

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alexandre Mas, TNC Director of Strategic Partnerships, MNRCP Manager

Re: **2012 Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program Funding Allocations**

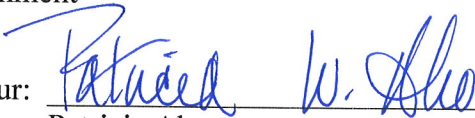
The Maine Natural Resources Conservation Program (MNRCP) was created in 2007 to manage the allocation of funds collected by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) through its In Lieu Fee Compensation Program. This voluntary program allows entities that are impacting natural resources, 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, TNC has received a total of \$8,239,336 in resource compensation fees from DEP.

On November 15, 2012 the MNRCP Review Committee was convened by DEP to evaluate 22 full proposals that were received in response to an RFP posted in June 2012. 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 December 13, 2012 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 fourth 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: 
Patricia Aho

Date: 12/13/2012

Concur: 
Ruth Ladd

Date: 12/13/2012

Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program 2012 Funding Allocations

Region	Project	Sponsor	Funds Requested	Funds Awarded
<u>Aroostook Hills & Lowlands</u>				
	Violette Brook Project	Forest Society of Maine	\$67,000	\$67,000
		Region Totals:	\$67,000	\$67,000
<u>Central & Western Mountains</u>				
	Orbeton Stream	The Trust for Public Land	\$100,000	\$100,000
		Region Totals:	\$100,000	\$100,000
<u>Central Interior & Midcoast</u>				
	Caribou Bog - Dorion	Orono Land Trust	\$223,300	\$223,300
	Weskeag Wetlands	Georges River Land Trust	\$350,000	\$350,000
	Moulton's Mill Part II	Sebasticook Regional Land Trust	\$199,000	\$199,000
	Penjajawoc Marsh - Severance	Bangor Land Trust	\$282,000	\$282,000
	Davis/Holbrook Fishway	Atlantic Salmon Federation, Maine Council	\$50,000	\$50,000
	Morse Pond II Wetlands	Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	\$195,300	\$195,300
	White Island - Stevens	Harpwell Heritage Land Trust	\$295,000	\$0
	Great Moose Lake Acquisition	Sebasticook Regional Land Trust	\$36,000	\$0
	Broad Cove West - Geele	Medomak Valley Land Trust	\$171,000	\$0
	Broad Cove East - Jones	Medomak Valley Land Trust	\$56,500	\$0
		Region Totals:	\$1,858,100	\$1,299,600
<u>Downeast Maine</u>				
	Indian River Project	Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation	\$114,480	\$114,480
		Region Totals:	\$114,480	\$114,480
<u>Southern Maine</u>				
	Warren Woods Wetland Restoration	Scarborough Land Trust	\$102,650	\$102,650
	Ogunquit River Wetlands	Great Works Regional Land Trust	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Mt. Agamenticus Pocket Swamp	Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative	\$45,100	\$45,100
	Walnut Hill II	Three Rivers Land Trust	\$260,000	\$260,000
	Moon Valley	Western Foothills Land Trust	\$116,850	\$116,850
	Smithfield Meadows (Gelardi)	Saco Valley Land Trust	\$298,750	\$0
	Canco Woods, Portland's Connection	The Trust for Public Land	\$75,000	\$0
	Suckfish Brook II	City of Westbrook	\$105,500	\$0
	Biddeford Forest Preservation	Saco Valley Land Trust	\$225,000	\$0
		Region Totals:	\$1,328,850	\$624,600
Total Number of Full Proposals considered for funding		22	Totals	\$3,468,430
			\$3,468,430	\$2,205,680