

Grant Awards Summary by Category

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund - 2014 - Session 2

Grants Awarded on November 12, 2014

Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District	Nezinscot River Watershed Fish Barrier Culvert Survey and Barrier Prioritization for Habitat Restoration <i>Survey perennial stream/road crossings, dams and natural barriers in the Nezinscot River Watershed. Data collected in the survey will be used to prioritize barriers to fish passage for future improvements to stream habitat connectivity. It will also enable the prioritization of infrastructure improvements that will improve stream flow function to prevent flooding, erosion and property loss.</i>	\$11,580	142-01-04
		Oxford and Androscoggin	SWCD
Unity College	Investigating a Colonizing Black Bear Population in Central Maine <i>The Unity College Bear Study investigates density, home range, recruitment, dispersal, and other population metrics of a colonizing black bear population in central Maine to train students and to enhance MDIFW bear management.</i>	\$15,000	142-01-05
		Wildlife Mgmt District 23	IFW
Dept. of IF&W	Keeping Track of Keystone Pollinators: A Statewide Atlas of Maine's Bumble Bee Fauna <i>A multi-year professional and citizen scientist atlas initiative designed to significantly improve our knowledge of the distribution and status of bumble bees in Maine. This project will help MDIFW and partners more accurately assess the conservation status of these important native pollinators, including several species experiencing severe declines</i>	\$12,735	142-01-06
		Statewide	IFW
Maine Audubon Society	Expanding Foresters for Maine Birds to Loggers and Landowners <i>This project will take the new Foresters for Maine Birds guidebook and workshops, designed to connect foresters with the habitat needs of the most at-risk forest songbirds, and create modified versions for outreach to loggers and landowners across the state.</i>	\$15,155	142-01-07
		Statewide	IFW
Friends of Casco Bay	Protecting Clam Flats from Acidification <i>Help protect our state's clam resources from acidification by training community members to measure the ph of clam flats.</i>	\$7,530	142-01-11
		Statewide	DMR
Maine Rivers	China Lake Outlet Stream Restoration Project: Phase One <i>A series of 6 barriers prevent alewives and other species access to 3500 acres of historical habitat in China Lake in the Sebasticook River Watershed. The China Lake Outlet Stream Restoration Project is working with dam owners to restore fisheries access to the lake. Phase 1 of the project involves the removal two dams in Vassalboro.</i>	\$15,000	142-01-12
		Vassalboro	DMR

Total Amount Funded for Category: 1 \$77,000

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

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance	Kennebec Highlands - Kimball Pond Expansion <i>Acquire a 278 acre parcel to provide needed public access to the western side of the Kennebec Highlands, create public access to Kimball Pond, and conserve valuable wildlife habitat and watershed lands.</i>	\$15,000 New Sharon	142-02-01 ACF
Maine Appalachian Trail Club	Appalachian Trail Stewardship - Franklin County <i>Advance conservation and outdoor recreation on the Appalachian Trail (A.T.) in Franklin County, Maine, during the 2015 hiking season and beyond, through stewardship, trail reconstruction and environmental education.</i>	\$20,000 Saddleback and Bigelow	142-02-03 ACF
Forest Society of Maine	Gulf Hagas Whitecap Project <i>Capture an opportunity to conserve 13875 acres of productive forestland, river frontage, and mountain peaks bordering 11 miles of the Appalachian Trail corridor in the heart of the 100-mile wilderness recreation area.</i>	\$20,000 Piscataquis County	142-02-04 ACF
Dept. of IF&W	Sportsman's Access Grant <i>Acquisition of 7 tracts of land totaling 2900 + acres to expand boating & fishing access to 3 water bodies and 4 tracts which will provide public access on lands supporting high-value habitat for game and non-game species.</i>	\$20,000 Somerset, Waldo,	142-02-07 IFW
Loon Echo Land Trust	Crooked River Forests <i>Purchase and protection of 791 acres of working forestlands in the Crooked River watershed in Harrison and Otisfield, including over 3 miles of shoreline, 10,000 feet of stream protection, and 29 acres of wetland habitat.</i>	\$12,125 Harrison & Otisfield	142-02-08 IFW
Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve	Whose Beach Is It? A Citizen's Guide to Public Access & Private Ownership of the Maine Coast <i>Research laws, policies, and court decisions regarding private ownership and public use of and access to, intertidal lands and dry sand beaches, and produce two public information pieces.</i>	\$5,750 Statewide	142-02-09 WNERR
Brunswick Parks & Recreation Department	Simpson's Point Beach Public Access Project <i>Add additional acreage to the town of Brunswick's holding including a pocket beach and adequate space for off-street parking.</i>	\$12,125 Brunswick	142-02-10 ACF

Total Amount Funded for Category: 2 \$105,000

Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects

Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-& Forestry- MNAP	Maine's Rarest Plants - Are They Still Here? <i>One third of Maine's endangered and threatened plant species have only a single population in the state. The goal of this project is to verify that these species still occur in the state, and identify opportunities for their preservation.</i>	\$19,737 Statewide	142-03-01 ACF
Dept. of IFW	Identifying research and management opportunities to ensure the long-term sustainability of Eastern Golden Eagles <i>MDIFW will be hosting the Eastern Eagle Working Group, biologists and wildlife managers from the US and Canada dedicated to developing a more complete understanding of golden eagle life history and ecology throughout eastern North America.</i>	\$6,640 Statewide	142-03-02 IFW

Total Amount Funded for Category: 3 \$26,377

Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health

Aroostook County Sheriff's Office	Aroostook County Trail Enforcement Program	\$13,489	142-04-04
	<i>Purchase an ATV to provide a method of patrolling the trail system, to enforce rules and regulations, to provide contact with trail users and to help educate them on proper and safe use of the trail systems, and to prevent damage of public and private lands to include environmental monitoring.</i>	Aroostook County	IFW
Dept. of IF&W	Forensic Mapping Equipment: Maine Warden Service	\$5,115	142-04-05
	<i>The Department will acquire forensic mapping equipment in order to diagram crime scenes, recreational vehicle crash scenes and assist other law enforcement agencies in documentation of their crime and accident scenes</i>	Statewide	IFW

Total Amount Funded for Category: 4 \$18,604

Total All Categories: \$226,981 # of Grants Awarded: 17