

Grant Awards Summary by Category
Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund - 2011 - Session 1

Grants Awarded on April 6, 2011

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

111-01-03	DMR	Public Outreach and Education Materials for Offshore Wind Energy Development	Amt Funded: \$12,125	Statewide
<p>Increase public understanding of the scientific and technical information on topics of high public interest related to offshore wind energy development, including information on wildlife, fisheries, and recreational and commercial activities, through development and dissemination of high quality, accurate information products. high quality, accurate information products.</p>				
111-01-04	DOC	Reaching Maine's Small Woodland Owners	Amt Funded: \$5,000	Statewide
<p>Purchase Blackbaud's Raiser's Edge software, a hosted online constituent database to be the center of SWOAM's educational and outreach efforts in the future and reach a wider number of landowners, more effectively, and to help all landowners make better decisions about managing their woodlands.</p>				
111-01-05	DMR	Anadromous Rainbow Smelt Spawning Habitat Assessment in Wash. County	Amt Funded: \$18,000	Coastal Washington County
<p>Establish the first comprehensive assemblage of baseline data for successful smelt management use in the state by documenting habitat use and suitability for rainbow smelt in streams, rivers and shoals in coastal Washington County.</p>				
111-01-08	IFW	Enhancing Shorebird Conservation in Casco Bay	Amt Funded: \$4,000	Casco Bay
<p>Monitor use of shorebird habitats with a frequency and duration necessary to determine if current state and municipal shorebird conservation measures in Casco Bay are effective</p>				
111-01-10	IFW	Understanding Habitat Connectivity & the Updated Beginning with Habitat Maps	Amt Funded: \$3,186	Statewide
<p>Create and publish a 2-page, 2-color conservation guide on Habitat Connectivity to insert and update the Conserving Wildlife in Maine's Developing Landscape guide produced in 2000.</p>				
111-01-11	DOC	Sustainable Biocontrol Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Mgmt in Leading Edge Populations	Amt Funded: \$6,385	Statewide
<p>Establish sustainable populations of Sasajiscymnus tsugae in Vaughn Woods and Wolfe Neck Woods State Parks to create nuclei of HWA biocontrol for Maine's coastal hemlock resource and serve as a demonstration to promote establishment of colonies elsewhere in Maine</p>				
111-01-12	DEP	Ocean Acidification: Quantifying a Global Threat Locally	Amt Funded: \$6,000	Casco Bay
<p>Evaluate evidence of local ocean acidification by equipping, training and deploying volunteers to more intensively monitor our coastal water's pH levels.</p>				
111-01-14	DOC	Natural Heritage Hikes	Amt Funded: \$15,000	Statewide
<p>Provide natural history information via the internet to a general audience for a suite of Maine hiking trails.</p>				
111-01-15	IFW	Freshwater Snails of Aroostook County	Amt Funded: \$4,900	Aroostook County
<p>Conduct a field inventory of freshwater snails at six lakes in the Fish River drainage, Aroostook County to aid natural resource managers in the conservation of freshwater snails, their habitat, and lake ecosystem functions in northern Maine.</p>				

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111-01-17	IFW	Maine River Bird Project	Amt Funded: \$13,777	Statewide
<p>Understand the linkages among at least three key natural resources--birds, fish, and rivers--in the context of dam removal.</p>				
111-01-19	IFW	Deer Surveys and Dissemination to Landowners	Amt Funded: \$18,000	Statewide
<p>Accelerate the Department's progress with deer surveys followed with the mapping and sharing of deer wintering area (DWA) information with landowners.</p>				
111-01-20	IFW	Conserving Wild Brook Trout in Headwater Streams	Amt Funded: \$8,627	Northwestern Maine
<p>Monitoring brook trout responses for an additional year so that we can provide managers with the best available science that shows whether chop and drop and/or translocation are practical and effective methods of fisheries improvement that should be applied elsewhere in the state.</p>				

Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$115,000

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

111-02-01	DOC	Down East Sunrise Trail - Trip Planner and Trail Guide	Amt Funded: \$5,000	Down East Maine
Provide interpretation and trip planning information for the Down East Sunrise Trail in order to ensure the 85-mile multi-use trails realizes its potential as a recreation and economic resource for Downeast Maine.				
111-02-04	DOC	Beyond Katahdin: Revealing the Intrinsic Value of Maine's Greatest Park	Amt Funded: \$15,000	Baxter State Park
Develop a more complete picture of the habitats in the park to better enable MNAP to put regional conservation and management efforts in context. Help develop sound conservation priorities and to utilize a more complete knowledge of the habitats on the Park landscape to allow thoughtful resource management planning and protections and to identify areas of special concern.				
111-02-05	DOC	Maine's Big Trees	Amt Funded: \$6,000	Statewide
Create online profiles of big trees on lands accessible to the public, complete with photographs, information about big trees, and information about the lands where they have prospered.				
111-02-07	DOC	Increasing Winter Visitation at Maine State Parks	Amt Funded: \$5,100	Statewide
Obtain cross-country skis, snow shoes, and a 16' enclosed trailer which will allow us to loan equipment during our Winter Family Fun Days and rent equipment during non-event days.				
111-02-08	DOC	Popham Beach & Dune Dynamics	Amt Funded: \$6,365	Popham Beach State Park
Educate over 200,000 annual visitors about beach and dune dynamics and address the erosive forces at work at Popham Beach with interpretive panels and a beach education trunk.				
111-02-09	DOC	Securing Access and Inholdings for BPL's Amherst Mts Community Forest	Amt Funded: \$10,000	Amherst
Acquire, for the state, in-holdings of the Amherst Mountains Community Forest to provide guaranteed access and wildlife protections.				
111-02-12	DOC	Camden Hills: Dunning Property Acquisition	Amt Funded: \$20,000	Camden
Add a key undeveloped property with multiple natural resources and recreational opportunities to the Camden Hills State Park: and to further buffer the park from impending subdivisions and residential development.				
111-02-13	DOC	Sebago to the Sea Trail- Portland	Amt Funded: \$15,000	Portland
Build one-mile section of trail along the Presumpscot River, joining the vast Portland Trails network with communities to the west, creating a network of regional significance.				
111-02-14	IFW	Securing Public Access to Private Land	Amt Funded: \$8,000	
Create a certification system that qualifies recreationists for recognition in the private landowner community and for special privileges on and access to private land.				

