

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Land for Maine's Future Program

Protecting Maine's natural heritage and future economic health

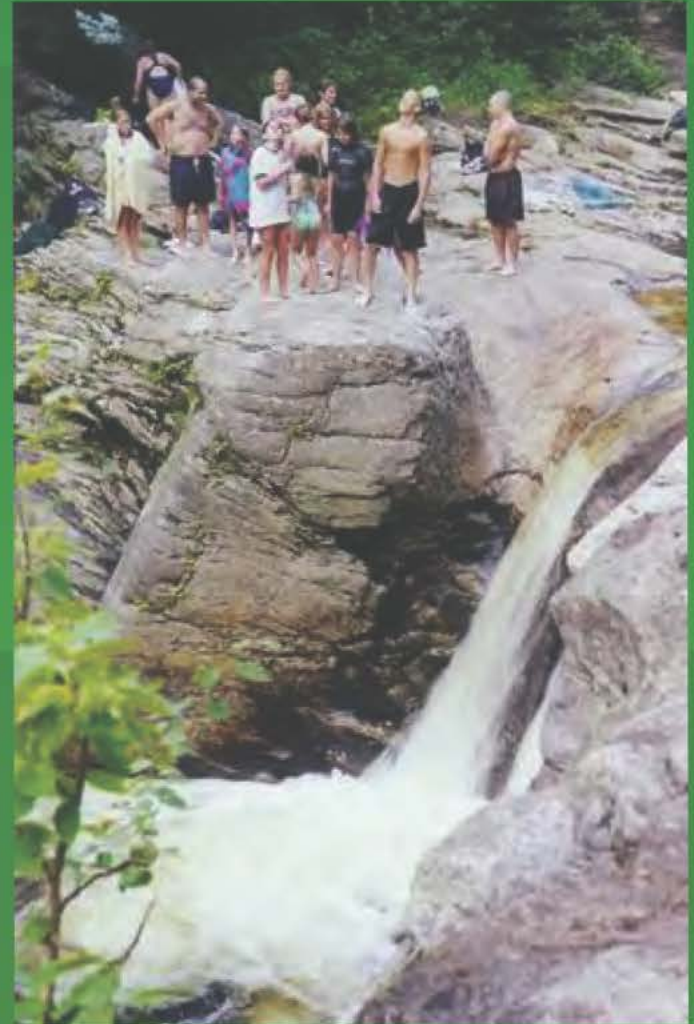
***The 2009 Biennial Report to the Joint Standing Committee on
Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry***

***Augusta
February 2009***



Agenda

- Board Chair's remarks
 - Program overview
 - Program status
 - Challenges & opportunities
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LMF Mission

To secure the future social and economic well-being of the citizens of this State by maintaining the quality and availability of productive lands and natural areas...

(recreation, working farms and forests, hunting, fishing, conservation, wildlife habitat, vital ecological functions and scenic beauty)

Types of LMF Projects

- Conservation and recreation
 - *Emphasizing public access for outdoor recreation*
- Water access
 - *Small parcels for boat ramps, hand-carry launch sites, swimming and fishing access*
- Farmland protection
 - *purchase of development rights and fee interests in productive farmland*
- Working Waterfront
 - *Pilot program now in third year to protect commercial marine fishing access*

History

- Created in 1987 with \$35 million bond issue
- In 1997, new priorities set by a commission of Maine citizens
- \$50 million bond issue in 1999 rejuvenated the program and amended its charge to allow local ownership
- Since then two bonds (2005 & 2007) totaling \$27 million (w/ additional \$5 million for Working Waterfront Protection Pilot Program)

Structure

- 11 member board (5 agencies & 6 public)
- All confirmed by Legislature
- Committees:
 - *Appraisal*
 - *Scoring*
 - *Nomination*
 - *Easement* (large-scale forest)

General Principles

- Hunting, fishing, trapping and public access are sought on all conservation projects
- 'Willing seller only' -- Board policy
- $\geq 1/3$ Match required to leverage LMF funds
- The State holds lands of statewide significance; towns and land trusts may hold properties of local and regional significance

Public notice & input

- Notice sent to host municipalities & legislators when applications received and when project finalists designated
- Notice sent to legislators and municipal officials prior to final board votes
- Public notice and comment session prior to final board vote on any project
- All Board meetings publicized and open
- Agenda, Minutes & news on website
- Call for new proposals is open to all

Independently evaluated

FINDINGS:

- Continues to be an urgent need for a state-funded land conservation effort
- There is broad public support
- LMF should continue for the foreseeable future
- New funding is needed

Conducted by the Margaret Chase Smith Center (UM) and the New England Environmental Finance Center (USM) 2004

Governor's Quality of Place Council 2008

Public access

- Since 1987, need for “availability” of land for recreation recognized in LMF’s legislative mission
- 1997 LAPAC study and 2004 program evaluation reconfirmed public access as a central purpose of LMF
- Public access continues as a statewide issue
- Virtually all LMF mainland acquisitions are accessible by vehicle
- Access to public waters also targeted with 10% reserve

