

# Grant Awards Summary by Category

## Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund - 2014 - Session 2

Grants Awarded on November 12, 2014

### Category 1 Fisheries & Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

<b>Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District</b>	<p><b>Nezinscot River Watershed Fish Barrier Culvert Survey and Barrier Prioritization for Habitat Restoration</b></p> <p><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></p>	<b>\$11,580</b>	<b>142-01-04</b>
		<b>Oxford and Androscoggin</b>	<b>SWCD</b>
<b>Unity College</b>	<p><b>Investigating a Colonizing Black Bear Population in Central Maine</b></p> <p><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></p>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>142-01-05</b>
		<b>Wildlife Mgmt District 23</b>	<b>IFW</b>
<b>Dept. of IF&amp;W</b>	<p><b>Keeping Track of Keystone Pollinators: A Statewide Atlas of Maine's Bumble Bee Fauna</b></p> <p><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></p>	<b>\$12,735</b>	<b>142-01-06</b>
		<b>Statewide</b>	<b>IFW</b>
<b>Maine Audubon Society</b>	<p><b>Expanding Foresters for Maine Birds to Loggers and Landowners</b></p> <p><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></p>	<b>\$15,155</b>	<b>142-01-07</b>
		<b>Statewide</b>	<b>IFW</b>
<b>Friends of Casco Bay</b>	<p><b>Protecting Clam Flats from Acidification</b></p> <p><i>Help protect our state's clam resources from acidification by training community members to measure the ph of clam flats.</i></p>	<b>\$7,530</b>	<b>142-01-11</b>
		<b>Statewide</b>	<b>DMR</b>
<b>Maine Rivers</b>	<p><b>China Lake Outlet Stream Restoration Project: Phase One</b></p> <p><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></p>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>142-01-12</b>
		<b>Vassalboro</b>	<b>DMR</b>

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

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

<b>Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance</b>	<b>Kennebec Highlands - Kimball Pond Expansion</b> <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>	<b>\$15,000</b>  <b>New Sharon</b>	<b>142-02-01</b>  <b>ACF</b>
<b>Maine Appalachian Trail Club</b>	<b>Appalachian Trail Stewardship - Franklin County</b> <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>	<b>\$20,000</b>  <b>Saddleback and Bigelow</b>	<b>142-02-03</b>  <b>ACF</b>
<b>Forest Society of Maine</b>	<b>Gulf Hagas Whitecap Project</b> <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>	<b>\$20,000</b>  <b>Piscataquis County</b>	<b>142-02-04</b>  <b>ACF</b>
<b>Dept. of IF&amp;W</b>	<b>Sportsman's Access Grant</b> <i>Acquisition of 7 tracts of land totaling 2900 + acres to expand boating &amp; 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>	<b>\$20,000</b>  <b>Somerset, Waldo,</b>	<b>142-02-07</b>  <b>IFW</b>
<b>Loon Echo Land Trust</b>	<b>Crooked River Forests</b> <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>	<b>\$12,125</b>  <b>Harrison &amp; Otisfield</b>	<b>142-02-08</b>  <b>IFW</b>
<b>Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve</b>	<b>Whose Beach Is It? A Citizen's Guide to Public Access &amp; Private Ownership of the Maine Coast</b> <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>	<b>\$5,750</b>  <b>Statewide</b>	<b>142-02-09</b>  <b>WNERR</b>
<b>Brunswick Parks &amp; Recreation Department</b>	<b>Simpson's Point Beach Public Access Project</b> <i>Add additional acreage to the town of Brunswick's holding including a pocket beach and adequate space for off-street parking.</i>	<b>\$12,125</b>  <b>Brunswick</b>	<b>142-02-10</b>  <b>ACF</b>

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

**Category 3 Endangered & Threatened Species Conservation Projects**

<b>Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation-&amp; Forestry- MNAP</b>	<b>Maine's Rarest Plants - Are They Still Here?</b> <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>	<b>\$19,737</b>  <b>Statewide</b>	<b>142-03-01</b>  <b>ACF</b>
<b>Dept. of IFW</b>	<b>Identifying research and management opportunities to ensure the long-term sustainability of Eastern Golden Eagles</b> <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>	<b>\$6,640</b>  <b>Statewide</b>	<b>142-03-02</b>  <b>IFW</b>

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

**Category 4 Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protection of Public Health**

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<b>Aroostook County Sheriff's Office</b>	<b>Aroostook County Trail Enforcement Program</b>	<b>\$13,489</b>	<b>142-04-04</b>
	<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>	<b>Aroostook County</b>	<b>IFW</b>
<b>Dept. of IF&amp;W</b>	<b>Forensic Mapping Equipment: Maine Warden Service</b>	<b>\$5,115</b>	<b>142-04-05</b>
	<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>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>IFW</b>

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

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