includes conservation easements and fee acquisitions)	24	29,161
• Farmland Preservation (All farmland projects were farmland easements)	6	900
• Public Access to Water Ways	4	13.9
• Working Waterfront	4	7.6

Summary of Projects Completed

1. County Summary Table 1: Projects by county.
2. Biennial Project Descriptions
Summary descriptions for each project, in alphabetical order, listed by project type
3. Summary of all LMF projects from 1987 through 2012: 561,100 acres.
See Appendix 2.

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III. LMF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Board Mission and Membership

The Land for Maine's Future Program is comprised of the Land for Maine's Future's Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund.

The board meets regularly to provide policy direction, oversee the funds, and pursue the land acquisition strategy under legislative authority (5 MRSA section 6202). The board works with individuals, land trusts, municipalities, nonprofit conservation organizations, and federal and state agencies to identify special lands of statewide significance to accomplish the LMF's statutory goals.

During this biennial report period there was a substantial change in program administration due to state government reorganizations. Since 1987, the program and the bond funds have been administered by the State Planning Office. In Spring 2012, with passage of Public Law 2011, chapter 657, parts V, W and Y, the State Planning Office was eliminated and the LMF program and a smaller staff transferred to the Department of Conservation in May 2012.

In August, 2012 the Department of Conservation and Department of Agriculture merged to create the new Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF). This transition changed the composition of the Board. The positions of Director of the SPO and Commissioner of Conservation were eliminated and the number of members was reduced from eleven to nine. The number of state agency commissioners on the board was reduced from five to three.

Current Board Composition

The board is now comprised of nine members, consisting of six public citizens and three Commissioners - Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Marine Resources.

As specified in the authorizing legislation, the public members of the board "provide broad geographic representation." These members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

The members of the Board and their terms of service are:

Member	Term
Diane Doyle, Saco	03/02/10 - 01/31/14
Benjamin R. Emory, Salisbury Cove	11/14/10 - 11/13/14
James W. Gorman, Jr., Freeport	04/04/12 - 01/31/16
Norman Gosline, Gardiner	06/03/11 - 01/31/15
*Donald Marean, Hollis	04/04/09 - 01/31/16
William J. Vail, Saco	04/04/12 - 11/13/15
Patrick Keliher, Commissioner, Department of Marine Resources	
Walt Whitcomb, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	
Chandler Woodcock, Commissioner, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	

*Board Chair Donald Marean resigned in December 2012 when he was elected State Representative and could no longer serve on the Board. The Governor will appoint a member to fill the vacancy and appoint a new Chair.

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LMF Committees and Former Members

Former Members who served during 2011-2012

Jeff A. Thaler, Esq., Portland	03/25/08 - 01/31/12
Ray Owen, Orono	03/25/08 - 11/13/11
Leon A. Gorman, Yarmouth	Term ended 1/31/11
William H. Beardsley, Commissioner, Dept. of Conservation	
Norman Olsen, Commissioner, Dept. of Marine Resources	
Director, State Planning Office: Darryl Brown	
Richard Swanson	

Appraisal Committee

Ben Emory, Chair
Diane Doyle
Norman Gosline
Ray Owen
SPO Director

Scoring Committee

Ben Emory, Chair
Don Marean
Walt Whitcomb
Patrick Keliher
Norman Olsen
Darryl Brown

Nominations Committee

Jeff Thaler, Chair
Norman Gosline
Ray Owen
Chandler Woodcock
William Beardsley

Easement Review Committee

Jeff Thaler, Chair
Ray Owen
Don Marean
William Beardsley

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Program administration and staffing

Administration of the bond fund, coordination of Board functions, the project selection process and the public involvement process were formerly the responsibility of the State Planning Office (SPO). The SPO Director of Programs served as liaison to the LMF board and coordinated day-to-day operations. SPO provided technical staff and clerical support to the program. Beginning June 2012, pursuant to Part FF of the biennial budget, the SPO was disbanded and the position of LMF Program Director was eliminated.

Administration of Board functions, the Board's project selection process, public participation and financial management now rests with the DACF. The functions formerly performed by the SPO positions are distributed among remaining LMF staff, and absorbed by other DACF positions. Financial management, oversight and controls are now shared by DACF, assisted by the Natural Resource Service Center of the Department of Financial and Administrative Services (DAFS). LMF staff members are Mr. Tom Miragliuolo, Mr. Sam Morris, and Ms. R. Collin Therrien. Ed Meadows, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Operations, currently provides program oversight, and serves as liaison to the Board.

Agency and non-profit group support

The Program relies extensively on staff from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Marine Resources, State Historic Preservation Office, and numerous federal partner agencies for many aspects of its work.

Legal counsel for conservation projects is provided through a cooperative agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT). The MDOT Legal Division provides title and legal research services. The Attorney General's Office is the counsel for the Board's functions, interpreting legal questions relating to LMF statutes, policies and process.

Non-profit land trusts, municipalities, and other cooperating entities also provide valuable services from project development to completing important due diligence such as boundary surveys. These arrangements provide substantial leverage to the efforts of program staff and make better use of available state resources.

IV. PROGRAM FUNDING

Existing bond authority

Bonds are sold as various state projects are ready to complete and as funds are needed. The timing of sale of bonds is discretionary, within statutory limits. DACF and NRSC staff monitor fund balances and coordinate with the State Treasurer to release the sale of bonds, once all necessary approvals are obtained.

Legislation authorizing the proceeds from LMF bonds specifies certain program objectives or requirements for use of the funds, such as for working water front projects, farmland preservation, or protection of winter habitat areas for white-tailed deer ("deer yards").

The following bonds have funds available, or not yet sold:

<u>Public Law</u>	<u>Year Authorized</u>	<u>Funds Available (12/31/12)</u>	<u>Bonds to be Sold</u>
2007, Ch. 39	2008	\$3,170,699	
2009, Ch. 645	2010	1,280,923	\$7,425,000
2011, Ch. 696	2012	---	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
	Total:	<u>\$4,451,622</u>	\$12,425,000

See Appendix 2 for list of available bonds and the purposes for which they can be used.

Table 1

Land for Maine's Future Program
Land Acquired and Protected
January 1, 2011- December 31, 2012

County	Completed Project*	Acres	Purchase Price	LMF Funding**	Match***
Aroostook	Expanding Wildlife Mgt. Areas - Deloge	100	28,000	28,000	5,000
	Caribou Water Access	8.5	40,000	20,000	34,657
	Frenchville Water Access	3	14,500	7,250	7,250
		111.5	\$82,500	\$55,250	\$46,907
Cumberland	Expanding Wildlife Mgt. Areas - Maloney	100	200,000	35,000	172,851
	Expanding Wildlife Mgt. Areas - Merrill I	20	18,000	13,000	7,000
	Expanding Wildlife Mgt. Areas - Merrill II	64	112,000	112,000	5,000
	Hacker's Hill	26.9	700,000	220,382	479,618
	Pisgah Hill - Hobson	102	128,000	62,302	65,698
	Pisgah Hill - Arbuckle	45	87,500	49,854	37,646
	Pisgah Hill - Powers (match parcel) CE	10			included in Arbuckle
	Clark Farm and Forest Phase I CE	216	1,070,000	535,000	591,064
	Pine Point Pier WWF	1.3	252,500	252,500	757,500
	585.2	\$2,568,000	\$1,280,038	\$2,116,377	
Franklin	Kennebec Highlands Expansion - Linkletter CE	265	87,000	50,000	37,000
	Hunter Cove Water Access Easement	1	305,000	100,000	205,000
		266	\$392,000	\$150,000	\$242,000
Hancock	King Hill Farm CE	84.5	75,000	37,500	37,500
		84.5	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$37,500
Kennebec	Belle Vue Farm II CE	91.6	100,000	50,000	68,384
	Meadow Brook Farm CE	256	410,000	140,000	285,752
		347.6	\$510,000	\$190,000	\$354,136
Knox	Camden Hills State Park - Dunning	69	375,000	99,301	310,253
	Bald & Ragged - Twitchell Exchange	9.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
		78.2	\$375,000	\$99,301	\$310,253
Lincoln	Dresden Archaeological, Phase I	14.2	330,000	228,000	123,794
	Dresden Archaeological, Phase II	4.3	168,500	72,545	97,455
	RiverLink Phase II - Ripley	69	110,000	44,900	65,100
	North End Coop WWF	4.6	135,250	135,250	468,700
		92.1	\$743,750	\$480,695	\$755,049

