



# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## Monthly Enforcement Report

### for actions during January 2026

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The following cases were resolved to achieve compliance with the law, remediate environmental damage, restore natural resources to appropriate conditions, and/or impose penalties to deter similar actions in the future.

#### Cases Prosecuted by the Department in District Court (party followed by location):

**Robert Altieri, Milford, Penobscot County, Maine.** Robert Altieri (Altieri) owns property located near Blueberry Lane in Milford, Maine. On January 8, 2025, Department staff inspected the property and observed that a permanent structure in the form of a driveway comprised of gravel fill was installed on the property. Staff determined that the permanent structure was installed within a wetland of special significance (WOSS) and was adjacent to or within Otter Stream, an unnamed stream, and a high-value inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat (IWWH). Staff determined that the WOSS, Otter Stream, the unnamed stream, and the high-value IWWH are protected natural resources in accordance with 38 M.R.S. § 480-B. Staff observed vegetation and soil had been removed or displaced from the protected natural resources and there were inadequate erosion and sediment controls to prevent discharge into the protected natural resources. Staff determined that Altieri was the party responsible by reviewing land ownership records and by his admissions. The Department filed a land use citation and complaint in Bangor District Court. On January 21, 2026, a hearing was held in the Bangor District Court. On January 29, 2026, the Court issued a Final Judgment and Order (the “Order”). The Court concluded that the Department carried its burden of proving Altieri unlawfully constructed a permanent structure in the form of a driveway comprised of gravel fill within a protected natural resource, removed and altered vegetation and soils within a protected natural resource, and failed to implement adequate erosion and sedimentation controls. By constructing, repairing, or altering a permanent structure in the form of a driveway comprised of gravel fill within a protected natural resource without first obtaining a permit, Altieri violated 38 M.R.S. § 480-C. By removing or displacing soil, sand, vegetation, or other materials within a protected natural resource without first obtaining a permit, Altieri violated 38 M.R.S. § 480-C. By filling, displacing, or exposing soil without control measures to prevent unreasonable erosion of soil or sediment into a protected natural resource, Altieri violated 38 M.R.S. § 420-C. The Court ordered Altieri to: immediately install and maintain erosion and sediment control measures; within 30 days of the Order, submit for the Department’s approval a detailed restoration plan drafted by a qualified professional. The restoration plan shall include removal of all fill, replanting of native vegetation, and the return of the lost functions and values of the impacted



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resources. The removal, restoration, and construction undertaken shall comply with Maine's statutes, rules, permits, and local ordinances. No structure, construction, or activity may remain contrary to 38 M.R.S. §§ 480-C and 420-C. The Court ordered Altieri to implement the restoration plan in accordance with the schedule contained in the plan, but in no event later than July 1, 2026. The Court ordered Altieri to pay to the *Treasurer, State of Maine*, a civil monetary penalty in the amount of two hundred eighty-four thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$284,250.00). The Court ordered that Altieri pay an additional one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day of non-compliance with the Order.