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111-02-15	IFW	Sebasticook River Conservation Project	Amt Funded: \$18,000	Burnham
<p>204 acres in Burnham, Maine, which is located within the Unity Wetlands Focus Area of statewide ecological significance and identified as a conservation priority in the Unity Wetlands Conservation Plan.</p>				
111-02-16	IFW	Upper Cathance River Wetlands Conservation Project: Perry Tract	Amt Funded: \$18,000	Topsham
<p>Acquire 150 acres of wetlands and upland buffer in the Upper Cathance Wetlands project area.</p>				
111-02-17	IFW	Dry Mills Fish Hatchery Round Pond Information & Education Center	Amt Funded: \$15,000	Gray
<p>To repair and enhance the Round Fish Viewing Pond and create a IF&W Hatchery Division Information & Education area that would be open to the thousands of people that visit the Dry Mills Hatchery each year as part of their visit to the Maine Wildlife Park.</p>				
111-02-18	IFW	Construction of Wildlife Viewing Platform and Trail at Weskeag Marsh	Amt Funded: \$3,535	Thomaston
<p>Protect the salt marsh habitat and minimize disturbance to shorebirds, wading birds, and waterfowl by creating a user friendly and wildlife trail with interpretive signage and a viewing platform to maximize viewing opportunities.</p>				
111-02-19	DOC	Maine Motorized Trail Construction & Maintenance BMP's Manual	Amt Funded: \$5,000	Statewide
<p>Develop a Maine Motorized Trail Construction & Maintenance Best Management Practices Manual for both Snowmobile and ATV club training.</p>				

Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$150,000

Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

111-03-01	DOC	Mountain Tops in Balance: Assessing Maine's Subalpine Forests	Amt Funded: \$15,000	Western Maine
<p>Assessment of Maine's high elevation areas to help reduce future conflicts over the location of proposed wind projects and support a regional effort to assess the ecological value of high-elevation habitat across the Northern Forest region of New England.</p>				
111-03-06	IFW	Improving the Delivery of Farm Bill Programs to Recover New England Cottontail	Amt Funded: \$11,000	Statewide
<p>Provide 25% of the cost for a two year position to work closely with NRCS, MDIFW, and others, to restore vital habitats for New England cottontail and other early successional wildlife species through the use of Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) and other NRCS programs</p>				
111-03-07	IFW	Mitigating Population Decline of Roseate Terns	Amt Funded: \$12,000	Easter Egg Rock
<p>Manage Roseate Terns as a regional population using recommendation specified in the federal recovery plan and through coordination with both state and federal cooperators within and outside of Maine.</p>				
111-03-08	IFW	Blueback & Brook Trout Restoration at Big Reed (Phase III) & Wadleigh Ponds	Amt Funded: \$12,000	Big Reed Pond
<p>Restore Blueback and brook trout by removing the invasive fishes. Revert habitat to the ideal, historic conditions so that the endemic populations will have a high likelihood of persistence in the long term.</p>				
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Total Amount Funded for Category:		3	\$50,000	

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

111-04-01	IFW/DOC	Trash Mitigation Assistance to Landowners and Public Education	Amt Funded: \$10,000	Statewide
Continue the volunteer clean up day with various clubs and organizations and assist in deploying camera's where repeated dumping of trash occurs as needed for law enforcement to prosecute violators.				
111-04-02	DOC	State Park Lifeguard Rescue Equipment and Training	Amt Funded: \$8,814	Statewide
Replace out-of-date and deteriorated lifeguard rescue equipment at the state parks, out-of-date lifeguard training equipment used at the Lifeguard Academy and provide training.				
111-04-03	DOC	Reducing Easement Monitoring Costs with Simplified Satellite Imagery Analysis	Amt Funded: \$7,500	Statewide
Advance the BPL's capacity to use a simplified form of satellite imagery analysis- one that can identify soil disturbance through color enhancement techniques applied to a single image, in contrast to full-scale more complicated change analysis resulting from the overlay of images taken at different points in time and identify changes in vegetation.				
111-04-05	IFW	Enhancing Training of Maine Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteers	Amt Funded: \$2,153	Statewide
Provide Volunteers with Search and Rescue education training, identification patches, and for the "preventative" education materials for children so that SAR volunteers can give effective presentations to educate children about the dangers of becoming lost as well as how to stay safe and be found quicker if they do.				
111-04-07	IFW	High Peaks Region Emergency Services Preplanning Map	Amt Funded: \$6,533	Franklin County
Create a tool for rescuers by creating a comprehensive Geographic Information System (GIS) database featuring all trails, trailheads, backcountry infrastructure, mileages, critical access points, and other points of interest.				
111-04-11	DMR	Maine Marine Patrol and Maine Warden Service Hovercraft	Amt Funded: \$15,000	Statewide
Purchase a hovercraft to enhance the State's first responder's ability when responding to practically any situation that arises along the coast, inland lake, pond and river and complete these two agencies fleet of vessels that support the search and rescue capabilities as well as the safety and security plan developed with the Maine Emergency Management Agency.				

Total Amount Funded for Category: 4 \$50,000

Total All Categories: \$365,000 # of Grants Awarded: 36