Table 1

Land for Maine's Future Program
Land Acquired and Protected
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County	Completed Project*	Acres	Purchase Price	LMF Funding**	Match***	
Oxford	<i>Roberts Farm Homestead Lot</i>	1.5	18,250	18,250	230,526	
	<i>South Pond Water Access</i>	1.4	30,000	30,000	15,000	
		2.9	\$48,250	\$48,250	\$245,526	
Piscataquis	Seboeis Lake South	5,741	2,707,200	483,136	2,216,864	
		5,741	\$2,707,200	\$483,136	\$2,216,864	
Sagadahoc	Kennebec River Estuary III, Lamoreau	68	193,000	100,000	119,792	
	Kennebec River Estuary III, Lenna	147.4	185,000	100,000	118,000	
	Kennebec River Estuary III, Gorman (match)	39.57			in above	
	Kennebec Estuary - Wilson	160	640,000	206,265	443,783	
	<i>Marsh Field Farm CE</i>	59	775,000	377,500	387,500	
		473.97	\$1,793,000	\$783,765	\$1,069,075	
Waldo	<i>Belfast Rail Trail - Head of Tide Preserve</i>	91.7	195,000	75,000	123,679	
	<i>Cheeseman Farm CE</i>	192	80,000	40,000	52,434	
		283.7	\$275,000	\$115,000	\$176,113	
Washington	<i>Sipp Bay Gateway</i>	16	450,000	192,769	387,184	
	<i>Greater Pleasant Bay Willard Point</i>	127	300,000	121,000	659,000	
	<i>Moosabec Mussels, Inc. WWF</i>	0.77	215,000	215,000	654,800	
	<i>Quoddy Bay Lobster, Inc. WWF</i>	0.9	121,250	121,250	367,250	
	<i>West Grand Lake CE</i>	21,870	7,280,000	1,250,000	6,330,913	
		22,014.67	\$8,366,250	\$1,900,019	\$8,399,147	
	38 Projects	Total	30,081.34	\$17,935,950	\$5,622,954	\$15,968,947

CE = Conservation Easement Projects: 9 Easements totaling 23,044 acres

WWF = Working Waterfront projects

Projects shown in italics indicates real estate interest held by municipalities or other partners, subject to Project Agreement with LMFB.

* Projects reported include those that had real estate closings completed during this period. Work was also conducted during this period on numerous other projects that will close in 2013 or beyond.

** Price shown is LMF contribution to purchase cost of project lands source and does not include transaction expenses such as legal expenses, title review, taxes, recording and other costs that are typical of real estate transactions.

*** Documented Match: Matching funds include numerous types such as: cash contributions from agencies and partners, federal or state grants, payment by others of project costs, bargain sale (at below appraised value), in-kind contributions or other donated services. The amount of match reported is based on data available at time report was prepared. Amounts may change as additional documented expenses are reported (recording fees, etc.).

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Conservation and Recreation Projects: pages 11-28

Bald & Ragged - Twitchell Exchange
Belfast Rail Trail - Head of Tide Preserve
Camden Hills State Park Inholding - Dunning
Dresden Archaeological, Phase I
Dresden Archaeological, Phase II
Expanding Wildlife Mgt. Areas - Deloge, Maloney, Merrill I, Merrill II
Greater Pleasant Bay Willard Point
Hacker's Hill
Kennebec Highlands Expansion - Linkletter
Kennebec River Estuary - Wilson
Kennebec River Estuary III - Gorman, Lamoreau, Lenna
Pisgah Hill - Arbuckle, Hobson
RiverLink Phase II - Ripley
Roberts Farm Homestead Lot
Seboeis Lake South
Sipp Bay Gateway
West Grand Lake Forest

PROJECT SUMMARY: BALD and RAGGED MOUNTAINS

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Coastal Mountains Land Trust, with Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation, Statewide Significance

LOCATION: Town of Rockport, Knox County

PROJECT ACREAGE: Exchange of 7.63 acre parcel for a 9.19 acre parcel.

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee purchase by Coastal Mountains Land Trust under Project Agreement with Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, then subsequent exchange of land.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Provided by the Rollins Road, Camden.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$0

CLOSING DATE: August 16, 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$0

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: Not applicable

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project is the exchange of two parcels of land to fulfill the original intent of securing protection of a parcel located within a conserved property (the “whole in the doughnut”).

This transaction was anticipated around the time of the original application, when it was selected by the board in 2006 and was an amendment to the Round Five Bald and Ragged Mountain project. The amendment authorized transfer of a 7.63 acre parcel out of conservation in exchange for a 9.19 acre parcel.

The LMF Board unanimously approved the exchange at the November 2010 board meeting. As required in LMF statute, LMF staff and the applicant worked for and obtained a legislative resolve allowing this transfer to occur (Resolve 2011, Chapter 9, Section 1).

PROJECT SUMMARY: BELFAST-MOOSEHEAD LAKE RAIL TRAIL, HEAD OF TIDE PRESERVE

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Coastal Mountains Land Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation, Regional Significance

LOCATION: Belfast, Waldo County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 91.7± acres with 2,460 feet of frontage on Passagassawakeag River

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee purchase by the Coastal Mountains Land Trust; Fee interest to be held by the Coastal Mountains Land Trust under Project Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry

PUBLIC ACCESS: direct access from Doak Road in the town of Belfast

AGENCY SPONSORS: Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$195,000

CLOSING DATE: May 2, 2011

BOND FUNDS: \$75,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$123,679

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Head of Tide parcel is comprised of a combination of woodlands and open pasture lands with 2,700 feet of frontage at the juncture of the confluence of the Passagassawakeag River into Belfast harbor. This land tract connects two already conserved parcels – Stover Preserve and the Hall parcel. The broader vision supported by the Head of Tide Preserve land conservation effort is that it may become part of a larger effort of establishing a network of interconnected recreational trails. Under the terms of the Project Agreement, the land trust has also reserved the opportunity to re-establish portions of the subject property, which have soil types of statewide importance, for agricultural use at a future time



PROJECT SUMMARY: CAMDEN HILLS STATE PARK INHOLDING

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, US National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation, Statewide Significance

LOCATION: Town of Camden, Knox County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 69± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee purchase by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Access provided through existing Camden Hill State Park access routes. The property also has ROW to Route 52.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$375,000

CLOSING DATE: January 4, 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$99,301

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$310,253

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This 69-acre Dunning parcel is surrounded on three sides by Camden Hills State Park. It contains multiple natural resource and recreational opportunities, enhancing and improving the park, and further buffering the park from encroaching land uses. The threat of development became immediate last year when the owners suddenly needed to sell. The Department of Conservation acquired the parcel with help of a loan from Maine Coast Heritage Trust. The land is an excellent fit with the surrounding parkland being natural land with opportunities for recreation and habitat protection, and also lying just outside of downtown Camden.



PROJECT SUMMARY: DRESDEN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE 25.45, Phase I

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, The Archaeological Conservancy

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation, Statewide Significance

LOCATION: Town of Dresden, Lincoln County **PROJECT ACREAGE:** 14.2± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee purchase by The Archaeological Conservancy with a Preservation Agreement held by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Direct access to Route 128.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Maine Historic Preservation Commission

PURCHASE PRICE: \$330,000

CLOSING DATE: March 2, 2011

LMF FUNDS: \$228,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$123,794

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This 14.2 acre parcel is part of a series of adjacent properties that together form one of the most significant prehistoric archaeological sites in the state.

The parcel also contains rare plant species. An adjacent parcel has also been acquired with LMF assistance.



PROJECT SUMMARY: DRESDEN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE 25.45, Phase II

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Friends of Merrymeeting Bay

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation, Statewide Significance

LOCATION: Town of Dresden, Lincoln County **PROJECT ACREAGE:** 4.3± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee purchase by The Archaeological Conservancy with a Preservation Agreement held by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Direct access to Route 128.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Maine Historic Preservation Commission

PURCHASE PRICE: \$168,500

CLOSING DATE: March 31, 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$72,545

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$97,455

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This 4.3 acre parcel is part of a series of adjacent properties that together form one of the most significant prehistoric archaeological sites in the state. Acquisition of this parcel completes protection of the known archaeological site. It has been acquired in fee by The Archaeological Conservancy. The parcel also contains rare plant species. Two adjacent parcels also were purchased for archaeological preservation.



