

Grant Awards Summary by Category

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund - 2009 - Session 2

Grants Awarded on November 5th 2009

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

092-01-01	SRCC	Water Quality 101	Amt Funded: \$3,958	Saco River Corridor
Provide a video curriculum of the importance of water quality testing to supplement school group teaching in the natural and early sciences.				
092-01-03	IFW	Maine eBird: An On-line Tool For Birders	Amt Funded: \$5,365	Statewide
Develop a state specific eBird site that would increase MDIF&W's available data regarding avian species of greatest conservation need and increase the Department's ability to interface with the growing bird community and promote state birding initiative and citizen science needs.				
092-01-05	IFW	Guide to Creating Wildlife Habitat	Amt Funded: \$5,000	Statewide
Create a basic, easy-to-use woodland owner's guide to creating wildlife habitat on private lands.				
092-01-06	IFW/DOC	Analysis of Climate Change Vulnerability	Amt Funded: \$28,300	Statewide
Assess wildlife species of greatest conservation need, their habitats, plant communities and species of concern, their exposure, sensitivity to climate change impacts, and capacity to adapt. Identify current and new conservation strategies best suited to accommodate climate change effects and incorporate the results into a revision of the state wildlife action plan.				
092-01-07	IFW	Common Eider Daily and Migratory Movements	Amt Funded: \$20,000	Statewide
Provide critical data that will help minimize impacts of near-shore and offshore wind development on the regionally significant breeding and wintering common eider populations in Maine.				
092-01-08	IFW	Moosehead Lake Weir Project	Amt Funded: \$11,948	Moosehead Lake Region
Design, construct, and operate a "semi-portable" weir in 2009 and 2010 on two major brook trout spawning tributaries to Moosehead Lake.				
092-01-09	IFW	Healthy Lifestyle & Conservation Ethic	Amt Funded: \$9,000	Bryant Pond
This funding will provide nearly 100 Maine young people with financial assistance to attend the University of Maine 4H Camp & Learning Center's summer camp programs aimed at introducing young people to natural resource based activities that also promote a healthy personal lifestyle, and development of a conservation ethic.				
092-01-10	DOC	Keeping People Informed	Amt Funded: \$9,285	Statewide
Enhance current MNAP website on Maine's biodiversity to better respond to citizen requests for data through improved functionality, ADA compliant, and enhance coordination and data sharing among state agencies and conservation partners.				

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092-01-13	DOC	Global Warming and Sea Level Rise	Amt Funded: \$24,287	Coastal Counties
<p>Investigate the potential for marsh migration along Maine's coast to minimize the damage or loss of Maine's tidal marshes.</p>				
092-01-15	DOC	Sustaining Kennebec Woodlands	Amt Funded: \$5,100	Kennebec County
<p>Help launch a long-term strategic initiative to keep forests as forests in Kennebec County, which is currently approximately 70% forested.</p>				
092-01-18	MSPO	Mapping & Conserving Vernal Pools	Amt Funded: \$13,330	Statewide
<p>Create a Maine Municipal Guide for mapping and conserving vernal pools that will update and expand the 2003 edition of Maine Citizen's Guide to Locating and Documenting Vernal Pools.</p>				
092-01-20	WNER	Improving Fish Passage on the Merriland River	Amt Funded: \$5,000	Wells
<p>This is the first of two phases of this project aimed at designing and installing a fish passage below the dam in the Merriland River along Skinner Mill road in Wells to allow fish passage further up the river.</p>				
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Total Amount Funded for Category:		1	\$140,573	

Category 2 Acquisition & Mgmt of Public Lands, Parks, Wildlife Conservation Areas & Public Access

