

**Revenue Sharing with Municipalities (Unorganized, Organized and Plantations organized as of 1974)
From Bureau Public Reserved and Non-Reserved Lands Revenues
from Original Public Lots in those Municipalities**

Attached are tables of the last 3 years of Public Lands Revenue Sharing. The Bureau shares revenue based on varying formulas:

- Public reserved lands -75% of the Camplot income for Camplots located on original public lots and 25% of net timber revenue from timber harvested on original public lots.
- Non-reserved lands -25% of the net revenue.

A check is sent directly to organized towns each year (except if a plantation) if there is a camplot lease on an original public lot or if timber was harvested on an original public lot that year. Funds are transferred to Treasury for plantations and unorganized towns. For the plantations, funds go to the Organized Townships Fund; and for the unorganized territories, to the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund. In both cases the funds are added to the principal balance. Treasury disperses interest income from the funds to the plantations, and credits the income against the municipal cost components assessed to the respective unorganized towns. For timber harvesting, the locations vary from year to year so some towns or plantations may not receive any revenue sharing from timber harvesting for that year.

There are some additional contingencies that are best explained in the attached revenue sharing memo dated January 1996.

The links to the related Statutes and the statutory language are provided below:

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/12/title12sec1854.html>

Revenue Sharing – Public Reserved Lands

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/12/title12sec1840.html>

Revenue Sharing – Public Non-Reserved Lands

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/12/title12sec1855.html>

Organized Townships Fund

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/12/title12sec1856.html>

Unorganized Territory School Fund

§1854. Revenue sharing on public reserved lands

1. Plantations organized as of March 1, 1974. Seventy-five percent of any income from residential leasehold camps, excluding any income or proceeds from the sale, exchange or relocation of any of these camps, and 25% of any income arising from the sale of timber, grass, gravel or other natural resources from public reserved lands located in townships or tracts organized into plantations as of March 1, 1974 must be held by the Treasurer of State in the Organized Townships Fund. The Treasurer of State shall pay annually the income from that portion of the fund belonging to each such plantation to the treasurer of that plantation to be

applied toward the support of schools according to the number of students in each school. The Treasurer of State shall compute this income on January 1st of each year. The Commissioner of Education shall file in the office of the State Controller a list of the plantations with the amount due for income for the preceding year according to a record of those amounts to be furnished to the Commissioner of Education by the Treasurer of State. The Commissioner of Education must be satisfied that the plantations are organized, that schools have been established in the plantations according to law, that assessors are sworn and qualified and that the treasurers of the plantations have given bonds as required by law. The State Controller shall insert the name and amount due the plantations in one of the first warrants drawn in that year.

The amount due Lakeville Plantation, Penobscot County, annually under this section must be expended in accordance with this section. Any excess must be used under the supervision and direction of the superintending school committee of Lakeville Plantation to establish scholarship aid for students of Lakeville Plantation to receive postsecondary education.

[1997, c. 678, §13 (NEW) .]

2. Plantations incorporated into towns. With respect to those public reserved lands that were located in townships or tracts organized into plantations as of March 1, 1974, when any such plantation becomes incorporated into a town subsequent to that date, 75% of any income from residential leasehold camps, excluding any income or proceeds from the sale, exchange or relocation of any of these camps, and 25% of any other income from that public reserved land must be returned by the bureau to the municipality where that public reserved land is located to be used for municipal purposes.

[1997, c. 678, §13 (NEW); 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7 (REV); 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24 (REV) .]

3. Towns with timber management leases. With respect to stumpage income from timber located on public reserved lands and leased to municipalities and other political subdivisions of the State pursuant to section 1852, subsection 8, 50% of that income must be returned by the Treasurer of State to the lessee for its own purposes. The director may approve the handling by the lessees of income up to \$500 from sales or permits. The lessees shall submit a semiannual accounting of that income and payment for the State's share.

[1997, c. 678, §13 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1997, c. 678, §13 (NEW). 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7 (REV). 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24 (REV).

§1840. Revenue sharing on nonreserved public land

Twenty-five percent of the net revenue from any nonreserved public land, excluding proceeds from the sale of land, located in municipalities and managed by the bureau must be returned by the Treasurer of State to the municipality where the land generating the income is located to be used for municipal purposes. [1997, c. 678, §13 (NEW); 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7 (REV); 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24 (REV).]

