State of Maine
RFP / Proposal Master Score Sheet

Instructions: *Complete the Master Score Sheet below providing all of the requested information for each bidder that submitted a proposal in response to the RFP. This document is to be included in the Selection Package submitted to the Division of Procurement Services for review/approval.*

SCORESHEET FOR RFP# 201806119								
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:		**Rangeley Building Supply**		**Maine Coast Heritage Trust**		**Town of Blaine**		
COST:		**Cost:**	**$155,000**	**Cost:**	**$125,000**	**Cost:**	**155,000**	**Cost:**
EVALUATION ITEM	**POINTS AVAIL.**							
Section A. Cost and Budget (Max: 25 Points)	25	10		22		25		
Section B. Wetland Restoration (Max: 20 Points)	20	8		18		13		
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Section H: Maine Business & Economic Impact Considerations (Max10 Points)	10	6		8		6		
TOTAL	100	53		85		80		(xx)

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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Paul R. LePage
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November 13, 2018

Town of Blaine
PO Box 190
Blaine, ME 04734
Attn: Janet Bradbury

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under RFP # 201806119
Grants for Wetland Restoration

Dear Ms. Janet Bradbury,

This letter is regarding the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection for Grants for Wetland Restoration. The Department has evaluated the proposals received using the evaluation criteria identified in the RFP, and the Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract awards to the following bidders:

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Thank you for your interest in doing business with the State of Maine.

Sincerely,

Bill Longfellow
RFP Coordinator
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 287-2821

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Maine Coast Heritage Trust
1 Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 201
Topsham, Maine 04086
Attn: Ciona Ulbrich

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under RFP # 201806119
Grants for Wetland Restoration

Dear Ms. Ciona Ulbrich,

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Rangeley Building Supply
2742 Main Street
Rangeley, ME 04970
AttN: Gary and Jacqueline Patnode

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards under RFP # 201806119
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Dear Gary and Jacqueline Patnode,

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TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)	**80**	

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EVALUATION OF SECTION A – COST AND BUDGET

Total Points Available: 25 **Score: 25**

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Evaluation Team Comments:

Blaine made a strong discussion of the budget and costs. Good breakdown of costs. Proposal seemed to be reasonable for the work being done.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION B– WETLAND RESTORATION

Total Points Available: 20 **Score: 13**

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Evaluation Team Comments:

The area impacted was moderate. A very general discussion was included in the application regarding wetland impacts. There was no function and value discussion which would have been helpful.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION C– Habitat Considerations

Total Points Available: 10 **Score: 8**

Evaluation Team Comments:

Dam is a barrier to undesirable species migrating upstream, mainly muske and small mouth. Supported by DIF&W letter. Restored dam would protect brook trout from invasives and would protect waterfowl and wading bird habitat. Dam removal is generally the preferred outcome, but in this case a strong case has been made to keep it.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION D – Water Quality

Total Points Available: 20 **Score: 18**

Evaluation Team Comments:

Two important points made: the dam attenuates peak flood flow and slowing the flow velocity in the impoundment improves sediment fall out, improving water quality.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION E – Culturally and Economically Important Sustainable Plants

Total Points Available: 5 **Score**: 1

Evaluation Team Comments:

There were no culturally significant or economically important plants identified.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION F – Technical Expertise

Total Points Available: 5 **Score: 5**

Evaluation Team Comments:

Explanation of why town was qualified to do this work. Wright Pierce, a reputed, consulting firm is working with them.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION G – Wetland Protection

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 4

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Evaluation Team Comments:

Town is willing to entertain a conservation easement to protect property.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION H
Maine Business and Economic Impact Consideration

Total Points Available: 10 **Score:** 6

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MAINE BUSINESS ANALYSIS			
	Total	Maine Resident	Maine Impact
Number of FTE Employees:	2.5	2.5	100%
Payroll:	85,754	85,754	100 %
Average percent of MAINE BUSINESS ANALYSIS:			**100%**

1-74%:	2 points
75-100%:	**4 points**

MAINE ECONOMIC IMPACT	
	Total amount in Maine
Income Taxes Paid (State):	$ 0
Property Taxes Paid (Local):	$ 0
Wages to Maine Residents:	$ 85,754
Payments to Maine Subcontractors Estimated:	$ 0
Sum of MAINE ECONOMIC IMPACT:	**$ 85,754**

$1 - $1,000,000:	**2 points**
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Total Points for Maine Business and Economic Impact Consideration:	**6**

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TOTAL POINTS (Max: 100 Points)	**85**

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EVALUATION OF SECTION A – COST AND BUDGET

Total Points Available: 25 **Score:** ___22__

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Evaluation Team Comments:

The bidder demonstrated that that were trying to raise money from multiple sources and working actively to fundraise for the proposed project, in addition to requesting this grant. The cost estimates and timeline appear reasonable, as is the amount being requested for this grant. The assets shown in the Financial Viability submission ($200+ million) demonstrate the experience the bidder has with this type of work and fundraising. A few points were subtracted due to the cost breakdown being slightly unclear (two projects are referenced, but it is unclear how funds will be allocated between the two projects).