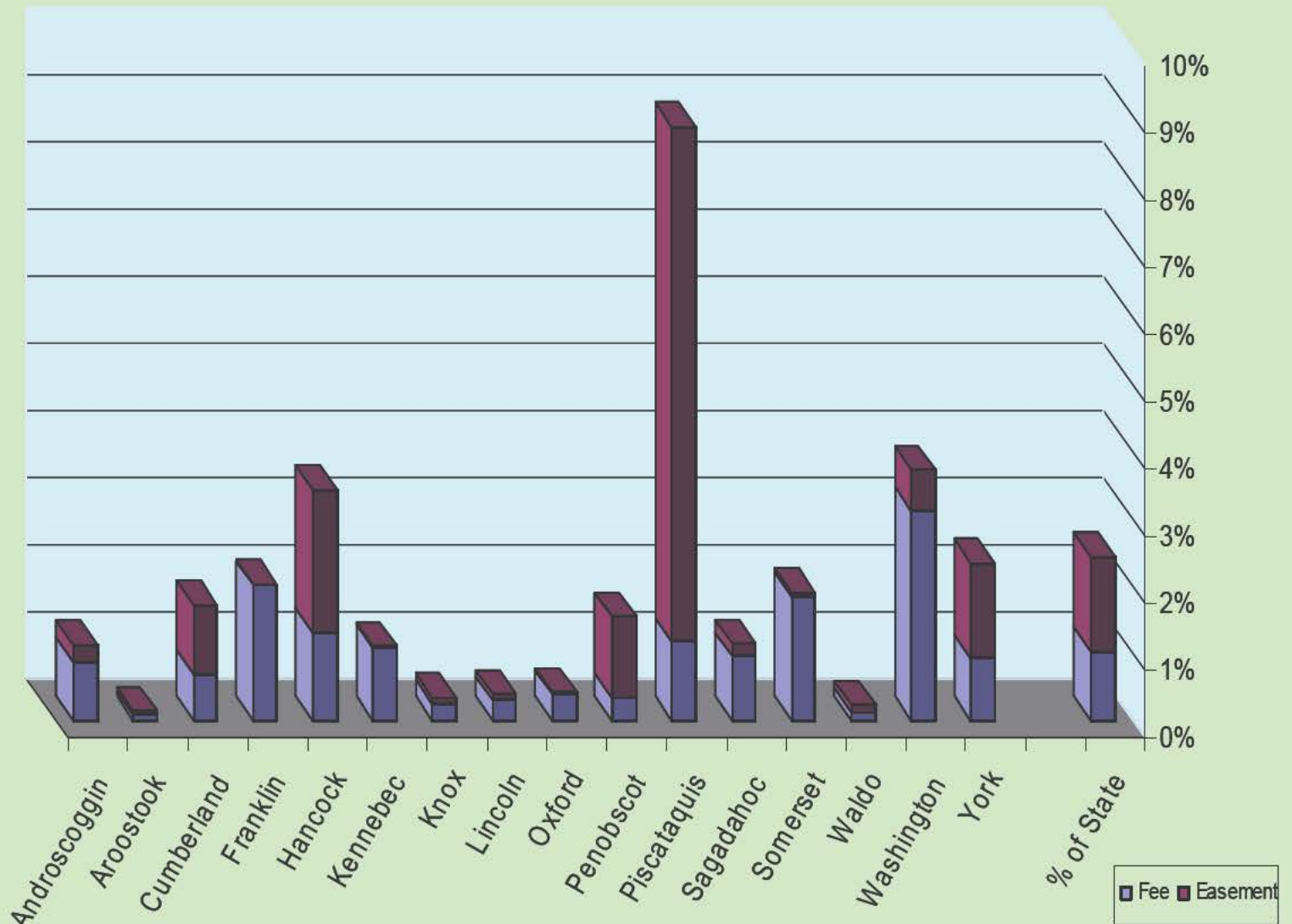
Farmland Protection

- Earliest farm project completed 1990
- Legislature reserved “up to 10%” for farms in 1999.
- At least 10% has been spent on farmland since then - \$7.7 million of farm reserves plus additional conservation funds on dual projects
- 25 farmland projects now completed with 8 underway

