

# Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund - 2016 - Session 1

Grants Awarded on May 11, 2016  
Sorted by Category, Project Number

## Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

161-01-02	DMR	<b>Mobilizing and Training Citizen Scientists for Smelt and River Herring Surveys</b>	<b>Funded: \$15,000</b>	Hancock & Washington Counties
	PT	<b>Downeast Salmon Federation</b> <i>Mobilize a network of citizen scientists to survey, count, and collect data regarding smelt and herring runs in Washington and Hancock County streams. The data will be used by local organizations, towns, state, and federal managers to conserve and restore declining smelt and rive herring populations.</i>	<b>Requested: \$20,000</b>	
161-01-05	IFW	<b>Determining Bird and Invertebrate Food-web Connections and Use of Rockweed in Light of Commercial Rockweed Harvesting</b>	<b>Funded: \$17,883</b>	Coastal Areas
	PT	<b>University of Maine - Ecology and Environmental Science</b> <i>Describe animal communities and food-web connections in rockweed habitats along the coast of Maine. Provide information to the industry and state and federal agencies and encourage rockweed harvest methods that limit unsustainable impacts on marine bird and invertebrate communities.</i>	<b>Requested: \$18,376</b>	
161-01-06	IFW	<b>Vernal Pool Monitoring &amp; Education</b>	<b>Funded: \$2,000</b>	Unity & Freedom
	PT	<b>Sebasticook Regional Land Trust</b> <i>Eight identified vernal pools provide a platform for hands-on environmental science education through the creation of a youth monitoring program and installation of interpretive signage at the most readily accessible and scenic pool.</i>	<b>Requested: \$2,850</b>	
161-01-08	IFW	<b>Completing Stream Barrier Surveys in Maine</b>	<b>Funded: \$14,955</b>	Statewide
	PT	<b>Maine Audubon Society</b> <i>Cap a 10-year effort to survey stream crossings in both organized and unorganized towns to determine which are in most need to replacing with Stream Smart crossings to enhance fish passage and reduce flooding and road damage from heavy storms. The work is critical to implementing Water Bond projects in an efficient and coordinated manner.</i>	<b>Requested: \$14,955</b>	
161-01-09	IFW	<b>Surveying Really Remote Brook Trout Ponds and Streams for New Populations of Brook Trout</b>	<b>Funded: \$9,999</b>	Statewide
	PT	<b>Maine Audubon Society</b> <i>Complete a 6-year volunteer angler effort to assist with surveying remote ponds and coastal streams to find previously unknown populations of wild Brook Trout in Maine, the last stronghold in the eastern U.S. for the species.</i>	<b>Requested: \$9,999</b>	
161-01-10	IFW	<b>Reconstruction of Rainbow Dam to Protect Artic Charr and Brook Trout</b>	<b>Funded: \$15,000</b>	Rainbow Township
	PT	<b>The Nature Conservancy</b> <i>The replacement of Rainbow Dam on the outlet will prevent non-native landlocked salmon from entering Rainbow Lake, home to one of 12 artic charr populations in Maine and the lower 48 states, and heritage brook trout.</i>	<b>Requested: \$27,405</b>	
161-01-13	DEP	<b>Evaluating and Predicting Vulnerability for Water Quality Decline in Maine Lakes</b>	<b>Funded: \$8,163</b>	Statewide
	PT	<b>University of Maine at Orono - Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering</b> <i>Preliminary analysis of lake sediment geochemistry obtained from 150 lakes located statewide is in progress to determine each lake's capacity to assimilate phosphorus and construct a model for predicting lake vulnerability. Gaps in lake types will be identified during this analysis and additional samples will be collected in 2016 to fill identified gaps assuring that all lake types are represented in the model. Funding received under this MOHF proposal will be used to 2016 sample acquisition and data analysis by a graduate student at the University of Maine.</i>	<b>Requested: \$8,163</b>	
161-01-14	DEP	<b>Nabbing Nitrogen: Mobilizing Volunteers to Protect Our Coastal Waters</b>	<b>Funded: \$10,000</b>	Casco Bay
	PT	<b>Friends of Casco Bay</b> <i>We will launch a "Nabbing Nitrogen" campaign that will educate the public, provide the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with data needed to inform and refine a model on nitrogen inputs into our coastal waters, aid in development of nitrogen criteria and encourage "citizen science" through volunteerism.</i>	<b>Requested: \$10,000</b>	