092-02-01	IFW	Caribou Bog - Penjajawoc Wetland Conservation	Amt Funded: \$10,000	Orono and Old Town
<p>The project will conserve approximately 1,500 acres of upland deciduous, coniferous and mixed forest, and approximately 2,400 acres of wooded and emergent wetland within the approximately 20,000 acre Caribou Bog-Penjajawoc Wetland Conservation focus area.</p>				
092-02-02	IFW	Strengthening Connection to Place	Amt Funded: \$9,000	Knox and Waldo Counties
<p>Raise public awareness of the St. Georges River in the Weskeag River connections by developing informational kiosks and reprinting our shoreline buffer handbook (a guide for landowners who live along the river)</p>				
092-02-03	IFW/DOC	Enhanced Digital Information for State Lands	Amt Funded: \$24,576	Statewide
<p>Help fund the creation or update of GIS state parcel data, including FGDC compliant metadata, to meet data standards required for inclusion of all state conservation lands in the statewide conservation Lands layer.</p>				
092-02-04	DOC	Virgil Parris Community Forest Preserve Trails	Amt Funded: \$3,500	Buckfield
<p>The Western Foothills Land Trust (WFLT) proposes to design and construct approximately 4 miles of hiking trails on WFLT's newly acquired lands surrounding South Pond in Buckfield, to be known as the Virgil Parris Community Forest Preserve.</p>				
092-02-05	DOC	Increasing Opportunities for Forest Management	Amt Funded: \$15,000	Statewide
<p>Woodwise forest stewardship plans will be developed for town forests in 10 municipalities, accounting for nearly 15,000 acres.</p>				
092-02-06	DOC	Planning Outdoor Heritage & Rec Center	Amt Funded: \$5,085	Bethel
<p>Fully develop the concept for an Outdoor Heritage and Recreation Center in the Bethel area (Western ME).</p>				
092-02-08	MCC	Re-building Maine Appalachian Trail Sections	Amt Funded: \$17,500	The Appalachian Trail (AT) in Maine
<p>Re-build the Appalachian Trail at six wilderness mountain locations where the trail is undergoing severe erosion and where hiker safety is a concern.</p>				
092-02-09	DOC	Pisgah Hill Project	Amt Funded: \$20,000	New Gloucester
<p>Seek the acquisition of seven parcels of land in New Gloucester which are key to Royal River Conservation Trust's strategy for creating an infrastructure of trails and conservation land that connect with existing State conservation investments at Bradbury Mountain, Pineland, and Runaround Pond.</p>				
092-02-10	DOC	Rangeley Region Water Access and Landing Site	Amt Funded: \$15,320	Franklin & Oxford County
<p>Provide a system of landing/picnic sites at trail heads to be placed on existing trail networks to allow access and enjoyment from the water.</p>				
092-02-12	DOC	Maine's Most Pristine Wetlands	Amt Funded: \$19,710	Statewide
<p>Implement a long-term monitoring program for wetlands within Maine's Ecological Reserves, which include nearly 22,000 acres of unimpaired, high quality wetlands across the state.</p>				

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Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$139,691

Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

092-03-02	IFW	Big Reed Pond Tributary Streams Assessment	Amt Funded: \$13,645	Piscataquis County
<p>To establish a baseline record of invertebrate and amphibian species within the tributary streams and near shore of Big Reed Pond for comparison to conditions following pond reclamation.</p>				
092-03-04	IFW	Restoring Piping Plover and Least Tern	Amt Funded: \$28,599	York & Cumberland Counties
<p>Increase piping plover and least tern productivity and continue predator control at key nesting sites in southern Maine.</p>				
092-03-08	DOC	Private Landowner's Role in Protecting Wetlands	Amt Funded: \$17,624	Statewide
<p>Notify landowners in Maine whose land supports significant wetland features including rare and exemplary natural communities and ecosystems, and rare plant populations: provides multiple benefits including opportunities for the application of Best Management Practices, for conservation planning, for avoiding conflicts with development, and for personal satisfaction from the owners good stewardship.</p>				

Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$59,868

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

092-04-02	DOC	Multiple Use Radio Systems	Amt Funded: \$4,224	Piscataquis, Penobscot & Aroostook Counties
Acquisition and installation of 12 MURS radios in vehicles operated by staff of both the Bureau of Parks and Lands and Lands Northern Region, and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway for communication between logging operations and the public, particularly on haul roads.				
092-04-03	IFW	Maine Warden Service Trail Protection	Amt Funded: \$7,154	Washington County
Purchase a 2009 Polaris Ranger 4x4, and a Nichols Rescue Trailer to create a safe and healthy multi-use trail system in Washington County.				
092-04-04	IFW	Piping Plover/ Least Tern Habitat - Part II	Amt Funded: \$17,876	York county
Implement recommendations of Maine's Wildlife Action plan to increase Piping Plover and Least Tern productivity by enhancing law enforcement efforts and outreach at key Piping Plover and Least Tern Essential Habitats to reduce human and pet-induced losses of nests, eggs, chicks, fledglings, and adults.				
092-04-05	MSPO	Storm Drain Stenciling Project	Amt Funded: \$7,500	Cumberland & Sagadahoc Counties
Protect our coastal waters through implementing a storm drain stenciling program that will create a greater awareness about the need to reduce pollution in our communities.				
092-04-06	DOC	Legal Stewardship Responsibilities, Phase II	Amt Funded: \$8,700	Statewide
Finalize a systematic approach to monitoring and tracking more than 50 conservation easements held by BPL to advance their capacity and efficiency in meeting their legal responsibilities.				
092-04-07	DOC	Modernizing GPS Equipment	Amt Funded: \$7,114	Statewide
Equip the Regional Enforcement Coordinators and one or two Foresters with new GPS units, integrating advances in GIS mapping and data collection technology and transforming the way work is done to provide complete solutions that link field work to productivity.				
092-04-08	DMR	Surveillance Tracker	Amt Funded: \$7,300	Statewide
To obtain two surveillance tracking devices for use by the Department of Marine Resources Natural Resource Law Enforcement to track suspected violators who are violating Marine resource law.				

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Total All Categories: \$400,000 # of Grants Awarded: 32