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EVALUATION OF SECTION B – WETLAND RESTORATION

Total Points Available: 20 **Score: 18**

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Evaluation Team Comments:

The bidder provided a strong discussion, referencing a previous survey of the wetland complex (Natural Resources Inventory and Assessment), but did not identify specific functions and values to be restored by the proposed project, nor did they go into detail about the methods or findings of the survey. The timeline and origin of the earthen berm is unclear, making it difficult to judge what is "natural" for this system. The idea of removing the beaver dam to install a structure that will enhance habitat for wildlife, including beavers, is somewhat contradictory. Overall, the reasoning in this section is strong, but a few points were lost for lake of detail.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION C – Habitat Considerations

Total Points Available: 10 **Score: 10**

Evaluation Team Comments:

The project will impact a large area with diverse habitat types and wildlife species. The bidder reports that the project is endorsed by the DMR. Alewives are described as a key forage fish in the food chain, indicating that their return would result in positive cascading effects. The claim that the project will benefit the Bagaduce River seems plausible given the geography of the site. We noted that the mention of the historic alewife runs is only anecdotal. We also noted that the fish assemblage that is mentioned is primarily a warm-water assemblage, which gave us pause about whether the upstream habitat would be suitable to a cold-water species such as alewives. Overall, this discussion was strong enough to earn full points.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION D – Water Quality

Total Points Available: 20 **Score: 14**

Evaluation Team Comments:

The discussion was good overall, but lacked an explanation of specific mechanisms to improve water quality. The discussion focused on how the proposed structure would control flooding within the wetland complex; however, there was little to no discussion on how the project would improve the wetland's capacity to store floodwater to the benefit of the surrounding uplands.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION E – Culturally and Economically Important Sustainable Plants

Total Points Available: 5 **Score**: 3

Evaluation Team Comments:

Culturally and economically important plans were not documented at the site, but the bidder discussed other observed species to emphasize a variety of wetland plant communities present. The bidder also mentioned the economic value of the target fish species; however, there was little evidence that the project will restore culturally and economically valuable plants.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION F – Technical Expertise

Total Points Available: 5 **Score:** 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

The bidder discussed their experience with similar projects and their partnership with multiple interested groups, including NOAA. They have also retained an experienced engineering firm. For these reasons, we gave them full points.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION G – Wetland Protection

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 5

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Evaluation Team Comments:

The project site is already owned by a local land trust and is currently managed for conservation. This indicates that the project site and surrounding area is likely to experience long-term protection from development, and that the proposed structure is likely to be maintained as needed. The bidder intends to create public walking trails and educational signs, which we took as further evidence that the land will be kept in a conservation use.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION H
Maine Business and Economic Impact Consideration

Total Points Available: 10 **Score: 8**

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	Total	Maine Resident	Maine Impact
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Payroll:	3,360,598	3,360,598	100 %
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MAINE ECONOMIC IMPACT	
	Total amount in Maine
Income Taxes Paid (State):	$ 0
Property Taxes Paid (Local):	$ 154,791
Wages to Maine Residents:	3,360,598
Payments to Maine Subcontractors Estimated:	703,189
Sum of MAINE ECONOMIC IMPACT:	**4,218,578**

$1 - $1,000,000:	2 points
$1,000,001 - $10,000,000:	**4 points**
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Total Points for Maine Business and Economic Impact Consideration:	**8**

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EVALUATION OF SECTION A – COST AND BUDGET

Total Points Available: 25 **Score: 10**

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Evaluation Team Comments:

Hard to judge if cost is reasonable. For that matter, there was no amount requested, just a listing of costs which was more than the entire funds available. What they've called the "control mechanism" is not described so we cannot tell if its cost is reasonable or not. Not much to go on.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION B – WETLAND RESTORATION

Total Points Available: 20 **Score: 8**

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Evaluation Team Comments:

Under DEP Ch. 310, all great ponds are wetlands of special significance and technically "dredging" could be enhancement or restoration. Unknown how high value this stream is. Could just use more detail on functions and values. It appears the stream may be degraded further upstream, but detail isn't provided. A lot more information on benefits of this proposal on the stream and associated wetlands could have been provided.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION C – Habitat Considerations

Total Points Available: 10 **Score: 4**

Evaluation Team Comments:

Hard to determine if habitat would be improved without clear details on stormwater treatment structure. While removal of phosphorus is beneficial, Rangeley Lake is not at risk. No general improvement to fisheries. No professional review cited. Brook trout are cited anecdotally, riparian cover wasn't well quantified. Improvements to the stream channel were referenced, but no detail on exactly what improvements and mechanisms. Based upon what was submitted, team felt there wouldn't be significant habitat improvements.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION D – Water Quality

Total Points Available: 20 **Score: 16**

Evaluation Team Comments:

Applicant provided good discussion of this issue. Deficiencies were noted because the function and composition of the "control structure" was not clear. Not a good discussion of the positive impact to lake. More detail would have been helpful, discussion of impact could have been more robust, no environmental assessment was referenced.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION E– Culturally and Economically Important Sustainable Plants

Total Points Available: 5 **Score**: 2

Evaluation Team Comments:

Weak, not anything proposed. Discussion on what would be planted, but did not address the question specifically.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION F – Technical Expertise

Total Points Available: 5 **Score:** 5

Evaluation Team Comments:

Adequate. Two firms mentioned.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION G – Wetland Protection

Total Points Available: 5 Score: 2

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Evaluation Team Comments:
Weak. Protection relied upon the private business to maintain and protect. Unclear whether applicant owned entire site. Bidder suggests that areas are already protected by state and federal regulations which isn't adequate over the long nor really, the short term. Applicant does suggest that "restrictions" could be placed if necessary, but no further discussion. That a private business is going to maintain the structure is a simplistic and not an encouraging long term solution. Business priorities change as could the support for this project.

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EVALUATION OF SECTION H
Maine Business and Economic Impact Consideration

Total Points Available: 10 **Score:** 6

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MAINE BUSINESS ANALYSIS			
	Total	Maine Resident	Maine Impact
Number of FTE Employees:	36	36	100%
Payroll:	706,209	706,209	100 %
Average percent of MAINE BUSINESS ANALYSIS:			**100%**

1-74%:	2 points
75-100%:	**4 points**

MAINE ECONOMIC IMPACT	
	Total amount in Maine
Income Taxes Paid (State):	$21,350
Property Taxes Paid (Local):	$16,523
Wages to Maine Residents:	$706,209
Payments to Maine Subcontractors Estimated:	$56,543
Sum of MAINE ECONOMIC IMPACT:	**$ 800,624**

$1 - $1,000,000:	**2 points**
$1,000,001 - $10,000,000:	4 points
>$10,000,000:	6 points

Total Points for Maine Business and Economic Impact Consideration:	**6**

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INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION NOTES

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BIDDER NAME: Blaine
DATE: November 1, 2018
EVALUATOR NAME: Bill Longfellow
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Cost and Budget – 200K total cost, requested 150K. 50K put up by Blaine
B Wetlands Restoration – protects wetlands and aquatic habitat, barrier to passage of undesirable aquatic species that exist downstream, waterfowl and wading bird habitat. DIF&W support.
C Habitat Considerations – barrier of undesirable species will benefit wild brook trout, bad species are muskellunge and small mouth bass) Preserves waterfowl and wading bird habitat.
D Water Quality – impoundment attenuates discharge during peak flows, allows deposition of silt and fines.
E Culturally and Economically Significant species – not applicable in this situation
F Technical Expertise – Town will manage project, Wright Pierce involved as well
G Wetland Protection – Town is amenable to conservation easements in areas adjacent to impoundment.

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BIDDER NAME: MCHT Parker Pond Wetland Complex
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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Cost and Budget – Requesting 125,000. MCHT has current assets of 200MM. Project cost 527,500. Complete 12/2019,
B Wetlands Restoration – project will replace a beaver dam and former mill site with a rock ramp to restore connectivity. References a Natural Resources Inventory and Assessment. Land owned by Blue Hills HeritageTrust, earthen berm constructed to pond water to better power mill. Wooden control structure "blew out" a few decades ago. The existing beaver dam and altered stream channel block diadromous fish passage to wetland complex. Two areas of rock ramp will maintain water levels and make it difficult for beavers to make dam, while restoring fish passage.
C Habitat Considerations – significant habitat by DIFW, lots of flora and fauna identified. Good description. Mentions the importance of the habitat to beavers! Refers to anecdotal evidence of prosperous alewife run. Thin, fish passage has been "closed off for decades"
D Water Quality – Flood damage prevention, restore aquatic connectivity, ... Tells me the benefits but doesn't explain the mechanisms employed to gain the benefits.
E Culturally and Economically Significant species – Not documented, but mentioned that some observed.
F Technical Expertise – Yes.
G Wetland Protection – Yes, public walking trails will be part of the project

