

Grant Awards Summary by Category

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund - 2013 - Session 1

Grants Awarded on May 9, 2013

Sorted by Category, Project Number

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

131-01-01	SWCD	2013 York County Invasive Aquatic Species Project (YCIASP) York County Soil & Water Conservation District	Funded: \$5,962	York County
<i>Run a watershed base project that provides IAS (Invasive Aquatic Species) educational outreach activities and IAS early detection training to volunteers in York County.</i>				
131-01-02	IFW	Rainbow Smelt Enhancement as a Fisheries Management Tool Maine Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, University of Maine	Funded: \$14,896	Statewide
<i>Better understand smelt populations in order to create better landlocked salmon fisheries by examining raised rainbow smelt and their contribution to the natural population.</i>				
131-01-04	IFW	An Environmental DNA Detection System for Maine's Invasive and Imperile Dept. of Biological Sciences, Univ. of Maine	Funded: \$15,117	Statewide
<i>Adapt established 'environmental DNA' (eDNA) approaches to provide detection capacity for invasive and imperiled species of concern in Maine and demonstrate field eDNA detection for a current nuisance invader.</i>				
131-01-06	IFW	Biogeography and Conservation of Maine's Island Amphibians Dept. of Biological Sciences, Univ. of Maine	Funded: \$9,757	Statewide
<i>Conduct surveys of amphibians on coastal islands along the entire Maine seaboard and reconstruct geographic and genetic patterns of their isolation to enhance current knowledge of amphibian distributions and identify potentially important genetic resources for conservation.</i>				
131-01-10	DMR	Development and Dissemination of Research Priorities and Mitigation Strat Island Institute	Funded: \$6,643	Statewide
<i>Initiate a state-wide effort to understand, reduce, remediate, and adapt (where possible) to the consequences of ocean acidification on our ocean and coastal fisheries, wildlife, and habitats.</i>				
131-01-12	ACF	Where Have We Been? Creation of a Tracking System for Ecological Field S Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry - MNAP	Funded: \$12,889	Statewide
<i>Create and populate a spatial database and tracking system to capture field data from all sites visited by MNAP ecologists.</i>				
131-01-13	ACF/IFW	Identifying Wetland Restoration and Protection Opportunities in Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry - MNAP	Funded: \$15,000	Statewide
<i>Conduct outreach, landscape analysis, and field surveys to identify and assess high value wetland restoration and protection opportunities, support Maine's In Lieu Fee Program, and improve data related to rare wetland plants, animals, and their habitats.</i>				
131-01-14	DEP	An Interactive Field Guide to Aquatic Phenomena "APP" for Volunteer Lake Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program	Funded: \$4,000	Statewide
<i>Utilize cell phone technology in the form of an "app" to help users identify both common aquatic phenomena and potentially problematic invasive species.</i>				

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131-01-17	DMR	Enhancing Stream Habitat for the Native, Wild Brook Trout and Endangered Maine Audubon Society	<i>Funded:</i> \$18,430	Aroostook River Watershed
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Determine where stream barriers occur in the Upper Androscoggin, Upper Kennebec, West Branch of the Penobscot and Aroostook River Watersheds and to help prioritize the most urgent areas for upgrades.

Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$102,694

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

131-02-01	IFW	The Perley Mills Community Forest Project Loon Echo Land Trust	<i>Funded: \$18,000</i>	Denmark
<i>Conserve a 920 acre parcel of land in Denmark, Maine to develop a regional community forest and public recreational area as well as protect high quality wildlife habitat.</i>				
131-02-02	IFW	Keep Maine Clean Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine	<i>Funded: \$3,500</i>	Statewide
<i>Ninety percent of public outdoor recreational activities occur on private land. The number one complaint of private owners is litter and trash. The Keep Maine program, in partnership with businesses, encourages volunteers to clean up trash along the roads, fields and forests.</i>				
131-02-03	IFW	Conserving Wildlife Habitat at Timberdoodle Hill Forest Society of Maine	<i>Funded: \$15,000</i>	Eddington
<i>Permanently conserve, through conservation easement, approximately 140 acres of woodland and wetland wildlife habitat adjacent to the University of Maine's 3,800-acre Penobscot Experimental Forest</i>				
131-02-04	ACF	Veteran Community Leader Program Maine Conservation Corps	<i>Funded: \$20,000</i>	Statewide
<i>Recruit and place veteran community leaders within local organizations in their own communities to recruit, train and lead volunteers in trail construction and maintenance projects.</i>				
131-02-05	ACF	A Guide to Family Woodland Harvesting Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry - Maine Forest Service	<i>Funded: \$18,080</i>	Statewide
<i>Develop a guide to harvesting family woodlands, with associated workshops and case studies, to guide family woodland owners and the professionals they work with through decisions to achieve a successful harvest.</i>				
131-02-06	ACF	Mill River Park Project Town of Thomaston- Conservation Commission	<i>Funded: \$10,000</i>	Thomaston
<i>Construct a public park along the shore at the confluence of the Mill and St Georges Rivers that will encourage physical activity and an appreciation of the Town's natural resources by providing recreational opportunities such as hiking, fishing, picnicking and bird watching and other nature observation along a riparian section of river that is recognized by the state as high-value coastal wading bird and waterfowl habitat.</i>				
131-02-07	ACF	Maine Trail Finder - Kennebec Valley Trails and First Release of Water Trail Quebec-Labrador Foundation/Center for Community GIS	<i>Funded: \$16,500</i>	Statewide
<i>Generate 40-50 new trail postings in the greater Kennebec County/Kennebec River Valley region and work closely with water trail managers to prepare and integrate the first 10-15 water trails into Maine Trail Finder.</i>				
131-02-09	ACF	Allagash Information & Education Video Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry	<i>Funded: \$5,920</i>	Allagash Wilderness Waterway
<i>To inform, educate and inspire potential visitors to the AWW while also producing video content that can be used to educate canoe and kayak campers across the state.</i>				

Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$107,000

Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

131-03-01	IFW	Detecting State Threatened Northern Bog Lemming Department of Biology, University of New England	<i>Funded:</i> \$10,000	Statewide
<i>Use novel, non-invasive genetic methods to identify Northern bog lemming populations that will result in the development of an effective survey tool to facilitate partnerships between Universities, the State, and Industry for future state-wide survey efforts.</i>				
131-03-04	ACF	Plant Conservation Volunteers: Working to Support Rare Species Conserva Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry- MNAP	<i>Funded:</i> \$12,000	Statewide
<i>Monitor rare plant populations, perform habitat management where needed, and develop a constituency for native plants.</i>				
131-03-05	ACF	Completing the Whole Picture: Documenting the Last Best Places Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry- MNAP	<i>Funded:</i> \$16,279	Statewide
<i>Use recently available high resolution aerial imagery to make MNAP's landscape analysis current and perform surveys for special natural features at remaining priority sites.</i>				
131-03-06	DMR	Increase Adult Atlantic Salmon Returns to the East Machias River Downeast Salmon Federation	<i>Funded:</i> \$7,721	East Machias
<i>Equip the East Machias Aquatic Research Center ("EMARC") as a "conservation hatchery" that can raise juvenile Atlantic salmon to the parr stage to be stocked in the East Machias as fall parr.</i>				

Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$46,000

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

131-04-01	IFW	Improving Cold Water Rescue Capacity in the Moosehead Lake Region Greenville Fire Department <i>Procurement and placement into service four cold water immersion suits and complementary gear.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$3,600	Greater Moosehead Lake
131-04-02	IFW	Passamaquoddy Equipment Update Passamaquoddy Warden Service <i>Provide PWS with new and reliable ATVs to effectively enforce State and Tribal ATV Laws within Passamaquoddy Tribal Territory.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$14,652	Passamaquoddy Tribal Territory
131-04-04	IFW	Invasive Fish Messaging for Public Water Access Sites Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife <i>Help stop the illegal stocking of fish with the purchase and distribution of 360 "Trouble by the Bucketful" 18"x24" metal signs to be posted at water access sites located throughout the state by staff from MDIFW, MDACF, and by volunteers from several regional conservation groups.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$4,860	Statewide
131-04-05	ACF	Pownal Backcountry Rescue Town of Pownal <i>Provide Pownal Fire and Rescue with the skills and equipment required to perform backcountry rescues at Bradbury Mountain State Park and adjacent state-owned recreational lands such as the Bradbury-Pineland Corridor.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$5,043	Pownal
131-04-07	IFW	Using Marine Birds to Monitor Mercury Contamination Across the Gulf of M Biodiversity Research Institute <i>Assess the current degree of mercury contamination across the Gulf of Maine ecosystem using focal marine bird species as biomonitors.</i>	<i>Funded:</i> \$19,974	Statewide

Total Amount Funded for Category: 4 \$48,129

Total All Categories: \$303,823 # of Grants Awarded: 26