LMF Status

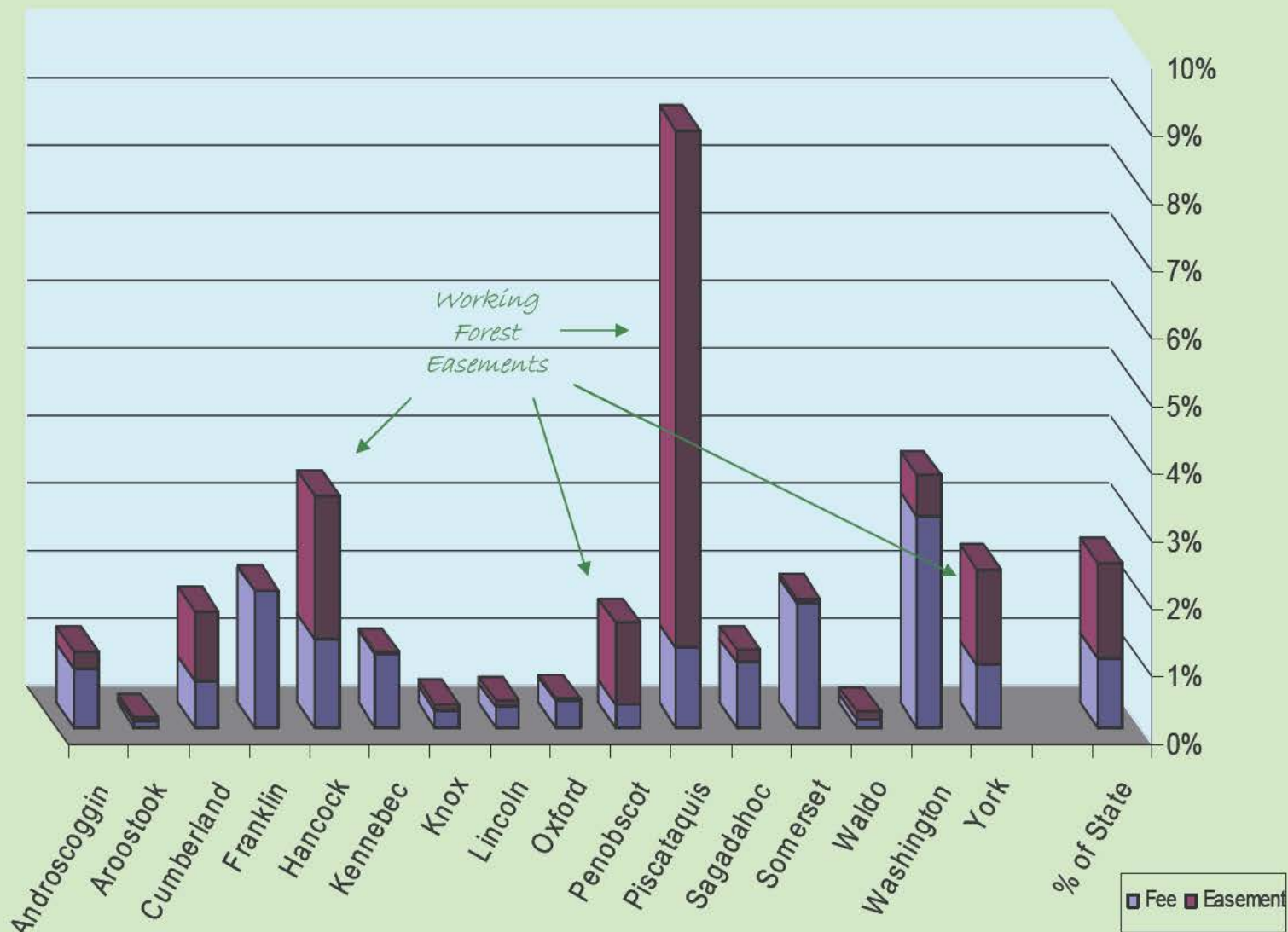
- Since 1987, over 230 projects completed with over 350 individual transactions statewide
- 56 transactions on 47 projects in the last two years
- Since 1987, 498,000 acres conserved
(roughly 60% easement and 40% fee)
- 65 projects underway
(including over 100 separate transactions)
- Virtually all LMF funds have now been committed:
no new farm or conservation projects can be started