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161-01-15	IFW	<b>Connecting Children and Community for Healthy Maine Lakes: Protecting Fish &amp; Wildlife Resources</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$10,000</b>	Belgrade, Pushaw and Lake Knickerbocker
	PT	<b>Maine Lakes Society</b> <i>This project brings our Lakes Alive! Education effort and boat program to underserved regions of the state, focusing on hands on experience with freshwater resources and an introduction to native fish and wildlife, threats of non-native species, and ethical recreational behavior. It also contributes to creation of a multi-media program connecting students statewide around lake resource protection issues.</i>	<i>Requested:</i> \$10,000	

**Total Amount Funded for Category: 1            \$103,000**

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

161-02-04	ACF	<b>First Responders - Invasive Plant Search Squad and Strike Team for Maine's Public Lands</b>	<i>Funded: \$15,860</i>	Statewide
	Agency	<b>Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-&amp; Forestry- MNAP</b> <i>The natural resources of Maine's public lands are threatened by invasive plants. The Search Squad and Strike Team will serve as First Responders to detect and control invasive plant infestations. The teams will work strategically to prevent nascent invasive plant populations from expanding and damaging resource values, partnering with local NGO volunteers who are invested in stewardship of Maine's public lands.</i>	<i>Requested: \$15,860</i>	
161-02-05	ACF	<b>Natural Resource Inventories for Vulnerable Coastal State Parks</b>	<i>Funded: \$4,870</i>	Washington, Cumberland and York
	Agency	<b>Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-&amp; Forestry- MNAP</b> <i>The purpose of this project is to complete natural resource inventories (NRIs) of four state parks: Quoddy Head, Roque Bluffs, Scarborough Beach, and Ferry Beach. The completed NRIs, including sections addressing sea level rise, will aid the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the long term management of the natural resources within the parks.</i>	<i>Requested: \$4,870</i>	
161-02-07	WNERR	<b>Making the Connections in York County</b>	<i>Funded: \$10,000</i>	York County
	PT	<b>Southern ME Reg'l Planning Comm.</b> <i>Implement the recommendations of the "Creating an Integrated Multi-use Recreational Trail in York County" study which was funded in May 2014 and completed in September 2015</i>	<i>Requested: \$12,000</i>	
161-02-10	ACF	<b>2016 Vaughan Woods Trail Maintenance Project</b>	<i>Funded: \$5,120</i>	Hallowell
	PT	<b>Vaughan Homestead Foundation</b> <i>The Maine Conservation Corps Field Team will spend three weeks performing trail maintenance in the Vaughan Woods this summer to ensure the public will continue to have safe access to the Woods' three miles of unique, picturesque walking trails.</i>	<i>Requested: \$7,500</i>	
161-02-11	ACF	<b>Ragged Mountain Public Access and Habitat Protection Acquisition</b>	<i>Funded: \$10,000</i>	Ragged Mountain, Camden
	PT	<b>Coastal Mountains Land Trust</b> <i>Coastal Mountains Land Trust seeks to acquire a key 59-acre parcel of land on Ragged Mountain that will protect ecological habitats of statewide significance and a core section of the future Round the Mountain trail system.</i>	<i>Requested: \$20,000</i>	
161-02-12	ACF	<b>Increasing Awareness of Community Trails Using Maine Trail Finder</b>	<i>Funded: \$9,000</i>	Statewide
	PT	<b>Quebec-Labrador Foundation/Center for Community GIS</b> <i>Add 100 new community trails to Maine Trail Finder in order to improve public awareness of high quality trail experiences that are typically easy to moderate in difficulty; well-maintained but under promoted; municipally owned and managed; and highly suitable for promoting health and wellness benefits for Maine residents.</i>	<i>Requested: \$18,000</i>	
161-02-13	ACF	<b>Anderson Hayfields: Key Parcel in a Regional Conservation Vision</b>	<i>Funded: \$10,000</i>	South Thomaston
	PT	<b>Georges River Land Trust</b> <i>On the heels of protecting nearly 500 acres in this region, the Georges River Land Trust is raising funds to permanently secure this prominent tract of hayfields along the Georges River in South Thomaston</i>	<i>Requested: \$20,000</i>	
161-02-14	ACF	<b>Lone Mountain Project</b>	<i>Funded: \$7,000</i>	Mount Abram Township
	PT	<b>Forest Society of Maine</b> <i>An opportunity to work with a private landowner and local community to conserve 1,155 acres of productive forest, wildlife habitat and recreational lands in this rural region of Franklin County dependent on forestry and tourism.</i>	<i>Requested: \$12,000</i>	
161-02-17	ACF	<b>Building Bridges</b>	<i>Funded: \$16,650</i>	Maine High Peaks Region
	PT	<b>High Peaks Alliance</b> <i>HPA is facilitating the creation of a North Franklin County Recreational Trails Network which is bringing together motorized and non-motorized recreational trails groups to create greater efficiencies and encourage cooperation and coordination. Trails data will be updated and integrated to produce a map book which will be used for planning. The goal is a better managed and maintained regional trails system which provides a quality and safe recreational experience that is sensitive to environmental and landowner issues and contributes to the regional economy.</i>	<i>Requested: \$18,500</i>	