SECTION HISTORY

1997, c. 678, §13 (NEW). 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7 (REV). 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24 (REV).

§1855. Organized Townships Fund

1. Fund; continued existence. The Organized Townships Fund, which includes the existing principal of the fund arising from the public reserved lots before October 3, 1973 and any accrued but unexpended income of the fund since that date, must continue. The income of the fund must be credited to the fund annually as earned.

[1997, c. 678, §13 (NEW) .]

2. Administration; income; incorporation into town. The Treasurer of State shall hold and administer the Organized Townships Fund. The income of the fund must be added to the principal of the fund until the inhabitants of a township or tract are incorporated into a municipality, unless previously expended according to law. When any such tract or township is incorporated as a town, the Treasurer of State shall pay the funds belonging to that town to the treasurer of the town. The funds must be added to the funds of that corporation and held and managed as other school funds of that town are required to be held and managed.

[1997, c. 678, §13 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1997, c. 678, §13 (NEW) .

§1856. Unorganized Territory School Fund

1. Fund; unexpended income. The Unorganized Territory School Fund, which includes the existing principal of that fund arising from the public reserved lots before October 3, 1973 and any accrued but unexpended income from the fund since that date, must continue.

[1997, c. 678, §13 (NEW) .]

2. Administration; annual income. The Treasurer of State shall hold and administer the Unorganized Territory School Fund. The income of the fund must be credited on December 31st annually to the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund established by Title 36, chapter 115 and used to reduce the amount determined to be the municipal cost components for the next fiscal year.

[1997, c. 678, §13 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1997, c. 678, §13 (NEW) .



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Dear Representative ^{Dick}Gould:

To respond to your request for information regarding the transfer of funds from accounts managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Organized Towns and Plantations, I will briefly describe the statutory requirements for these payments and the recent amounts.

For the general category of 'public lands' there are three sub-categories with differing revenue sharing arrangements.

- Original Public Lots - Communities which contain original public lots and had Plantation status as of March 1, 1974 receive revenues from the bureau. The bureau shares 75% of the gross income from campplot leases and 25% of the gross from any other income, including the sale of timber. These funds are paid by the bureau to the Treasury Department, which maintains a fund for each Plantation, and disperses to them a check for the interest on the principal in that fund. If a Plantation becomes an Organized Town it receives the entire principal from the fund and subsequent payments directly from the bureau.
- Public Reserved Lands which are not Original Public Lots - These lands were acquired through funds generated from the sale or trade of original public lots. They are managed by the bureau subject to the same terms and conditions that apply to original public lots, except that municipalities containing such lands are not eligible for revenue sharing. This applies to Public Reserved Lands in both Organized Towns and Plantations. For two Organized Towns, the Legislature has created one further exception requiring the bureau to make payment in lieu of taxes to the Towns of Bradley and LaGrange. The law requires the bureau to make a payment to each town when the valuation of the public reserved land in the town exceeds 1% of the total valuation for the town. The payment is calculated on the amount of valuation greater than 1%.

- Public Lands - These lands include institutional lands (e.g. Pineland) transferred to the bureau for management. The statutes require that the bureau share 25% of its net revenues from the income derived from any Public Lands within a municipality. When they occur, payments are made directly by the bureau.

For the above three categories of lands, the recent annual transfers from the bureau to Organized Towns and Plantations has been approximately \$87,000.

Another category of lands managed by the bureau is state parks. The statutes require that 15% of all revenues received from day use and camping fees be apportioned to municipalities having such lands within their boundaries. The recent total annual transfers of funds from the bureau to such municipalities has been in the neighborhood of \$319,000.