% of County and State Conserved with LMF Support 1987-2008



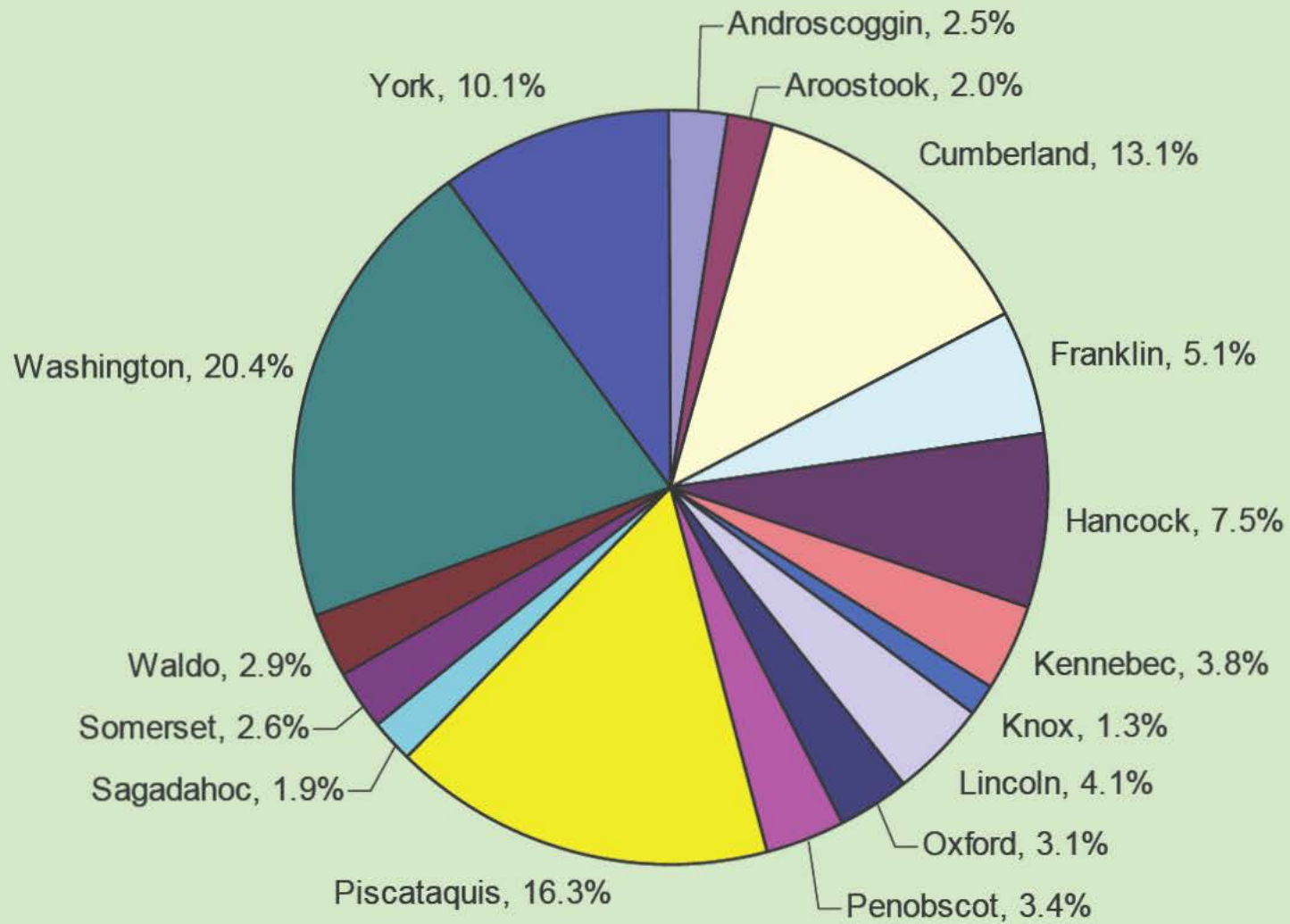
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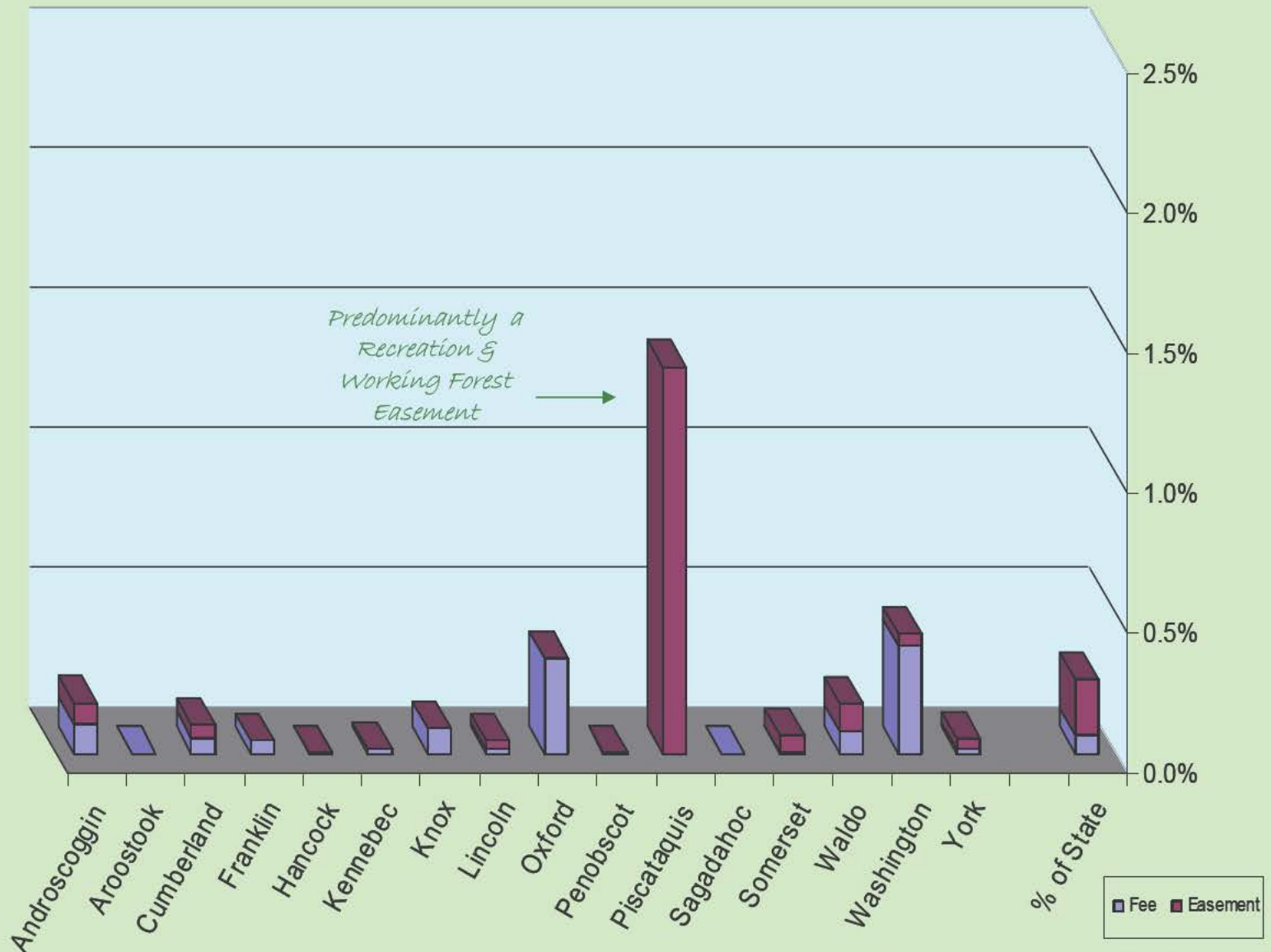
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LMF Expenditures by County 1987-2008