Subject is the light colored field in center

PROJECT SUMMARY: EXPANDING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Lands Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Functions & Values

LOCATION: Gordon Manuel WMA: Haynes/Deloge parcel; TA R2 township, Aroostook County
Morgan Meadow WMA: Maloney parcel & Merrill II parcel; Town of Raymond, Cumberland County
Morgan Meadow WMA: Merrill I parcel; Town of Gray, Cumberland County

PROJECT ACREAGE (2011-2012): Four parcels: 284 acres total
Maloney parcel, 100± acres; Haynes/Deloge parcel, 100± acre; Merrill I parcel, 20± acres; Merrill II parcel, 64± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee acquisition of four parcels by Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PUBLIC ACCESS: Town of Hodgdon, Town Line Road, Gordon Manuel WMA, Haynes/Deloge parcel
Town of Raymond, North Raymond Road: Morgan Meadow WMA Maloney I parcel and Merrill II parcel;
Town of Gray, Egypt Road, Merrill I parcel

PURCHASE PRICE: Maloney parcel: \$200,000; Haynes/Deloge parcel: \$28,000;
Merrill I parcel: \$18,000; Merrill II parcel: \$112,000

CLOSING DATE: Maloney parcel: 7/30/2012, Haynes/Deloge parcel: 8/17/2012;
Merrill I parcel: 11/29/2012; Merrill II parcel: 11/29/2012

LMF FUNDS: Haynes/Deloge parcel: \$28,000; Maloney parcel: \$35,000; Merrill I parcel: \$13,000; Merrill II parcel: \$112,000

MATCH CONTRIBUTION: Total for all four parcels: \$189,851

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The “Expanding Wildlife Management Areas” was a multiple parcel project that provided funding for important additions to several of the state’s Wildlife Management Areas. Together these four land acquisitions protect habitat and advance the Department's wildlife management objectives, as well as increasing recreational opportunities in both northern southern Maine.

These four parcels, together with previous acquisitions combine for a total of 519 acres acquired in this project. These additions increase wildlife oriented recreational opportunities available to Maine citizens and visitors who contribute to economic activity by visiting some of Maine’s treasured open spaces.



PROJECT SUMMARY: GREATER PLEASANT BAY – Willard Point

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Downeast Coastal Conservancy, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation and Lands of Regional Significance

LOCATION: Town of Harrington, Washington County **PROJECT ACREAGE:** 127+ acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Acquisition in fee to be held by Maine Coast Heritage Trust under a Project Agreement with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

PUBLIC ACCESS: from Ripley Neck Road

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PURCHASE PRICE: \$300,000

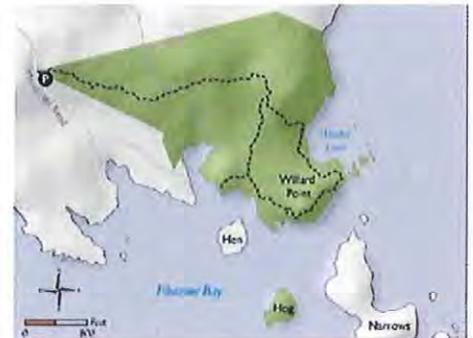
CLOSING DATE: January 19, 2012

BOND FUNDS: \$121,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$659,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Greater Pleasant Bay acquisition project consists of three parcels for conservation of significant coastal habitat, recreational lands, public access to water and scenic viewing in Greater Pleasant Bay. Conservation for the other two (Tibbett Island & Pigeon Hill) of the three parcels was completed in 2007 purchased by Downeast Coastal Conservancy. This parcel, encompasses 127 acres and over 1.5 miles of wild coastal shoreline, plus an island portion (3 islands, .5 acres in total). The subject lands comprise the entire southeastern end of Harrington's Ripley Neck. The property will be managed as a preserve, with hiking trail network and available access for hunting and fishing.



PROJECT SUMMARY: HACKER'S HILL

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Loon Echo Land Trust, Town of Casco

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Areas of Scenic Interest and Prime Physical Features, Regional Significance

LOCATION: Town of Casco, Cumberland County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 26.91± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Acquisition in fee, to be held by Loon Echo Land Trust under a Project Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Pedestrian and vehicular access from Quaker Ridge Road in Casco

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$700,000

CLOSING DATE: July 26, 2012

LMF BOND FUNDS: \$220,382

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$479,618

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Hacker's Hill is located on the height of land on the north end of Quaker Ridge Road in Casco. It's elevation of 753 feet above sea level provides stunning 360° panoramic views of the White Mountain, Sebago Lake, and the rolling terrain of Maine countryside. Via a paved roadway, visitors may access the hilltop by car or foot to enjoy the expanse of mowed opened fields, providing for traditional low impact recreation, such as hiking, nature observation, cross-country skiing, picnicking.

The property will be managed to protect wildlife habitat, plant communities, and outdoor recreation. The community, Loon Echo Land Trust, and the owners worked to ensure the land will be preserved for generations of visitors to come – continuing the traditional public access for scenic viewing and enjoyment.



**PROJECT SUMMARY: KENNEBEC HIGHLANDS,
Linkletter Easement Parcel**

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation, Lands of Regional Significance

LOCATION: Town of New Sharon, Franklin County **PROJECT ACREAGE:** 265.0± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Acquisition of a conservation easement by Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance held under a Project Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PUBLIC ACCESS: Town of New Sharon: York Hill Road which has connection to State Route 27

AGENCY SPONSORS: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$87,000

CLOSING DATE: May 16, 2012

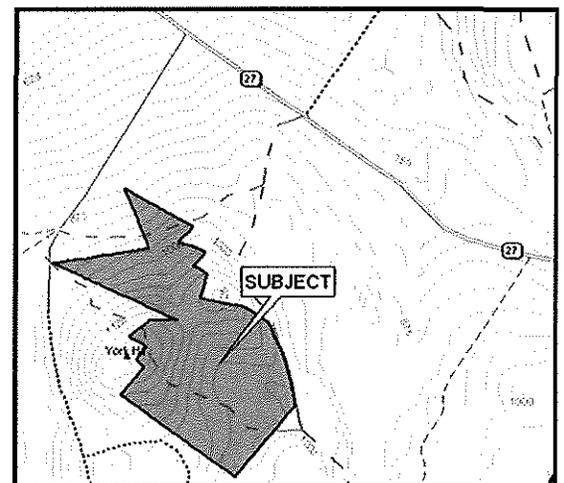
LMF FUNDS: \$50,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$37,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) initiated a project to protect the Kennebec Highlands area in Rome, Mount Vernon, Vienna, and New Sharon, Maine. The Kennebec Highlands' 6,000 acres contain the highest peaks in Kennebec County, miles of pristine streams, several wetlands, and five undeveloped ponds. The Linkletter lands are located at the northern extent of the Kennebec Highlands and mark a closing phase of this multi-phased, multi-parcel project.

The completion of this land conservation effort contributes to the expansion of the existing Kennebec Highland trail system; provides long term protection for a portion of trail corridor connecting with a broader expanse of existing snowmobile trail (ITS 87); provides for continued public access to traditional outdoor recreation, i.e. hiking, fishing, hunting, cross-county skiing, picnicking, enjoyment of open space. This area is now managed in partnership with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.



PROJECT SUMMARY: KENNEBEC RIVER ESTUARY

CONSERVATION PARTNER: The Nature Conservancy

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation, Statewide Significance

LOCATION: Town of Georgetown, Sagadahoc County **PROJECT ACREAGE:** 160.5± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Conservation easement purchased by The Nature Conservancy and held by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PUBLIC ACCESS: Frontage on Bay Point Road in the Town of Georgetown

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PURCHASE PRICE: \$640,000

CLOSING DATE: May 25, 2011

LMF FUNDS: \$206,265

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$2,396,783 (match indicated is for the entire project consisting of 13 parcels. Twelve were acquired in the previous biennium.)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Wilson parcel is one of the largest unprotected tracts on Georgetown Island, it has approximately ½ mile of frontage on Robinson Creek and Robinson Cove. The shores of the property serve as a significant overwintering area for black ducks.

This parcel (Wilson) is part of the larger Kennebec Estuary project that includes 12 other parcels. The other parcels were acquired in the previous biennium, thus are not included in this report.

The Kennebec Estuary project seeks to preserve this unique area of Maine. The Kennebec Estuary is the largest freshwater tidal marsh north of the Chesapeake Bay and holds 97% of Maine's freshwater tidal marshes. Given the estuary's diversity and unusually rich suite of rare, threatened and endangered species, it is one of Maine's ecological treasures.



