

MEMORANDUM

To: Beth Nagusky, DEP Acting Commissioner, MNRCP Approval Committee Chair

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

Re: **2010 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 \$5,240,911 in resource compensation fees from DEP.

On November 17, 2010 the MNRCP Review Committee was convened by DEP to evaluate 23 full proposals that were received in response to an RFP posted in July 2010. 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.

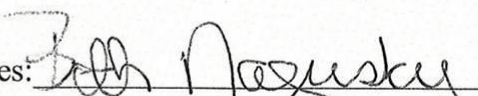
On December 15, 2010 the MNRCP Approval Committee was convened by DEP to consider the Review Committee recommendations and to approve the second round of funding from MNRCP. Attached is the resulting list of projects approved to receive funding, and the funding amounts, for your concurrence.

Upon receipt of this signed authorization by the Approval Committee Chairman, 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 as Appendix E to the "IN-LIEU FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS, and THE NATURE CONSERVANCY" unless otherwise authorized by DEP and the Corps.

Attachment

Concur: _____

Date: _____

Concur with changes:  _____

Date: 12-15-10

Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program 2010 Funding Allocations

Region	Project	Sponsor	Funds Requested	Funds Awarded
3	Maquoit Bay - Hehshaw	Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
3	Morse Pond	Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	\$38,800.00	\$38,800.00
3	McKenna - Whiskeag Creek	Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	\$266,500.00	\$240,000.00
3	Muscongus Bk Webber Pond	Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00
3	Basin and Curtis Coves - Williams	Harpwell Heritage Land Trust	\$450,000.00	\$200,000.00
3	Pisgah Hill Conservation Area - Hobson	Royal River Conservation Trust	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
4	Spectacle/Dam Ponds	Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	\$254,000.00	\$254,000.00
4	Great Meadow Stream Smithfield	Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
4	Kanokolus Bog North	Sebasticook Regional Land Trust	\$36,200.00	\$36,200.00
4	Great Meadow Stream Belgrade	Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance	\$85,000.00	\$0.00
4	Franklin - Salmon Lake	Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
7	Bell Marsh	York Land Trust, Inc.	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
7	Merriland River Corridor - Tilton	Town of Wells Conservation Commission	\$79,000.00	\$79,000.00
7	Steele Forest Addition	Kennebunkport Conservation Trust	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
7	Boutin - Clifford Park	City of Biddeford	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00
7	Granite State Wetlands	Great Works Regional Land Trust	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
7	East Branch Piscataqua River, Upper	Town of Falmouth	\$325,384.00	\$247,285.00
7	Falmouth Conservation Corridor Phase II, Monn	Town of Falmouth	\$145,650.00	\$0.00
7	Lowell Farm Phase I	Town of Falmouth	\$131,650.00	\$0.00
7	East Branch Piscataqua River, Lower	Falmouth Land Trust	\$19,500.00	\$0.00
7	Goosefare Brook	Ocean Park Conservation Society	\$1,561,650.00	\$0.00
12	Flanders Stream Connectivity Project	Town of Sullivan	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
15	Wallamatogus - Great Heath	Blue Hill Heritage Trust	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Proposals		23	Totals	
			\$4,568,334	\$2,175,285