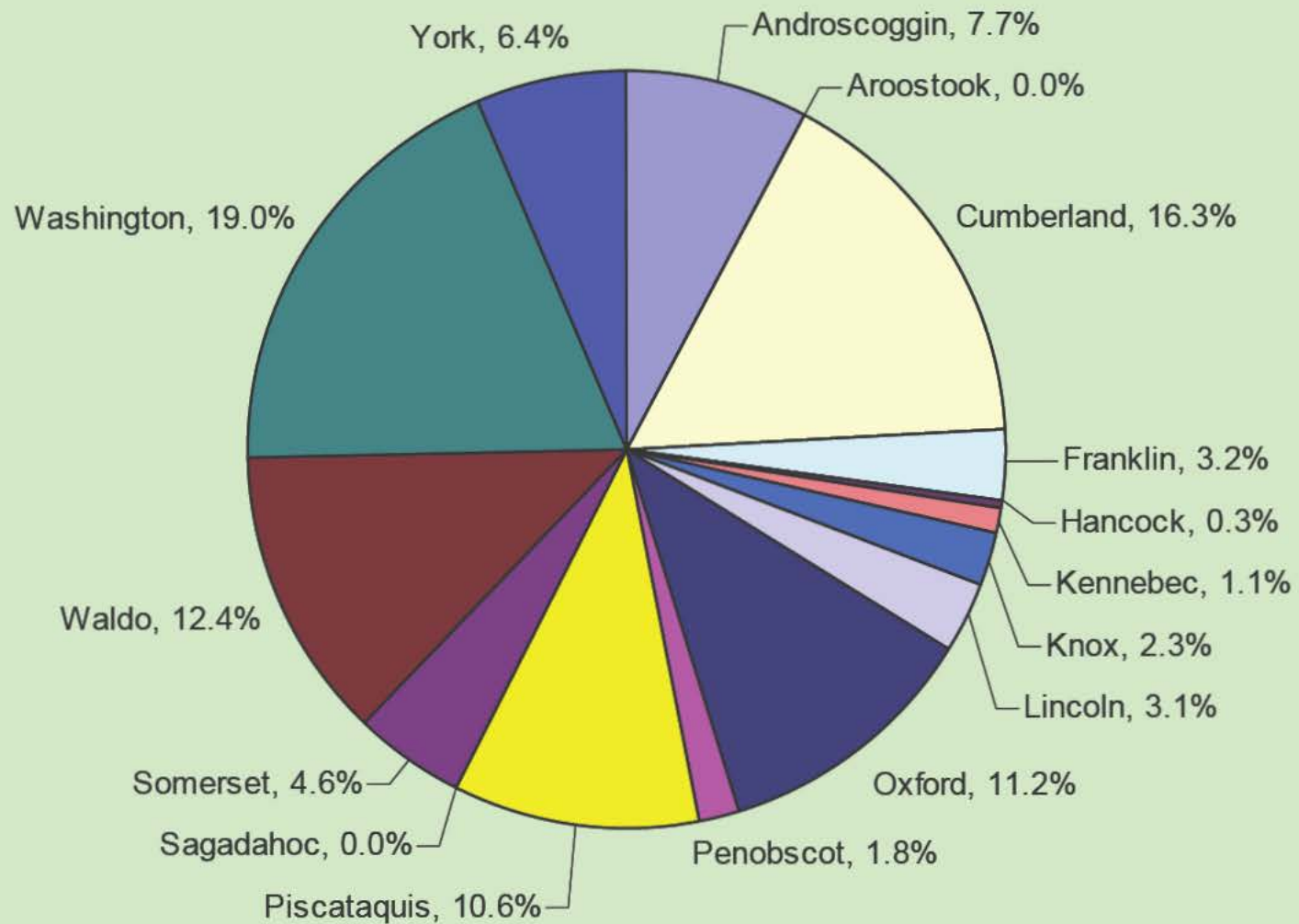
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% County and State Conserved with LMF Support 2007-8



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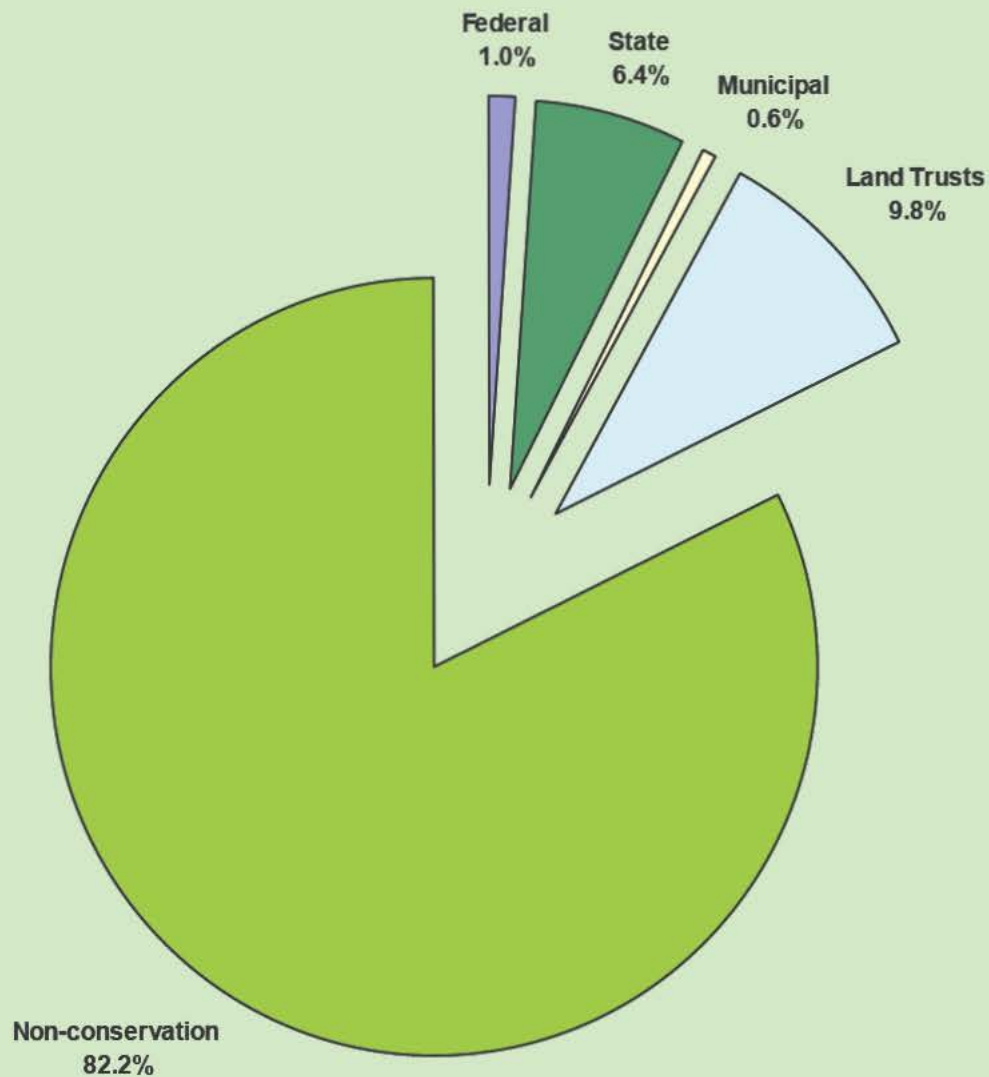
LMF Expenditures by County 2007-8