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161-02-18	ACF	<b>Trail Enhancement Initiative for Non-Winter Recreation</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$10,000</b>	Franklin and Somerset Counties
	PT	<b>Maine Huts &amp; Trails</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$20,000	
		<i>Maine Huts &amp; Trails seeks to improve its 80-mile backcountry trail system for non-winter recreational uses, including hiking and mountain biking, to increase year-round visitors to explore and enjoy Maine's western mountain region.</i>		
161-02-19	ACF	<b>Sheepscot Headwaters habitat Project: Downer</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$5,000</b>	Freedom
	PT	<b>Midcoast Conservancy</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$10,000	
		<i>Acquire a 31-acre fee property with mature forest that abuts 1,100 acres of conserved land and will be open to the public for recreational use.</i>		
161-02-20	ACF	<b>Pierce Pond Watershed Trails Plan</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$7,500</b>	Pierce Pond & Bowtown townships
	PT	<b>Maine Wilderness Watershed Trust</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$7,500	
		<i>Develop a plan for hiking trails in the 10,500 acre Pierce Pond watershed which has been protected by public and private conservation efforts. Currently, there are scattered informal rough trails, but no organized trail network. Proposed plan to include a conceptual long-range trail plan as well as specific proposal for first trail project.</i>		

**Total Amount Funded for Category: 2                    \$111,000**

**Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects**

161-03-01	ACF	<b>Investigating Status and Trends of Biological Diversity - Ecological Surveys in Southern and Coastal Regions of Maine</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$18,365</b>	Statewide
	Agency	<b>Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-&amp; Forestry- MNAP</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$18,365	
		<i>The Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP) will conduct ecological surveys of priority sites in the southern and coastal regions of the state. Work will focus on locating exemplary natural communities and ecosystems and habitats supporting rare, threatened and endangered plants.</i>		
161-03-02	ACF	<b>Landowners Want to Know - Confirming Status of Maine's Ecological Treasures</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$11,976</b>	Statewide
	Agency	<b>Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-&amp; Forestry- MNAP</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$11,976	
		<i>The Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP) working with landowners will confirm status of rare plants and rare and exemplary natural communities documented over 20 years ago.</i>		
161-03-03	IFW	<b>2016 Endangered and Threatened Species Poster Mailing to all 4th Grade Teachers and Public Libraries in Maine</b>	<i>Funded:</i> <b>\$12,094</b>	Statewide
	Agency	<b>MDIFW</b>	<i>Requested:</i> \$12,094	
