

## MEMORANDUM

To: Gerald D. Reid, DEP Commissioner, MNRCP Approval Committee Co-Chair  
Jay Clement, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MNRCP Approval Committee Co-Chair

From: Bryan Emerson, TNC, MNRCP Mitigation Program Manager

Re: **2019 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 \$22,746,672 in resource compensation fees have been received.

On November 7, 2019, the MNRCP Review Committee was convened by DEP to evaluate 21 full proposals that were received in response to an RFP posted in July 2019. 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 20, 2019, 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 eleventh 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 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:   
Gerald D. Reid

Date: 11/20/19

Concur:   
Jay Clement

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# Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program 2019 Funding Allocations

Region	Project	Sponsor	Funds Requested	Funds Awarded
<b><u>Aroostook Hills &amp; Lowlands</u></b>				
	Frenchville Acadian Forest Habitat Conservation	Upper St. John River Organization	\$206,000	\$89,400
	Grand Isle Acadian Forest Habitat Conservation	Upper St. John River Organization	\$96,500	\$0
			<b>Region Total:</b>	<b>\$302,500</b>
<b><u>Central &amp; Western Mountains</u></b>				
	Shiloh Pond	The Trust for Public Land	\$336,000	\$336,000
	Walton's Mill Dam Removal	Atlantic Salmon Federation, Maine Council	\$395,000	\$395,000
			<b>Region Total:</b>	<b>\$731,000</b>
<b><u>Central Interior &amp; Midcoast</u></b>				
	Caribou Bog Central	Orono Land Trust	\$330,000	\$330,000
	Fogg Island Preserve Expansion Karabin	7 Lakes Alliance	\$59,000	\$43,000
	Fogg Island Preserve Expansion Osada	7 Lakes Alliance	\$77,750	\$73,250
	Walden-Parke Preserve Addition	Bangor Land Trust	\$482,500	\$186,000
			<b>Region Total:</b>	<b>\$949,250</b>
<b><u>Downeast Maine</u></b>				
	Brook Trout Habitat Restoration at Spring River	The Nature Conservancy	\$51,200	\$51,200
	Frenchman Bay Forest	Frenchman Bay Conservancy	\$201,345	\$162,800
			<b>Region Total:</b>	<b>\$252,545</b>
<b><u>Southern Maine</u></b>				
	Crooked River, Scribner Parcel	Western Foothills Land Trust	\$42,380	\$42,380
	Deering-Northwest River	Loon Echo Land Trust	\$30,000	\$30,000
	Eliot- Wildlife/Reptile Passage Structure	Maine Dept of Transportation	\$120,000	\$120,000
	Hansen Pond Restoration Sites	Three Rivers Land Trust	\$38,050	\$38,050
	Kennebunk Plains-Fenderson Connector	Town of Wells	\$120,000	\$120,000
	Knight Land	York Land Trust, Inc.	\$327,500	\$327,500
	Lower Gloucester Village & Intervale Project: MNRCP Subparcel	Royal River Conservation Trust	\$222,500	\$202,500
	Norton Brook to Mill Creek Conservation Corridor, Phase I (2)	Falmouth Land Trust	\$425,000	\$200,000
	Old Boston Farm	Great Works Regional Land Trust	\$860,000	\$860,000
	Pump Box Brook I - Coley Trafton	Three Rivers Land Trust	\$151,700	\$151,700
	Meadow Woods Preserve Restoration	Kennebunkport Conservation Trust	\$210,060	\$0
			<b>Region Total:</b>	<b>\$2,547,190</b>
<b>Total Number of Full Proposals considered for funding:</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$4,782,485</b>
				<b>\$3,758,780</b>