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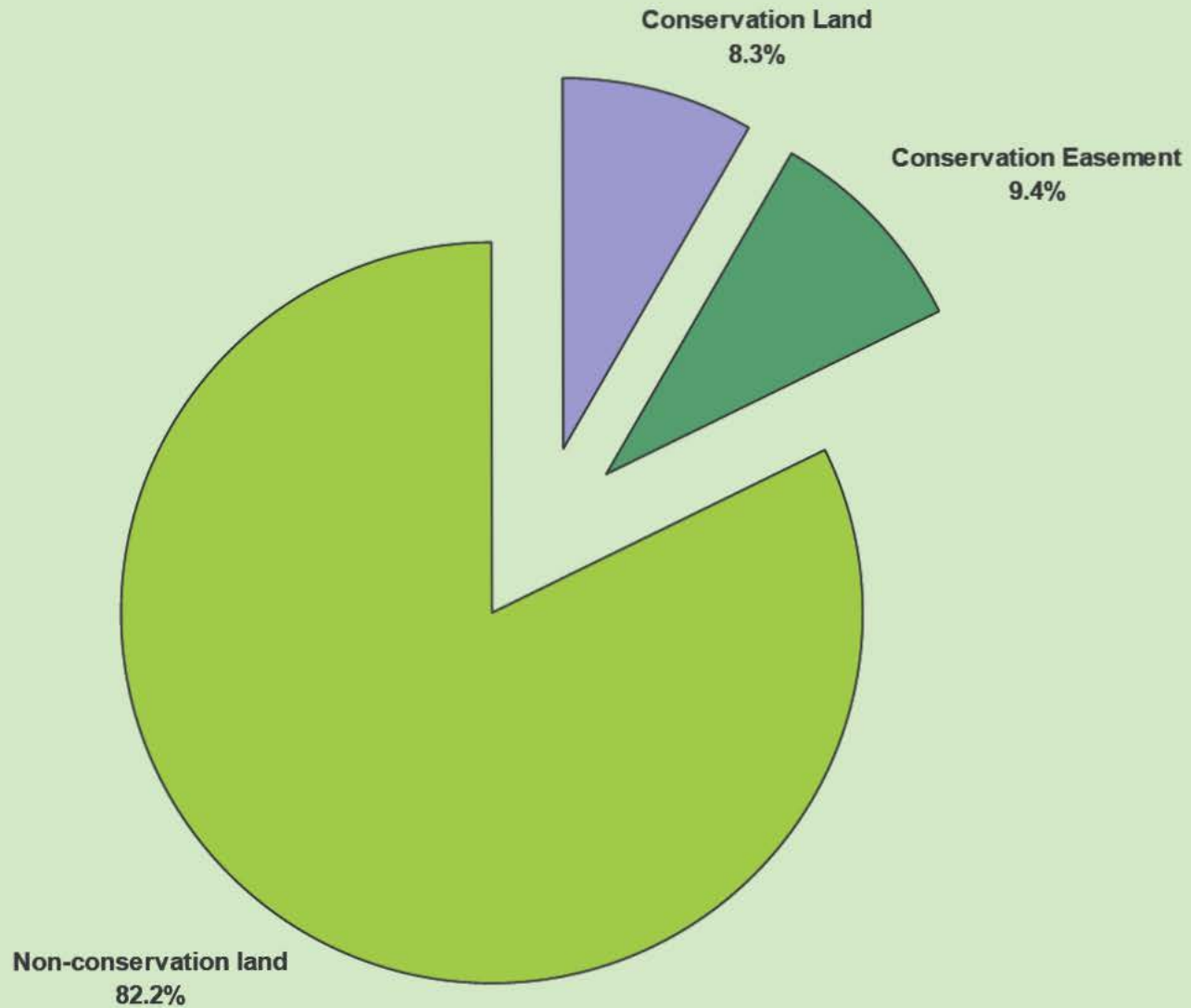
Conservation land by Ownership

as % of state



Conservation Land by Category

as % of state



Dollars & acres aren't the full picture...