		<i>A brand new 2016 endangered &amp; threatened species poster will be aligned with Project WILD activities &amp; state STEM standards and distributed to 1965 4th grade classrooms &amp; 266 public libraries statewide.</i>		

**Total Amount Funded for Category: 3                    \$42,435**

**Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health**

<b>161-04-01</b>	<b>ACF</b>	<b>Conservation Property Fire Protection and Education</b>	<b>Funded: \$10,274</b>	<b>Rangeley Lakes</b>
	<i>PT</i>	<b>Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust</b>	<i>Requested: \$10,274</i>	
		<i>Our project will implement BMP's educate recreational users and purchase equipment to provide safe recreational access to RLHT and other regional conservation lands.</i>		
<b>161-04-02</b>	<b>ACF</b>	<b>NFCT Roadside Portage Motorist Warning Signage Project</b>	<b>Funded: \$9,585</b>	<b>Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis</b>
	<i>PT</i>	<b>Northern Forest Canoe Trail</b>	<i>Requested: \$9,585</i>	
		<i>Warning signage will be created and installed along target roadside portages along the Northern Forest Canoe Trail in Maine. The signage will inform motorist that paddlers may be portaging on the side of the roadway thus increasing driver awareness and the safety of those portaging. This signage will become available for other water trails and municipalities nation-wide.</i>		
<b>161-04-03</b>	<b>IFW</b>	<b>Protective Animal Gloves: Maine Warden Service</b>	<b>Funded: \$3,740</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
	<i>Agency</i>	<b>MDIFW-Maine Warden Service</b>	<i>Requested: \$3,740</i>	
		<i>The Warden Service will acquire eighty pair of Humaniac Rabies Gloves. These gloves will be distributed to Maine Game Wardens for protection against animal bites while handling potentially rabid animals.</i>		
<b>161-04-04</b>	<b>IFW</b>	<b>Camp North Woods Trailer: Maine Warden Service</b>	<b>Funded: \$5,500</b>	<b>Poland</b>
	<i>Agency</i>	<b>MDIFW-Maine Warden Service</b>	<i>Requested: \$5,500</i>	
		<i>This grant request is to obtain a trailer for Camp North Woods. A trailer will allow the Camp to store and transport the equipment and promote the Camp and Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund.</i>		
<b>161-04-06</b>	<b>IFW</b>	<b>Emergency Services Planning Map for the Mahoosucs</b>	<b>Funded: \$7,000</b>	<b>Mahoosuc Mountain Communities</b>
	<i>PT</i>	<b>Mahoosuc Pathways</b>	<i>Requested: \$7,000</i>	
		<i>Building on and alongside the High Peaks Emergency Services Planning Map this inclusive process will create a knowledge based service map using GIS to enable rescuers, trail and land managers to be better informed of the region.</i>		
<b>161-04-07</b>	<b>IFW</b>	<b>Youth Hunter Ethics and Safety Training</b>	<b>Funded: \$3,500</b>	<b>Augusta</b>
	<i>PT</i>	<b>Sportsmans Alliance of Maine</b>	<i>Requested: \$3,500</i>	
		<i>Build a safe, realistic, indoor training range utilizing computerized laser shot placement technology to teach youth shooters about hunting ethics including shot placement, without the concerns associated with live fire.</i>		

**Total Amount Funded for Category: 4                      \$39,599**

**Total All Categories:                      \$296,034                      # of Grants Awarded: 30**