

## 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: **2014 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 \$11,741,109 in resource compensation fees from DEP.

On November 6, 2014 the MNRCP Review Committee was convened by DEP to evaluate 13 full proposals that were received in response to an RFP posted in May 2014. 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 17, 2014 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 sixth 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:

11/19/2014

Concur:

  
Ruth Ladd

Date:

11/19/2014

## Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program 2014 Funding Allocations

Region	Project	Sponsor	Funds Requested	Funds Awarded
<b><u>Aroostook Hills &amp; Lowlands</u></b>				
	Salmon Brook Enhancement	Town of Washburn	\$21,000	\$21,000
			<b>Region Totals:</b>	<b>\$21,000</b>
<b><u>Central Interior &amp; Midcoast</u></b>				
	Morse Pond IV	Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	\$146,780	\$146,780
	Mill Street Dam Removal	Atlantic Salmon Federation, Maine Council	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Long Cove Wetlands	Maine Coast Heritage Trust	\$320,000	\$290,000
	Parker Head Road Tidal Restoration	Town of Phippsburg	\$40,000	\$40,000
			<b>Region Totals:</b>	<b>\$606,780</b>
<b><u>Southern Maine</u></b>				
	Mill Lane Wetlands	York Land Trust, Inc.	\$125,000	\$125,000
	Blandings Turtle Incubator (Walnut Hill)	Three Rivers Land Trust	\$115,350	\$115,350
	Salmon Falls - Keay Brook	Great Works Regional Land Trust	\$213,400	\$213,400
	Capisic Pond Enhancement	City of Portland	\$162,000	\$0
	Brave Boat Headwaters - Gavin	Kittery Land Trust, Inc.	\$90,000	\$0
			<b>Region Totals:</b>	<b>\$705,750</b>
<b>Withdrawn</b>				
<b><u>Central Interior &amp; Midcoast</u></b>				
	Cousins River - Gould	Freeport Conservation Trust	\$220,500	\$0
	Great Pond, North Bay (Great Meadow Str)	Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Inc.	\$125,000	\$0
			<b>Region Totals:</b>	<b>\$345,500</b>
<b><u>Southern Maine</u></b>				
	Lowell Farm Preserve	Town of Falmouth	\$75,000	\$0
			<b>Region Totals:</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>Total Number of Full Proposals considered for funding</b>		13	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,754,030</b>
				<b>\$1,051,530</b>