- 1,100 miles of shoreline conserved
- Many miles of recreational trails protected (including 158 miles of vital snowmobile routes)
- 7 State & regional park expansions
- 41 water access sites approved
- 25 working farm holdings conserved
- 3 working waterfront sites conserved

Partnerships

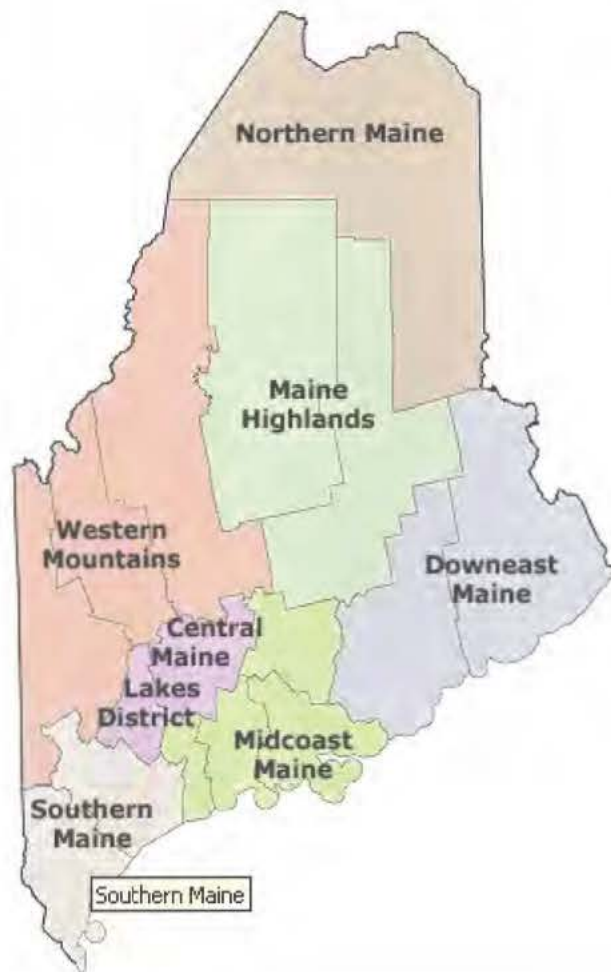
- In 1999, the Legislature authorized direct grants to towns and land trusts. These grants are governed by contractual “project agreements”
- Experience with grant recipients continues to be very positive.
- Annual reporting has been smooth.
- 35 new contracts signed with towns and land trusts in '07-08. 90 Contracts in total.

Land for Maine's Future



Project Map by Region

LMF funded projects are across the state of Maine. Mouse over the map below to see how many LMF projects are in a particular region. Click on a region to view a list and summary of all the projects in that region.



Regional Information

Region:
Southern Maine

Counties:
York, Cumberland

Number of projects:
26

LMF Project Center

[Project Directory](#)
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[Project Map by Region](#)

Sharing a commitment to providing public access to Maine's special places, development of the LMF Project Center was made possible by a grant from **LLBean**.

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Jordan Farm

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Project Description

The William Jordan family has been operating their farm in Cape Elizabeth for more than half a century, with much of their extended family still involved in agricultural operations. The Jordans sell vegetables wholesale and through a farm stand, and run a popular pick-your-own strawberry operation. The farm's success is due to the family's hard work, the land's productive soils, and the fact that Cape Elizabeth has the longest growing season in Maine (due to the coast's moderating influence). Area residents cherish this local landmark where they come to buy fresh produce and enjoy scenic vistas out over the farmfields to Spurwink Marsh and the historic Spurwink Church. Each fall, busloads of local schoolchildren arrive to pick pumpkins, feed the chickens and sample the farm's wares. [Jordan Farm](#) also supplies two local food pantries and provides low-income seniors with fresh produce through the State's Farm-Share Program. The Jordan family wanted to maintain this farming tradition, but as area land values soared, the pressures to sell for development increased. Three nearby farms all sold and were built out, the most recent one into a 97-lot subdivision. The Jordans chose another path, offering to sell development rights on key portions of their farm (a strategy that lowers the property value, making it more affordable to keep land in productive use). With support from the family and the [Cape Elizabeth Land Trust](#) and funding from the Land for Maine's Future Program, and the USDA Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program, the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust acquired an easement on Jordan Farm that prevents future subdivision or development and promotes its continued farming. Jordan Farm abuts Spurwink Marsh (part of the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge), providing important wildlife habitat as well as local produce. Hay is cut late in the season to protect threatened birds such as bobolinks and eastern meadowlarks that nest in the fields. Please note: On private farms protected with Land for Maine's Future Program support, public access is by landowner permission only. Please see the icons to determine allowed uses and follow any guidance posted on the property. For more information on how to obtain landowner permission, contact [Stephanie Gilbert](#) at the Maine Department of Agriculture.



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Closest Town
Cape Elizabeth

Region
Southern Maine - York,
Cumberland

Acres
47

Directions from closest town

DeLorme Maine Atlas and Gazetteer Map 3, A-4. From Broadway in South Portland, take Route 77 toward Cape Elizabeth, turning right in 2 miles onto Scott Dyer Road. At the intersection with Spurwink Road (in 1 mile) go straight onto Wells Road. The farmstand is on the right less than one-tenth mile from the intersection of the Spurwink and Wells Roads.

Conservation Easement Registry

- Legislation to strengthen Maine's conservation easement statutes adopted in Sept 2007
- SPO directed to establish a statewide registry for conservation easements
- Registry will launch later this spring
- Will apply to all conservation easement holders (public & nonprofit)

Working Waterfronts

- 3 projects completed
- 7 underway; 3 new applications under review
- Pilot project issues
 - Restrictive covenant design
 - Appraisals
 - Substantial outreach/education effort

How have Maine citizens benefited?