Robinson Cove

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PROJECT SUMMARY: KENNEBEC RIVER ESTUARY PHASE III

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Ducks Unlimited, U.S. Fish & Wildlife- North American Wetlands Conservation Act, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, The Nature Conservancy

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation, Statewide Significance

LOCATION: Towns of Bowdoinham and Woolwich, Sagadahoc County

PROJECT ACREAGE: Lamoreau 68.0± acres, Lenna 147.4± acres, Gorman (match) 39.6± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee held by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PUBLIC ACCESS: Lamoreau: Carding Machine Road, Bowdoinham. Lenna: Centers Point Road, Bowdoinham. Gorman: ROW known as Skillings Drive off of Baker Drive in Bowdoinham.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PURCHASE PRICE: \$378,000

CLOSING DATE: September 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$200,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$237,792

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

These parcels are part of a larger project with additional closings anticipated in 2013. The three parcels total 255.4 acres. They are contiguous with other protected properties, enhancing the scale of landscape protection. Two additional parcels total an additional 69.35 acres. Together they represent continuing efforts by DIFW and partners to protect the largest estuary on the East Coast north of Chesapeake Bay, including high quality habitat for waterfowl and wading birds, deer wintering, and dozens of rare plant species. The properties will be owned and managed by the MDIFW as the Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Management Area. These properties will be managed for their wildlife values and are available to the public for enjoyment of Traditional outdoor recreation uses such as hunting, trapping, fishing, water access, and hiking, and provide scenic open space.



PROJECT SUMMARY: PISGAH HILL

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Royal River Conservation Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreation Lands, Regional Significance

LOCATION: New Gloucester, Cumberland County **PROJECT ACREAGE:** Hobson parcel: 102.97± acres
Arbuckle parcel: 45.95± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Acquisition in fee by the Royal River Conservation Trust under Project Agreement with Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks & Public Lands.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Town of New Gloucester, from North Pownal Road to Hobson parcel, and from Doughty Road to access the Arbuckle parcel

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: Hobson: \$128,000
Arbuckle parcel: \$87,000

CLOSING DATE: Hobson – February 8, 2011
Arbuckle – September 15, 2011

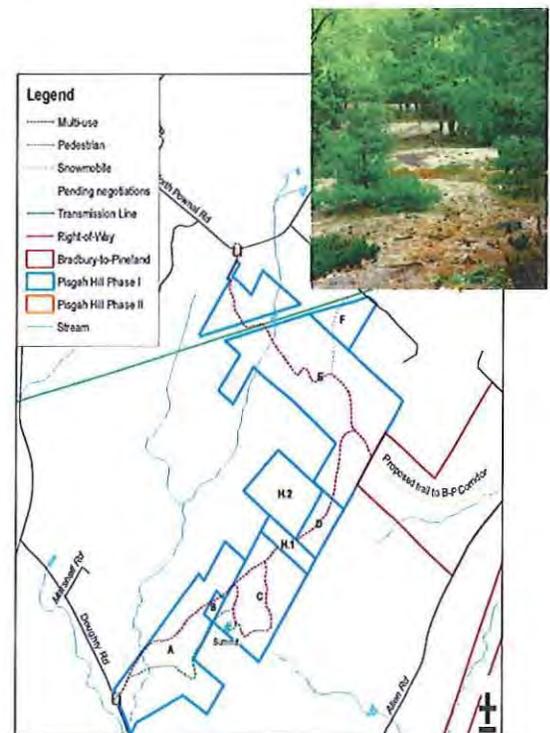
LMF FUNDS: Hobson parcel: \$62,302; Arbuckle parcel: \$49,854

MATCH CONTRIBUTIONS: Hobson parcel: \$65,698; Arbuckle parcel: \$37,646

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The underlying vision of the multi-parcel Pisgah Hill project is to establish a network of local trails which may connect to a broader trail system having connection to Bradbury Mountain State Park, to provide public access to the highest hilltop in New Gloucester (Pisgah Hill), to provide recreational opportunities and, to protect deer wintering habitat. On the adjacent map is depicted the overall concept for land conservation to accomplish the trail network and conserve wildlife habitat.

With the completion of these two initial land acquisitions, conservation of the highest topographic feature in New Gloucester has been accomplished (see adjacent map parcel labeled "A"), with Hobson parcel is label "E" and along with lands conserved with a conservation easement and the parcel labeled "F". Public access and recreational opportunity for hiking, nature observation, hunting and trapping, cross-country-skiing are provided within this setting of conserved lands. This project sets the stage for even more trail links and loops in the future.



PROJECT SUMMARY: RIVER LINK PHASE II

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Damariscotta River Association, Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association, Boothbay Regional Land Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation and Land of Regional Significance

LOCATION: Town of Edgecomb , Lincoln County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 69.1+ acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Acquisition in fee by Damariscotta River Association under a Project Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PUBLIC ACCESS: from River Road and subject property is located on the southwesterly side of this road

AGENCY SPONSORS: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$110,000

CLOSING DATE: February 2, 2012

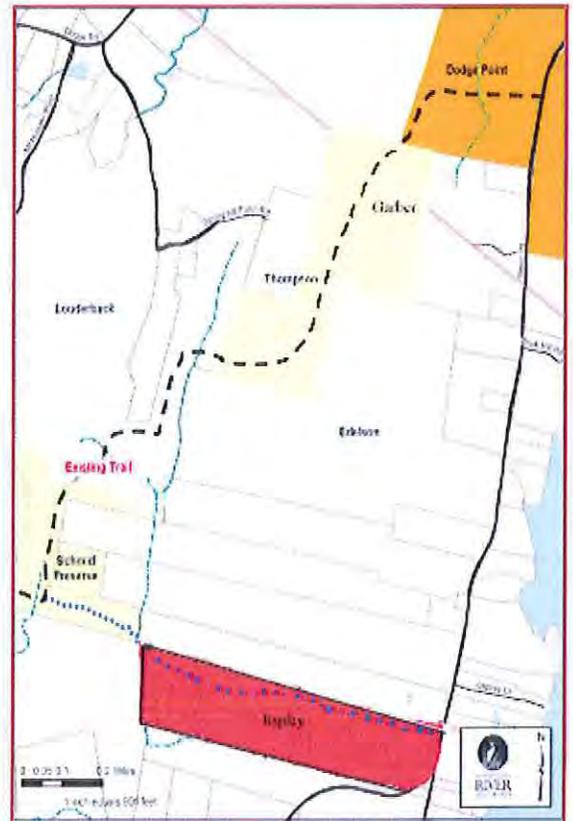
LMF FUNDS: \$44,900

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$65,100

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

River Link II project (the Ripley parcel) is the second phase of a collaborative effort by three land trusts to link the Damariscotta and Sheepscot rivers with conserved lands along the "backbone" of the Edgecomb-Boothbay peninsula.

Three previous LMF-supported River Link II project parcels were acquired between 2006-2008, combining to provide 151± acres conserved. The Ripley property is the fourth and last parcel of the River Link II multi-parcel project. This property is comprised of forested uplands, with noteworthy rock outcrops and stepped cliff bands. It boasts several small, productive perched ponds and marshes. The property's location, midway along the "River Link" corridor in Edgecomb, connects the inland River Link properties with River Road a scenic travel way providing access to state-held public lands at Dodge Point (Public Reserved Land) and overlooking the Damariscotta River. The property offers opportunity for traditional outdoor recreation and wildlife management.



PROJECT SUMMARY: ROBERTS FARM

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Western Foothills Land Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation and Land of Regional Significance

LOCATION: Town of Norway, Oxford County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 1.5 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Acquisition in fee to be held by Western Foothills Land Trust, under a Project Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PUBLIC ACCESS: from Roberts Road and subject property is located on the eastside of this road

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$18,250

CLOSING DATE: June 8, 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$18,250

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$230,526 (Match shown is for entire project, completed in previous biennium)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Homestead parcel was added to the Roberts Farm project in a supplemental round of funding in 2010. The Roberts Farm Preserve project was a 151± acre parcel completed in 2009. Shortly thereafter, the historic farmhouse (circa 1823), which was an in-holding in the conservation parcel, became available and was acquired by the Western Foothills Land Trust. In order to qualify for LMF funds, 0.9 acres was retained for a building envelope surrounding the historic farmhouse. LMF funds were authorized to support conservation of the remaining undeveloped 1.5 acres.

Roberts Farm Preserve is located on the side of Pike's Hill on the site of a former dairy farm. The Homestead parcel is located about two-tenths of a mile south of Lake Pennesseewassee (a/k/a Norway Lake) on Roberts Road.

The land trust has established nearly 7.5 miles of trails for use in all seasons for hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing.