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A. Cost and Budget – $155K assumed, not clearly stated.
B Wetlands Restoration – Restore riparian habitat, improve water quality (how?) restoration of stream channel in the hope that brook trout reappear. Increasing delta size where approx.. 20K ft 2 of eroded sand is to be removed.
C Habitat Considerations – fisheries habitat will be enhanced by improved water quality, reduced pollutants to lake, phosphorous and hydrocarbons, discharge of untreated stormwater.
D Water Quality – reduce flood velocity, stabilize stream channel, First reference to "wetland" used on item D.
E Culturally and Economically Significant species – small fringes, invasives will be removed, woody riparian plantings
F Technical Expertise – adequate, partnering with Jones Assoc.
G Wetland Protection – Commitment to maintain by RLBS.

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RFP #: 201806119
RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR WETLAND RESTORATION
BIDDER NAME: Town of Blaine
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EVALUATOR NAME: Maria Eggett
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A) Cost and Budget: Strong discussion, and full breakdown of cost. Plus they are not requesting full amount.

B) While they do discuss protecting the habitat, it is a little vague and doesn't really speak to the question.

C) Good discussion, but it could include more detail on what changes would occur to the habitat if the dam fails. Would it just become a different type of high value habitat?

D) Concise, but clear answer. It could explain how it will improve the wetland so that the wetland can improve the overall watershed.

E) None. accurately answering the question.

F) Strong answer with qualified firm.

G) Not yet protected, but the Town sounds amenable to a conservation easement.

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RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR WETLAND RESTORATION
BIDDER NAME: Maine Coast Heritage Trust
DATE: 10/31/2018
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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A) Cost and Budget: Reasonable request, and full breakdown of cost. Only negative is the info on pending funding isn't very clear.

B) Strong discussion, could just use more detail on functions and values.

C) Very strong, has DMR approval and will provide/enhance habitat for many species.

D) Good overall, but it could explain how the wetland can improve the overall watershed.

E) Does discuss plants, but there isn't details on PLANT cultural or economic values.

F) Strong answer with qualified firm, many partners.

G) Already protected, very favorable.

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

A) Cost and Budget: Hard to judge reasonableness of cost when the stormwater structure isn't explained. Not sure if they are requesting full amount.

B) Could just use more detail on functions and values. It appears the stream may be degraded further upstream, but detail isn't provided.

C) Once again, hard to determine is habitat would be improved without clear details on stormwater treatment structure. While removal of phosphorus is beneficial, Rangeley Lake is not at risk.

D) Good overall, but again, it could include more details on stormwater structure.

E) Weak, not really anything proposed.

F) Strong answer, firms seem qualified.

G) Not already protected, and not clear on what restrictions the applicant is willing to initiate.

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RFP TITLE: Grants for Wetland Restoration
BIDDER NAME: Town of Blaine
DATE: 11/1/2018
EVALUATOR NAME: Jami MacNeil
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Bidder proposes to repair Robinson Dam, Prestile Stream impoundment
Litigation? Financial Viability?
A. Budget Info: (Breakdown of costs provided on separate page) Asking for 75% of total cost ($150,000); single complete project, straightforward Town probably unlikely to get this money from an alternate source… Project will require NRPA and ACOE permits
B. Wetlands Restoration: Moderate sized impact area: 31.6-acre impoundment, 1.3 acres of fringe wetlands Dam will act as barrier to invasive fish spp (muskellunge, sm. mouth bass) Also a barrier to native fish passage? Protect brook trout populations Endorsed by IFW; Moderate-value IWWH IFW letter claims that if dam fails, habitat will be "significantly impaired"
C. Habitat Considerations: Protect brook trout populations from invasives "Preserve and protect" IWWH The dam repair would maintain the water level, but would not prevent development
D. Water Quality: Dam will help control flood flows Impoundment allows deposition of sediment
E. Cultural/Economic Plants: None
F. Technical Expertise: Retained Wright-Pierce engineers; Town has experience with similar projects
G. Wetlands Protection: Dam and some of the southern shoreline is owned by the Town Need some kind of easement or restriction for long-term protection Current development is primarily agriculture
H. Economic Impact: 2.5 FT employees?
Summary: Moderate area of impact; letting the dam fail would change the nature of the habitat upstream, but this isn't necessarily bad—depends on your target species and point of view; there is a low economic impact, no specific plant benefits; on the other hand, it's a straightforward project that would not require much monitoring to make sure it was effective; the amount requested seems reasonable; biggest benefit of the project in my mind is providing continued protection from invasive fish species

