

**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: **2022 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 \$33,722,221 in resource compensation fees have been received.

On November 3, 2022, the MNRCP Review Committee was convened by DEP to evaluate 13 full proposals that were received in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) released in July 2022. 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 16, 2022, 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 fourteenth 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 and DEP 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 2022 Funding Allocations

Concur:   
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Melanie Loyzim Date: 12/01/2022

Concur:   
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Taylor Bell Date: 12/5/2022

## Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program 2022 Funding Allocations

Region	Project	Sponsor	Funds Requested	Funds Awarded
<b><u>Central &amp; Eastern Lowlands</u></b>				
	Alder Stream Crosby Rd	Northeast Wilderness Trust	\$62,150	\$62,150
	Alder Stream Levenseller Rd	Northeast Wilderness Trust	\$156,800	\$0
		Region Total:	<b>\$218,950</b>	<b>\$62,150</b>
<b><u>Central &amp; Western Mountains</u></b>				
	Buck's Ledge 2	Woodstock Conservation Commission	\$126,500	\$126,500
	Little Concord Pond Addition	Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	\$185,000	\$185,000
	Wesserunsett Inlet	Somerset Woods Trustees	\$80,000	\$80,000
		Region Total:	<b>\$391,500</b>	<b>\$391,500</b>
<b><u>Central Interior &amp; Midcoast</u></b>				
	Meadow Brook Connector	Coastal Mountains Land Trust	\$59,976	\$59,976
		Region Total:	<b>\$59,976</b>	<b>\$59,976</b>
<b><u>Downeast Maine</u></b>				
	Narraguagus Marsh Restoration	Downeast Salmon Federation	\$49,240	\$49,240
		Region Total:	<b>\$49,240</b>	<b>\$49,240</b>
<b><u>Southern Maine</u></b>				
	Biddeford Pool	US Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior	\$240,411	\$240,411
	Fuller Farm Expansion	Scarborough Land Trust	\$118,000	\$118,000
	Johnson Brook - Sisk Preserve	Kittery Land Trust, Inc.	\$247,780	\$247,780
	Kezar Corridor Rolfe	Greater Lovell Land Trust	\$30,000	\$30,000
	Ogunquit Headwater Wetlands (3)	Great Works Regional Land Trust	\$310,000	\$310,000
	Moose Pond Wetlands	Three Rivers Land Trust	\$191,000	\$0
		Region Total:	<b>\$1,137,191</b>	<b>\$946,191</b>
<b>Total Number of Full Proposals considered for funding:</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$1,856,857</b>
			<b>\$1,856,857</b>	<b>\$1,509,057</b>