PROJECT SUMMARY: SEBOEIS LAKE SOUTH

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Trust for Public Land, Northern Timber Cruisers, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, U.S.D.A. Forest Legacy Program, US Federal Highway Administration, Recreational Trails Program

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreation Lands, Statewide Significance

LOCATION: Lake View Plantation, Piscataquis County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 5,741± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Acquisition in fee by Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PUBLIC ACCESS: Direct access from Lake View Road, State Route 11

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$2,707,200

CLOSING DATE: April 30, 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$483,136

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$2,216,864

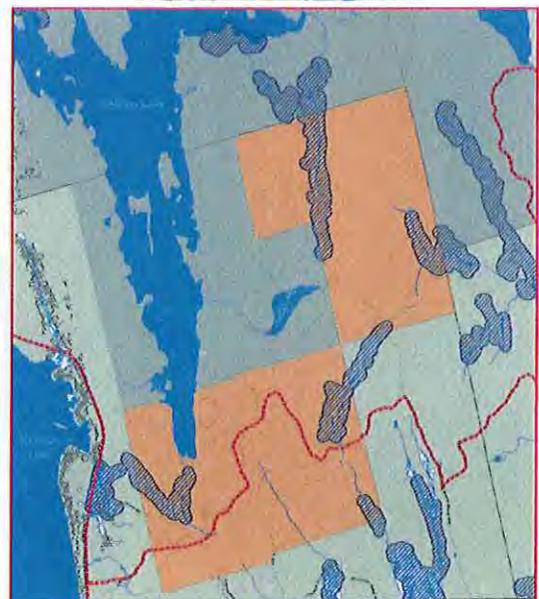
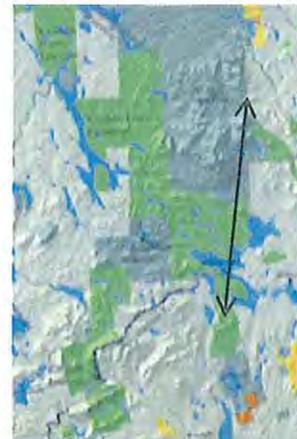
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Seboeis Lake “South Addition” serves as both a functional and symbolic anchor to the largest contiguous block of conserved lands in Maine. From the southern reach of Seboeis Lake one can navigate either side of the lake, continue their traverse north along recreational trails through the Katahdin Forest project to the Nahmakanta Reserve, through the 100-Mile Wilderness to Baxter State Park and, continue on to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway – all the while being on State of Maine conserved land every step of the way.

The 5,741 acres of undeveloped land have access to public road and include the remaining 2± miles of lake-shore front at the southern end of Seboeis Lake, the parcel will be added to Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry’s 15,628 acre Seboeis Public Lands Unit.

This property provides public opportunity for camping and water access camping on the lake, with numerous potential sites which feature views to Mount Katahdin and the Barren-Chairback Range.

It secures guaranteed public access to a vital link (nearly 5 miles) in regional snowmobile (ITS 111) and ATV trail systems linking Brownville area with the Jo-Mary region and north to the Millinocket area.



PROJECT SUMMARY: SIPP BAY GATEWAY

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Maine Coast Heritage Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation, Regional Significance

LOCATION: Town of Perry, Washington County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 16± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee purchase by Maine Coast Heritage Trust with a Project Agreement held by Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

PUBLIC ACCESS: Off of Route One, Burby Rd. in Pembroke

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PURCHASE PRICE: \$450,000

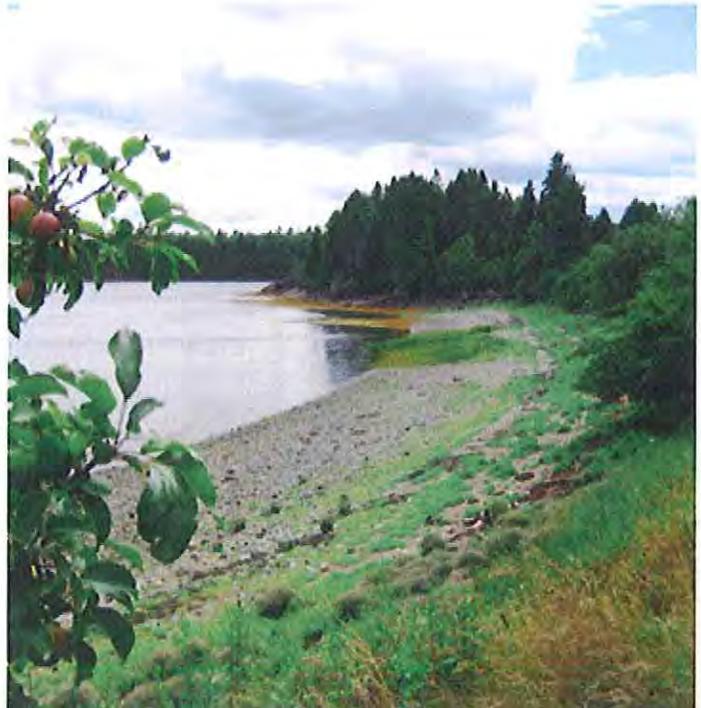
CLOSING DATE: March 2, 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$192,769

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$387,184

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This 16-acre peninsula property is the keystone property within a larger conservation effort in Sipp Bay at the northern end of Cobscook Bay in the towns of Perry and Pembroke. The property is an ecologically-rich, sheltered embayment that includes a bald eagle perching site, several Native American archaeological sites, important tidal wading bird and waterfowl habitat, and high-value marine worm habitat. It also provides wetland and upland buffer habitat for Atlantic Salmon. There are currently no public access sites on Sipp Bay to serve the nearly 100 miles of shoreline between Pembroke and Sipp Bay. The parcel provides potential for traditional outdoor recreational uses including campsite areas, trails, gravel beaches, a small hand carry boat launch area, and numerous water access points for picnicking, shore fishing, clamming and periwinkle harvesting.



PROJECT SUMMARY: WEST GRAND LAKE FOREST

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: U.S.D.A Forest Legacy Program, Grand Lake Stream Plantation, Downeast Lakes Land Trust, Trust for Public Lands, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry,

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation, Statewide Significance

LOCATION: Grand Lake Stream Plantation & T6 ND BPP, Washington County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 21,870± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Conservation Easement held by Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PUBLIC ACCESS: Access is primarily provided by the Amazon Road.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$7,280,000

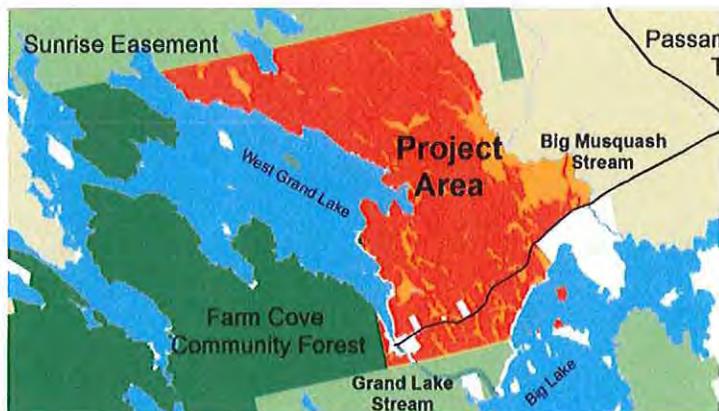
CLOSING DATE: December 18, 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$1,250,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$6,330,913

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The West Grand Lake project in Grand Lake Stream Plantation consists of 21,870 acres of working forest that conserves significant landscape hailed as one of Maine's storied outdoor recreation destinations. It was selected as the #1 national priority for the U.S. Forest Service Forest Legacy Program in 2011 due to its economic, recreational, and ecological importance. The Land for Maine's Future grant helped leverage federal funds to conserve more than 17 miles of lake frontage, over 3,000 acres of wetlands, and 40 miles of streams. The project conserves working landscapes that support, local guides and sporting camps, while providing timber harvesting employment. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry holds a working forest easement that also provides for easy access to popular recreational lands.



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Belle Vue Farm II
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Clark Farm and Forest Phase I
King Hill Farm
Marsh Field Farm
Meadow Brook Farm

PROJECT SUMMARY: BELLE VUE FARM II, LLC.

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Farmland Trust, Town of Readfield

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Farmland Protection

LOCATION: Kents Hill, Town of Readfield, Kennebec County **PROJECT ACREAGE:** 91.6± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Agricultural Conservation Easement purchase by Maine Farmland Trust under Project Agreement with Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Third-Party Holders of Conservation Easement: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (federal).