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RFP #: 201806119
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BIDDER NAME: Maine Coast Heritage Trust
DATE: 11/1/2018
EVALUATOR NAME: Jami MacNeil
EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Protection

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Bidder proposes to replace a beaver dam with a rock ramp, engineered to allow fish passage
Litigation: Involved in one lawsuit – no concerns; Financial Viability: Supplied
A. Budget Info: Basic breakdown provided Description of pending funds is confusing, numbers don't add up… e.g. "application for a total of $250,000," is this amount for this one project, or to be split between two projects? Many partners and interested parties…perhaps this project would occur whether they receive this grant or not
B. Wetlands Restoration: Large area of impact: Parker Pond wetland complex, 800 acres, 5.4 miles of streams Maintain water levels within complex
C. Habitat Considerations: Restore diadromous fish passage to large wetland complex (alewives) Snake Pond, Parker Pond, associated wetlands and streams, variety of wetland types Project supported by DMR
D. Water Quality: Flood damage prevention; bidder claims that a flood or storm surge could blow out the existing dam; Manage water levels in complex
E. Cultural/Economic Plants: None documented by MNAP Bidder notes that tussock sedge meadow and shrub swamp communities occur here
F. Technical Expertise: MCHT has experience with similar projects Has retained Wright-Pierce engineers Partnered with other agencies and organizations (TNC, Blue Hill Heritage Trust, Town)
G. Wetlands Protection: Project site owned and managed by Blue Hill Heritage Trust as a conservation preserve Notice of Grant Agreement? Public walking trail will be created
Summary: Large area of potential impact, clearly a valuable wetland complex; project is relatively straightforward, but very expensive, budget is confusing and unclear; since there are many interested parties and partners, the project might happen whether they receive this grant or not, so there is a question of additionality; project will improve fish passage; not sure how flood control works, but the bidder and partners clearly have experience with these projects and are motivated to make them ecologically successful; based on employee number, there is a moderate economic impact; not much argument for improvement in cultural/economically beneficial plants; odds of long-term protection are high (based on ownership by trust)

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Bidder proposes to remove sand, sediment, and emergent vegetation from lake and install a "control structure" to separate sediment at the discharge of culvert, reduce discharge velocity What will control structure look like? What kind of flood control? What kind of stream restoration is proposed?
Litigation: none; Financial Viability: Supplied
A. Budget Info: Basic breakdown provided. Permitting not included in budget… Total cost exceeds grant amount – how will remaining cost be funded?
B. Wetlands Restoration: Relatively localized area of impact (maybe…not sure how badly the discharge is affecting entire lake); Goal is to improve lake water quality; general benefits to flora and fauna; stabilize stream channel
C. Habitat Considerations: Improve stream for brook trout spawning habitat; remove/prevent spread of invasives (Invasive plants? What species?); Improve lake water quality for fisheries
D. Water Quality: Reduce sedimentation and pollutant discharge to lake Stabilize stream banks, reduce erosion in stream
E. Cultural/Economic Plants: Planning to remove or treat invasive plants, plant native plants Brown ash and sugar maple given as economically important plants Not sure these count as particularly important in an economic sense
F. Technical Expertise: Has retained Jones Associates, Inc. (wetland/stream restoration) and Walsh engineering; Bidder company includes an engineer and accountant
G. Wetlands Protection: Unclear whether entire project site is owned by bidder… Bidder states that the resources are protected by state and federal regulations…not good enough for long term protection, Bidder is amenable to restriction or easement to protect stream from future development
Summary: The project will involve a dredge within the lake, which can be difficult to permit; it may be preferable to address the issue at the culvert outlet and within the stream, and let the impacted area of the lake recover naturally; given that this is a private company, what are their motivations to improve the stream and lake? What is their investment in its long-term success? The budget is not completely clear—how will the remaining cost of the project, after the grant, be funded (privately, by the business?). Lots of questions about what kind of structure would be installed and what the stream restoration would consist of; project would require some kind of restriction of easement for long-term protection

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