In total, the bureau transfers annually over \$400,000 to municipalities.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Director

cc: Shippen Bright, Deputy Commissioner, DOC

Revenue Sharing with Plantations and Towns -2014

Plantations	Balance For:	2014 share	2014 Total	Balance For:
	2013			2014
		stumpage	camplots	
Cary	\$20,586.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,586.85
Codyville	\$69,991.12	\$50,272.20	\$225.00	\$120,488.32
Coplin	\$74,655.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74,655.54
Cyr	\$136,894.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,894.02
Dallas	\$24,709.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,709.40
Dennistown	\$71,927.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,927.02
Garfield	\$107,466.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107,466.43
Glenwood	\$109,133.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109,133.60
Gr Lk Strm	\$148,061.34	\$5,598.50	\$0.00	\$153,659.84
Highland	\$71,376.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,376.57
Lakeview	\$136,514.07	\$8,782.50	\$0.00	\$145,296.57
Lincoln	\$618,577.82	\$22,027.23	\$44,924.62	\$685,529.66
Macwahoc	\$54,257.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,257.64
Magalloway	\$137,668.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$137,668.03
Moro	\$28,782.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,782.33
Nashville	\$94,819.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$94,819.35
Oxbow	\$128,432.32	\$82,035.09	\$900.00	\$211,367.41
Plsnt Ridge	\$15,239.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,239.89
Rangeley	\$149,029.28	\$293.53	\$1,024.58	\$150,347.39
Reed	\$143,626.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$143,626.97
Sandy River	\$208,097.21	\$0.00	\$7,145.12	\$215,242.33
Seboeis	\$120,051.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120,051.55
St. John	\$93,777.40	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$94,227.40
The Forks	\$127,146.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$127,146.50
Webster	\$46,122.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,122.85
West Forks	\$114,388.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$114,388.12
Winterville	\$136,461.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,461.98
Plt Total	\$3,187,795.20	\$169,009.03	\$54,669.32	\$223,678.35

Towns	stumpage	camplots	
Allagash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ashland	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bradley	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
Carratunk	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Caswell	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cutler	\$0.00	\$272.25	\$272.25
Eastbrook	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$210.00
Gray	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Great Pond	\$3,074.16	\$475.08	\$3,549.24
Hamlin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hebron	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hammond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kennebunk	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lakeville	\$0.00	\$2,465.87	\$2,465.87
Newcastle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Sweden	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
N Canada	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
N Gloucstr	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
N Yarmth	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northfield	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Osborn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pownal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Winterville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WestmnInd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Total	\$3,074.16	\$6,123.20	\$9,197.35
TOTAL	\$172,083.19	\$60,792.51	\$232,875.70

Revenue Sharing with Plantations and Towns-2013

Plantations	Balance For:	2013 share	stumpage	camplots	2013 Total	Balance For:
	2012					2013
Cary	\$20,586.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,586.85
Codyville	\$37,073.15	\$32,692.97	\$225.00	\$325.00	\$32,917.97	\$69,991.12
Coplin	\$74,655.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74,655.54
Cyr	\$136,894.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,894.02
Dallas	\$24,709.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,709.40
Dennistown	\$71,927.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,927.02
Garfield	\$107,466.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107,466.43
Glenwood	\$109,133.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109,133.60
Gr Lk Strm	\$98,899.16	\$49,162.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,162.18	\$148,061.34
Highland	\$71,376.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,376.57
Lakeview	\$136,514.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,514.07
Lincoln	\$577,630.10	\$0.00	\$40,947.72	\$40,947.72	\$40,947.72	\$618,577.82
Macwahoc	\$54,257.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,257.64
Magalloway	\$137,668.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$137,668.03
Moro	\$28,782.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,782.33
Nashville	\$94,819.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$94,819.35
Oxbow	\$127,532.32	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$128,432.32
Plsnt Ridge	\$15,239.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,239.89
Rangeley	\$113,382.81	\$34,693.99	\$952.49	\$952.49	\$35,646.47	\$149,029.28
Reed	\$143,626.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$143,626.97
Sandy River	\$201,105.51	\$0.00	\$6,991.70	\$6,991.70	\$6,991.70	\$208,097.21
Seboeis	\$109,855.11	\$10,196.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,196.44	\$120,051.55
St. John	\$93,327.40	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$93,777.40
The Forks	\$127,146.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$127,146.50
Webster	\$46,122.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,122.85
West Forks	\$114,388.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$114,388.12
Winterville	\$136,446.98	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$136,461.98
Plt Total	\$3,010,567.72	\$126,760.57	\$50,466.90	\$50,466.90	\$177,227.47	\$3,187,795.19
Towns			stumpage	camplots		
Allagash			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ashland			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bradley			\$0.00	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00	
Carratunk			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Caswell			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Cutler			\$0.00	\$247.50	\$247.50	
Eastbrook			\$0.00	\$192.71	\$192.71	
Gray			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Great Pond			\$0.00	\$444.71	\$444.71	
Hamlin			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hebron			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hammond			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Kennebunk			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Lakeville			\$0.00	\$2,156.55	\$2,156.55	
Newcastle			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
New Sweden			\$70.60	\$0.00	\$70.60	
N Canada			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
N Gloucstr			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
N Yarmth			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Northfield			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Osborn			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Pownal			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Winterville			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WestmnInd			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Town Total			\$70.60	\$5,591.47	\$5,662.06	
TOTAL			\$126,831.17	\$56,058.37	\$182,889.53	