PUBLIC ACCESS: Main Street, Readfield (from State Route 17), with landowner permission

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$100,000

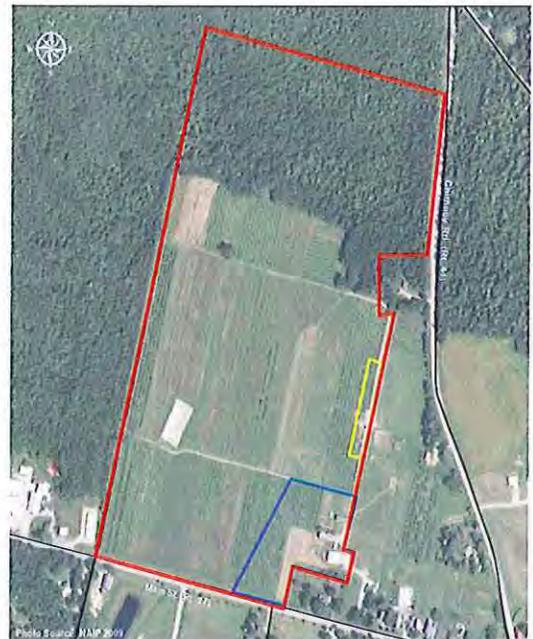
CLOSING DATE: October 31, 2011

LMF FUNDS: \$50,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTION: \$68,384 (includes USDA, Farm and Ranchland Protection Program funds)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A landmark property located in the Kents Hill area of Readfield, the Belle Vue Farm II property is prominently visible and provides scenic enjoyment to the public traveling on State Routes 17 and 41. The farmland conservation goals are to protect active working lands, conserve important agricultural soils, protect wildlife habitat, in association with other conservation lands adjacent to the property. The landowners are allowing, within the provisions of the conservation easement, for a pedestrian trail corridor over a portion of the property.



PROJECT SUMMARY: CHEESEMAN FARM - North

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Sebasticook Regional Land Trust, Maine Farmland Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Farmland Protection

LOCATION: Town of Unity, Waldo County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 192± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Agricultural Conservation Easement purchased by Sebasticook Regional Land Trust under Project Agreement with Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Third-Party Holders of Conservation Easement: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (federal).

PUBLIC ACCESS: With landowner permission

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$80,000.00

CLOSING DATE: February 28, 2012

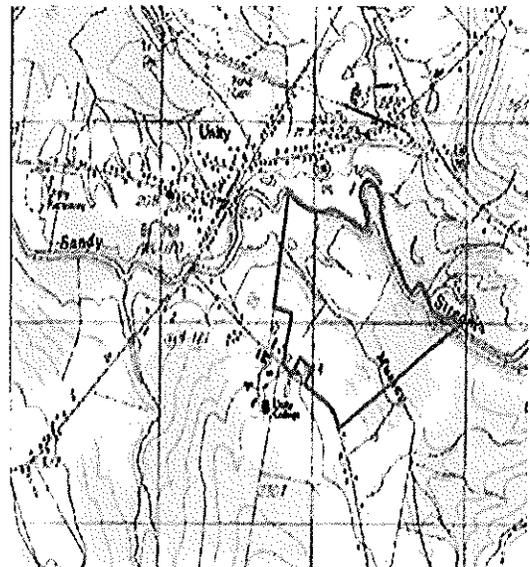
LMF FUNDS: \$40,000.00

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$52,434 (includes USDA, Farm and Ranchland Protection Program funds)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Landowner Gordon Cheeseman conserved his farmland to protect its important agricultural soils and water quality of Sandy Stream and Mussey Brook, two waterways of ecological importance which traverse the property and provide important wildlife and fisheries habitat of local, regional, and statewide importance. The majority of the property remains in active use; the open fields are leased to a nearby dairy farm, and the woodlot is managed in accordance with a certified Forestry Management Plan.

↑ North



PROJECT SUMMARY: CLARK FARM and FOREST, Phase I

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Farmland Trust, Windham Land Trust, Trust for Public Land

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Farmland Protection

LOCATION: Town of Windham, Cumberland County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 217.4± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Agricultural Conservation Easement purchase by Windham Land Trust under Project Agreement with Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Third-Party Holders of Conservation Easement: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (federal).

PUBLIC ACCESS: From Cook Road and Swett Road with landowner permission, existing snowmobile club, and a public pedestrian trail to be created between the Pleasant River to Cook Road and hand-carry watercraft access to Pleasant River.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$1,070,000

CLOSING DATE: March 31, 2011

LMF FUNDS: \$535,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$591,064 (includes USDA, Farm and Ranchland Protection Program funds)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Clark Farm, which lies within 20 minutes of Portland, has been in active agricultural production for over 100 years, most recently to produce hay for local dairy farmers. The views and waterfront made it an attractive parcel for development, but the Clarks wanted to keep it available for farming in the future. To make the land affordable for an incoming farmer when they retired, the Clarks sold a conservation easement that protects its agricultural viability and provides potential for limited pedestrian public access to the Pleasant River and Black Brook. Clark Farm was recently purchased by a local beef farmer who needed additional land to expand his growing operation. Maine Farmland Trust is now the Holder of the easement.



PROJECT SUMMARY: KING HILL FARM

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Blue Hill Heritage Trust, Inc.

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Farmland Protection

LOCATION: Town of Penobscot, Hancock County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 84.5± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Agricultural Conservation Easement purchased by Blue Hill Heritage Trust under Project Agreement with Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PUBLIC ACCESS: with landowner permission only

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$75,000

CLOSING DATE: February 18, 2011

LMF FUNDS: \$37,500

MATCHING CONTRIBUTION: \$37,500

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Established in 1971, the original owners of King Hill Farm, Dennis King and Jo Barrett set new standards of excellence for agricultural leadership in Maine. They pioneered cropping and composting techniques to build soil quality, becoming one of the State's premier organic farms. Their conservation goal was to protect the farm's agricultural soils and ensure that the property would remain a working farm. In early 2012, they sold the protected property to former Maine Organic Farmers and Growers Association apprentices, Amanda Provencher and Paul Schultz, who operate a successful year-round Community Support Agriculture project in Hancock County.



PROJECT SUMMARY: MARSH FIELD FARM

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, Maine Farmland Trust, U.S.D.A. Natural Resource Conservation Service: Farm and Ranchland Protection Program

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Farmland Protection

LOCATION: Town of Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc County **PROJECT ACREAGE:** 59± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Agricultural Conservation Easement purchase by Kennebec Estuary Land Trust under Project Agreement with Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Third-Party Holders of Conservation Easement: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (federal).

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$775,000

CLOSING DATE: November 9, 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$377,500

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$387,500 - USDA, Farm and Ranchland Protection Program

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Marshfield Farm is located along the Kennebec River, in close proximity to the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife's Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Management Area. This agricultural property has some of the most productive agricultural soils in Maine. These farmlands are currently leased and managed by a commercial organic lettuce grower. Their product is sold to grocery stores located throughout New England, as well as local market vendors in Maine. Marsh Field Farm is in close proximity to other working farms located in Bowdoinham, Bowdoin, and Richmond and across the river in Dresden. The agricultural easement will remove financial pressure to subdivide the land or convert it to other uses.

This property abuts 147 acres of conserved forest, wetlands, and a deer wintering yard which is part of a Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife-managed Wildlife Management Area.



Marsh Field Farm



Atlantic Organics

PROJECT SUMMARY: MEADOW BROOK FARM

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Kennebec Land Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Farmland Protection

LOCATION: Town of Fayette, Kennebec County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 256± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Agricultural Conservation Easement purchase by Kennebec Land Trust under Project Agreement with Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Third-Party Holder of Conservation Easement: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PUBLIC ACCESS: with landowner permission from Bramhill Road

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PURCHASE PRICE: \$410,000

CLOSING DATE: May 31, 2012

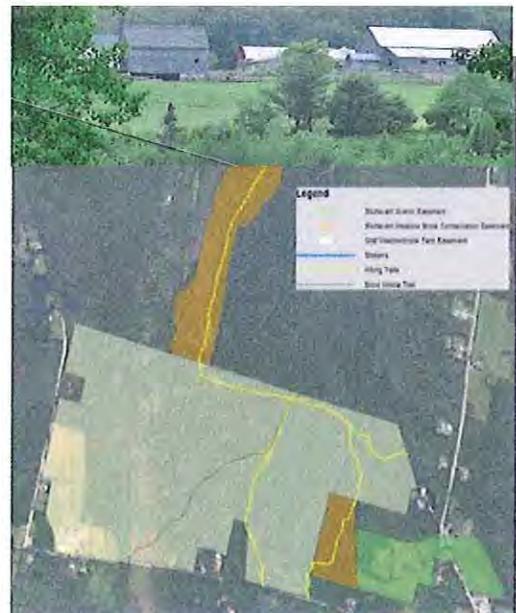
LMF FUNDS: \$140,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$285,752

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Meadow Brook Farm, a family-owned and operated dairy farm located in northwestern Kennebec County, is part of a well-established dairy farm community in Kennebec County. Over 70% of the property is classified as important agricultural soil, ensuring that it can support a diversity of agricultural crops far into the future.

Conservation includes ecologically important wildlife habitat along Meadow Brook and two streams that meander across the property. Opportunity for traditional public recreational access has been incorporated into this land conservation project, with a non-motorized trail traversing a portion of the property. In addition, the landowner supports continued use of a snowmobile trail on the property which is maintained by a local snowmobile club.



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Caribou - Aroostook River Water Access
Frenchville - Aroostook River Water Access
Hunter Cove Water Access Easement
South Pond Water Access

PROJECT SUMMARY: CARIBOU WATER ACCESS, Aroostook River

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Water Access - Aroostook River

LOCATION: City of Caribou, Aroostook County **PROJECT ACREAGE:** 8.48± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee purchase by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Property has direct frontage on Route 161 in Caribou.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PURCHASE PRICE: \$40,000

CLOSING DATE: March 30, 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$20,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$34,657

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is the first step in creating a full service boat-launching facility that provides access to the fishing, hunting, trapping, boating and other recreational activities along this section of the Aroostook River.

DIFW identified this section of the Aroostook River as a #2 priority river section in need of boat access in the 2005 update of its Boat Access priorities for the Sport Fish Restoration Access Program.

DIFW's second objective will be to develop the acquired parcel with a boat launching ramp for River user access. The existing gravel ramp is steep and subject to erosion. The development will include a pre-cast concrete plank ramp, and ADA parking.

PROJECT SUMMARY: FRENCHVILLE WATER ACCESS, St. John River

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Town of Frenchville

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Water Access – Saint John River

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee purchase by Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LOCATION: Town of Frenchville, Aroostook County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 3± acres

PUBLIC ACCESS: Frontage on Route 1 in the Town of Frenchville

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PURCHASE PRICE: \$14,500

CLOSING DATE: March 30, 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$7,250

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$7,250

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project created a full service boat-launching facility providing new public access to the fishing, hunting, trapping, boating and other recreational activities associated with this section of the Saint John River. The high interest muskellunge sport fishery at this section of river had previously been difficult for anglers to access.

Development of the site included design and permitting; the installation of erosion control measures; site clearing; excavation and fill; installation of four culverts, rip-rap; construction of paved and gravel roads; guardrail; installation of a railroad crossing; construction of paved parking; construction of a concrete boat ramp; and installation of signage and a gate.



PROJECT SUMMARY: HUNTER COVE WATER ACCESS

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Water Access

LOCATION: Town of Rangeley, Franklin County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 1.0± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Public Access Easement and Restrictive Covenant purchase by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Direct access from Mingo Loop Road in Rangeley

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PURCHASE PRICE: \$305,000

CLOSING DATE: December 7, 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$100,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$205,000

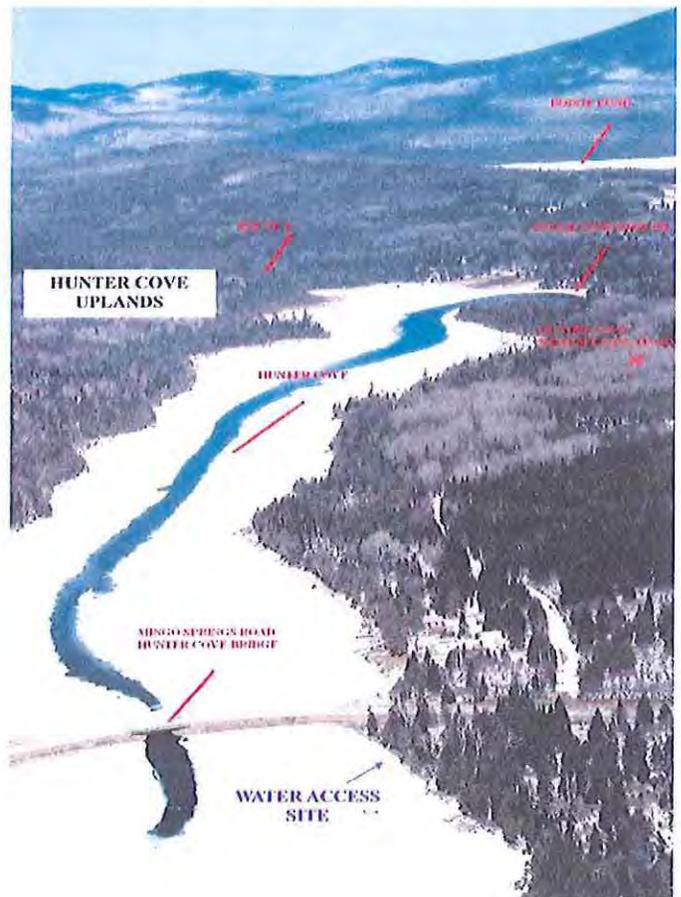
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

With approximately 250 feet of frontage along Hunter Cove on Rangeley Lake, this public water access property is located on Mingo Loop Road adjacent to the existing causeway which spans Hunter Cove. Hunter Cove is a popular fishing area. Additionally it is a stopping off point for paddlers along the Northern Forest Canoe Trail.

DIFW plans are to provide a pedestrian portage trail from a parking area to a hand-carried watercraft launch, in addition, the site provides access for other recreational uses, such as fishing, swimming, picnicking and other daytime activities related to angling, boating, swimming by the public.

The water access property is easily accessed from State Route 4, a designated scenic byway road known as "Rangeley Lakes National Scenic Byway."

This area is managed in partnership with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife.



PROJECT SUMMARY: SOUTH POND WATER ACCESS

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Town of Buckfield, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Western Foothills Land Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Water Access

LOCATION: Town of Buckfield, Oxford County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 1.4± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee held by the Western Foothills Land Trust, with a project agreement held by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Access provided off the John Ellingwood Road in Buckfield.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PURCHASE PRICE: \$30,000

CLOSING DATE: July 12, 2011

LMF FUNDS: \$30,000 (LMF funds equal purchase price because this is a multi parcel project that had a very strong match on parcels that closed in the previous biennium)

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$15,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The parcel is located on South Pond and the ITS89, a multi-use trail is adjacent to the property. This portion of the trail is the abandoned Buckfield railroad bed and is maintained by the Town of Buckfield and accessible for all vehicles.

This parcel contains 530 feet of shoreline and completes the conservation of the water body's shoreline.

The parcel also has a modest boat launch.



Subject property on South Pond showing abandoned Buckfield RR bed (now ITS89)

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Moosabec Mussels, Inc.
North End Co-Op
Pine Point Pier
Quoddy Bay Lobster, Inc.

PROJECT SUMMARY: MOOSABEC MUSSEL WORKING WATERFRONT COVENANT

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Department of Marine Resources

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Working Waterfront Access Protection Program

LOCATION: Town of Jonesport, Washington County

PROJECT ACREAGE: .77 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Working waterfront access protection covenant held by the Department of Marine Resources

PUBLIC ACCESS: Old House Point Road in Jonesport, with landowner permission

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Marine Resources

PURCHASE PRICE: \$215,000

CLOSING DATE: December 24, 2012

LMF FUNDS: \$215,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$654,800

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Twenty-five percent of Maine's mussel harvest is landed at this property. Moosabec Mussel Inc. also lands, processes, and markets quahogs, periwinkles, lobsters, crabs, sea urchins, scallops, seaweed, clams, worms, and sea cucumbers from this property. The primary use of the property is related to mussels. The mussels are packaged in 2, 5, 10, and 25 lb. packages. The 2 lb. packages can be found at most Whole Food Markets east of the Mississippi River.

These funds assisted the applicant with the purchase an additional fishing vessel and with several on site improvements, including improved mussel processing capacity to meet the expectations of new markets, thereby supporting marine related economic activity. The property directly employs 12 and an additional 45+ fishermen regularly land their catch at the property.



PROJECT SUMMARY: NORTH END WORKING WATERFRONT COVENANT

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Department of Marine Resources

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Working Waterfront Access Protection Program

LOCATION: Westport Island, Lincoln County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 4.6 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Working waterfront access protection covenant held by the Department of Marine Resources

PUBLIC ACCESS: North End Road in Westport, with landowner permission

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Marine Resources

PURCHASE PRICE: \$135,250

CLOSING DATE: October 27, 2011

LMF FUNDS: \$135,250

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$468,700

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The property provides prime access to the Sheepscot River lobster fishery. The property has a deepwater wharf on 450 feet of frontage. Co-op members unload catch, haul their boats, store their boats and gear, purchase fuel, and launch their floats seasonally in a manner unlike any other fishing wharf in Maine. This ‘one stop shop’ is used by over 40 families in the town and surrounding area. Access at this property was essential given the distances to other services the fishermen require. Funds allowed the Co-op to make physical improvements to the shorefront and to pay down debt on their mortgage.

Thus, this project contributes directly to marine related economic activity.