Revenue Sharing with Plantations and Towns - 2012

Plantations	Balance For:					Balance For:
	2011	2012 share		2012 Total		2012
		stumpage	camplots			
Cary	\$20,586.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,586.85
Codyville	\$36,848.15	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$37,073.15
Coplin	\$74,655.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74,655.54
Cyr	\$136,894.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,894.02
Dallas	\$24,709.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,709.40
Dennistown	\$71,927.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,927.02
Garfield	\$107,466.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107,466.43
Glenwood	\$109,133.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109,133.60
Gr Lk Strm	\$65,796.20	\$33,102.96	\$0.00	\$33,102.96	\$33,102.96	\$98,899.16
Highland	\$70,440.44	\$936.13	\$0.00	\$936.13	\$936.13	\$71,376.57
Lakeview	\$136,514.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,514.07
Lincoln	\$535,432.12	\$0.00	\$42,197.98	\$42,197.98	\$42,197.98	\$577,630.10
Macwahoc	\$54,257.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,257.64
Magalloway	\$137,668.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$137,668.03
Moro	\$28,782.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,782.33
Nashville	\$94,819.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$94,819.35
Oxbow	\$100,196.14	\$26,436.18	\$900.00	\$27,336.18	\$27,336.18	\$127,532.32
Plsnt Ridge	\$15,239.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,239.89
Rangeley	\$88,460.47	\$23,969.85	\$952.49	\$24,922.34	\$24,922.34	\$113,382.81
Reed	\$143,626.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$143,626.97
Sandy River	\$194,113.81	\$0.00	\$6,991.70	\$6,991.70	\$6,991.70	\$201,105.51
Seboeis	\$82,716.42	\$27,138.69	\$0.00	\$27,138.69	\$27,138.69	\$109,855.11
St. John	\$92,877.40	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$93,327.40
The Forks	\$127,146.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$127,146.50
Webster	\$46,122.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,122.85
West Forks	\$114,388.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$114,388.12
Winterville	\$136,446.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,446.98
Plt Total	\$2,847,266.74	\$111,583.80	\$51,717.16	\$163,300.96	\$163,300.96	\$3,010,567.70
Towns		stumpage	camplots			
Allagash		\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	
Ashland		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bradley		\$0.00	\$2,925.00	\$2,925.00	\$2,925.00	
Carratunk		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Caswell		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Cutler		\$0.00	\$247.50	\$247.50	\$247.50	
Eastbrook		\$0.00	\$192.71	\$192.71	\$192.71	
Gray		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Great Pond		\$0.00	\$444.71	\$444.71	\$444.71	
Hamlin		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hebron		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hammond		\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	
Kennebunk		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Lakeville		\$55,457.22	\$2,156.55	\$57,613.77	\$57,613.77	
Newcastle		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
New Sweden		\$2,528.24	\$0.00	\$2,528.24	\$2,528.24	
N Canada		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
N Gloucstr		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
N Yarmth		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Northfield		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Osborn		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Pownal		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Winterville		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WestmnInd		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Town Total		\$58,095.46	\$5,966.47	\$64,061.92	\$64,061.92	
TOTAL		\$169,679.26	\$57,683.62	\$227,362.88	\$227,362.88	