PROJECT SUMMARY: PINE POINT PIER WORKING WATERFRONT COVENANT

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Department of Marine Resources

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Working Waterfront Access Protection Program

LOCATION: Town of Scarborough, Cumberland County **PROJECT ACREAGE:** 1.33± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Working waterfront access protection covenant held by the Department of Marine Resources

LOCATION: Town of Scarborough, Cumberland County

PUBLIC ACCESS: King Street in Scarborough, with landowner permission

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Marine Resources

PURCHASE PRICE: \$252,500

CLOSING DATE: January 7, 2011

LMF FUNDS: \$252,500

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$757,500

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

At the outlet of the Scarborough River and protected by Prouts Neck to the east and Pine Point to the south and west, Scarborough Harbor is one of the best natural Maine anchorages south of Portland. Since 1971, the municipal pier on Pine Point has served the town’s commercial fishing industry for use by pedestrian traffic only. These funds enabled the Town of Scarborough to construct a new pier that has allowed vessels additional deep water time, mechanized loading, and more efficient vehicular loading to trucks directly on the pier.

Current commercial boat use includes over 65 lobster boats and clam skiffs that provide income for 66 fishermen and 70 families that directly supports marine related economic activity.



PROJECT SUMMARY: QUODDY BAY LOBSTER WATERFRONT COVENANT

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Department of Marine Resources

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Working Waterfront Access Protection Program

LOCATION: Town of Eastport, Washington County

PROJECT ACREAGE: .94 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Working waterfront access protection covenant held by the Department of Marine Resources

PUBLIC ACCESS: Located at the end of Sea Street in Eastport, with landowner permission

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Marine Resources

PURCHASE PRICE: \$121,250

CLOSING DATE: 12/28/2012

LMF FUNDS: \$121,250

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$367,250

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The property has served commercial fisheries for more than 150 years. The property lands a large percentage of Washington County's lobster catch (474,000 lbs. per year). In 2012 the company expanded its landings to include sea urchins and scallops. Quoddy Bay Lobster Inc. does limited processing and offers fresh and cooked seafood for retail sale. Upon notification of LMF approval of the project, the applicant obtained a bridge loan to rebuild and enlarge the pier that services the business, and construct a bait storage building and lobster tank. The property directly employs 11 on site. Thus, this project directly contributes to marine related economic activity.



Located in downtown Eastport



Applicant used LMF funds to build a new pier and building (under construction)

Land For Maine's Future Program Cumulative Summary of Projects 1987-2012 by County*

	Conservation and Recreation		Water Access		Farmland		Working Waterfront		TOTAL	
	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres
Androscoggin	8	2,927	3	32	5	679	0	0	16	3,638
Aroostook	8	6,668	2	12	0	0	0	0	10	6,680
Cumberland	31	7,684	6	309	8	2,982	3	3	48	10,979
Franklin	3	22,303	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	22,304
Hancock	13	46,610	7	36	3	409	1	1	24	47,055
Kennebec	4	7,251	4	40	4	772	0	0	12	8,062
Knox	7	669	0	0	2	242	7	5	16	916
Lincoln	11	1,304	2	7	1	92	4	23	18	1,426
Oxford	12	9,608	7	236	0	0	0	0	19	9,844
Penobscot	8	8,861	2	2	0	0	0	0	10	8,863
Piscataquis	10	271,426	3	57	0	0	0	0	13	271,484
Sagadahoc	7	2,917	1	4	3	450	0	0	11	3,371
Somerset	5	64,091	4	168	0	0	0	0	9	64,259
Waldo	6	1,197	2	2	5	825	0	0	13	2,024
Washington	30	83,605	8	49	1	1,523	3	3	42	85,180
York	24	14,318	0	0	4	699	1	1	29	15,017
TOTALS	187	551,439	52	955	36	8,671	19	35	294	561,100

*Many projects cross county lines. In such cases the table above shows the project as being in the county that contains the majority of the project acres.

Table does not include active projects with closing dates after December 31, 2012.

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LMF BONDS with AVAILABLE FUNDS

<i>BOND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>	<i>Available Balance 1/1/2013²</i>
Minimum amounts specified in the statute.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proceeds of \$6,500,000 are available for acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, including hunting and fishing.³ 	\$0.00
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the proceeds available, \$1,000,000 must be made available to protect farmland in accordance with Title 5, Section 6207 	\$119,080
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the proceeds available, \$1,750,000 must be made available to protect working waterfront properties in accordance with PL 2005, Chapter 462, Part B, Section 6 	\$1,161,842
PL 2011 Chapter 696 Voter approved 11/6/2012	\$5,000,000	The proceeds must be expended for the acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, farmland preservation in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 353 and working waterfront preservation in accordance with the terms of PL 2005, chapter 462, Part B, Sec. 6, including all costs associated with such acquisitions, except that use of the proceeds is subject to following conditions and requirements. The funds are to be expended for conservation, water access, wildlife habitat (including deer wintering areas) or fish habitat, outdoor recreation (including hunting and fishing), and preservation of farmland and working waterfronts, subject to a number of conditions and requirements and must be matched with at least \$5,000,000 in public and private contributions.	

² Amounts as of December 31, 2012

³ Sale of remaining balances of bond funds for Conservation & Recreation (\$6.5 million), for Farmland Protection (\$500,000), and for Working Waterfront (\$425,000) is pending.

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BOND	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	Available Balance 1/1/2013 ⁴
<p>Minimum amounts specified in the statute.</p> <p>PL 2011, Chapter 696, Sec. 6 Voter approved 11/6/2012</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bond proceeds of \$5,000,000 are available for acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, including hunting, fishing and farmland preservation. The Act specifies that projects that conserve and protect deer wintering areas are to be given priority in the scoring of applications submitted to the Board. It also directs the Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry and the Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife to be proactive in pursuing conservation of priority deer wintering areas.⁵ Land and easements purchased by the State for wildlife or fish habitat protection must be managed using protocols provided by the DIFW. • Of the bond proceeds allocated to the LMF Board, <i>any grants awarded for working waterfront projects</i> must be made in accordance with PL 2005, Chapter 462, Part B. ⁶ Each grant must be matched, dollar for dollar, by the organizations or local governments receiving the award and are subject to a condition that the property not be used, altered or developed in a manner that precludes its use by commercial fisheries businesses. The state must retain a permanent right of first refusal on any waterfront property acquired with bond proceeds, or is protected by an easement 	<p>\$0.00</p>

⁴ Amounts as of December 31, 2012

⁵ Deer Wintering Areas (emphasis added) - defined as areas containing at least 500 acres of land (including the acreage of any contiguous land that is already conserved) that have been used by deer at some point since 1950 and are capable of sheltering deer as of the effective date of this Act or within 20 years.

⁶ This pilot program has since been established in statute as the Maine Working Waterfront Access Protection Program. See Public Laws of 2011, Chapter 266, part B and language in Title 5 Chapter 353 (Land for Maine's Future statute) and in Title 12 (Dept. of Marine Resources statute).

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS
for projects completed in 2011-2012**

The work of these partners and the matching funds they bring exceeds the expenditures by the state, making this Program among state programs providing the greatest return on investment. There are many other partners, whose work increases LMF results and success. The list below is comprised of just those partners who had projects completed (closed purchases) during 2011-2012.

There may be other groups that should be listed here. A list of partners since the program began in 1987 would be much longer.

Federal agencies and programs

US Federal Highway Administration, Recreational Trails Program
 USDA Farm and Ranchland Protection Program
 USDA Forest Service, Forest Legacy Program
 USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
 US Fish and Wildlife Service, North American Wetlands Conservation Act
 US National Park Service, Land and Water Conservation Fund

State agencies and programs

Department of Administration and Financial Services, Natural Resources Service Center
 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
 Department of Marine Resources
 Department of Transportation
 Maine Historic Preservation Commission
 Office of Attorney General
 Office of State Treasurer

Municipalities

Town of Buckfield	Grand Lake Stream Plantation
Town of Casco	Town of Readfield
Town of Frenchville	

Conservation organizations

Archaeological Conservancy	Loon Echo Land Trust
Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance	Maine Coast Heritage Trust
Blue Hill Heritage Trust	Maine Farmland Trust
Boothbay Regional Land Trust	Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust
Coastal Mountains Land Trust	Royal River Conservation Trust
Damariscotta River Association	Sebasticook Regional Land Trust
Downeast Coastal Conservancy	Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association
Downeast Lakes Land Trust	The Nature Conservancy, Maine Chapter
Ducks Unlimited	Trust for Public Land
Friends of Merrymeeting Bay	Western Foothills Land Trust
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	Windham Land Trust
Kennebec Land Trust	

Other

Northern Timber Cruisers Snowmobile Club

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