- Improved Public Access to outdoor recreation opportunities
- Tourism enhanced with conserved lands
- Rural enterprises supported by stabilizing land base (tourism, agriculture, forestry, working waterfront)
- Natural heritage protected for future generations



Bradbury Pineland Corridor



Crystal Spring Farm



Merrymeeting Bay & Lower Kennebec



Bald & Ragged Mtn Preserve



Camden Hills SP



Port Clyde Fisherman's Coop



Jasper Beach



Wabassus Lake



Dead River Trail



Height of Land



Grafton Notch



Rumford Whitecap



Androscoggin River Park (Lewiston)



Mitchell Ledge Farm



LMF Project Lands 2009 Biennial Report - first worksheet 2007

Project Name	Date	Location MCD	County	Acres Total	Fee	Ease	Total Purch Price	LMF \$ for land only*	Other LMF Costs	DOCUMENTED MATCH	Agcy	Shore Type	Miles	State Int
Cons & Rec														
Round # 1														
Bradbury-Pineland Corridor														
Sweetser	12/14/2007	Pownal	Cumb	16.0	16.0	0.0	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$0	see previous	DOC	NA	0	PA
Round # 2														
Sebago Headwaters Preserve														
Vermil Group	9/28/2007	Bridgton, Naples	Cumb	110.2	110.2	0.0	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$36,130	\$388,806	DOC	NA	0	PA
Round # 4														
Wells Conservation Lands														
McLachy Stevens	2/6/2007	Wells	York	16.1	16.1	0.0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$2,520	\$5,000	DOC	NA	0	PA
Katahdin Iron Works	4/30/2007	Bowdoin College Grant East & West, T7 R9 NW	Pisc	37000.0	0.0	37000.0	\$5,915,621	\$1,000,000	\$15,183	\$8,870,000	DOC	ease	62.27	ease
Round #5														
Additions to WMA's														
Hicks parcel	12/20/2006	Newfield	Cumb	59.0	59.0	0.0	\$280,000	\$280,000		\$225,000	IF&W	lake	0.04	fee
Clark parcels	11/8/2007	Augusta, Vassalboro		79.7	79.7	0.0	\$125,000	\$80,000		\$143,000	IF&W	Lake	1.04	fee
Appleton Preserve	4/13/2007	Appleton	Knox	128.0	128.0	0.0	\$215,000	\$127,000	\$1,515	\$100,400	DOC	River	1.01	PA
Bald & Ragged Mountains									\$2,512					
Brown	1/10/2007	Rockport	Waldo	113.0	113.0	0.0	\$317,900	\$75,000		\$242,900	DOC	NA	0	PA
Dickey	1/10/2007	Rockport	Waldo	11.0	11.0	0.0	\$30,000	\$3,500		\$11,500	DOC	NA	0	PA
Gates	1/10/2007	Camden	Waldo	97.0	97.0	0.0	\$585,000	\$135,000		\$450,000	DOC	NA	0	PA
Wright	8/30/2007	Hope	Knox	68.0	68.0	0.0	\$176,000	\$67,500		\$109,400	DOC	NA	0	PA
Camden Hills	11/15/2007	Lincolnville	Waldo	148.0	148.0	0.0	\$2,615,000	\$1,028,000	\$5,802	\$1,857,000	DOC	NA	0	fee
Crystal Spring	8/22/2007	Brunswick	Cumb	see farm	0.0	see farm	see farm	\$110,255	\$3,183	see farm	AG	NA	0	PA
Dead River Corridor	1/9/2008	T3R4, T3R5, Lower Enchanted, West Forks	Som	1643.0	0.0	1643.0	\$2,100,000	\$509,000	\$3,197	\$1,591,000	DOC	river	23	PA
Height of Land	12/26/2007	Township D	Fran	500.0	500.0	0.0	\$942,750	\$379,000	\$1,292	\$563,750	DOC	River	2	PA
Grafton Notch	5/25/2007	Grafton TWP	Oxf	3688.0	3688.0	0.0	\$3,000,000	\$927,132	\$9,404	\$2,072,868	DOC	NA	0	fee
Katahdin Iron Works phase II	4/30/2007	Bowdoin College Grant East & West, T7R9	Pisc	see above	0.0	see above	see above	\$250,000	see above	see above	DOC	Pond & River	see above	PA
Lord Parcel	2/8/2007	Wells	York	2.5	2.5	0.0	\$450,000	\$50,000	\$471	\$400,000	DOC	na	0	fee
Mitchell Ledge	10/9/2007	Freeport	Cumb	see farm	0.0	see farm	see farm	\$117,942	\$6,142	see farm	AG	NA	0	PA
Pleasant Bay														
Tibbett Island	12/6/2007	Addison	Wash	23.0	23.0	0.0	\$390,000	\$120,000	\$1,624	\$480,000	IF&W	Ocean	0.77	PA
Pigeon Hill	11/6/2007	Stuben	Wash	97.0	97.0	0.0	\$600,000	\$345,000	\$936	\$355,000	IF&W	PA	0.34	PA
Maquoit Bay	9/21/2007	Brunswick	Cumb	126.0	126.0	0.0	\$2,700,000	\$735,285	\$3,147	\$1,964,715	DOC	Ocean	0.5	PA
Rumford Whitecap	3/30/2007	Rumford	Oxf	761.0	761.0	0.0	\$560,000	\$243,000	\$3,083	\$327,666	DOC	NA	0	PA
Sucker Brook	4/13/2007	Lovell	Oxf	210.0	210.0	0.0	\$565,000	\$153,000	\$2,827	\$426,156	DOC	Stream	0.75	PA
Tatnic Turtle Corridor														
Allen Parcels	9/19/2007	South Berwick	York	65.0	65.0	0.0	\$960,000	\$331,000	\$8,031	\$629,000	IF&W	NA	0	fee
Turner Cove	6/21/2007	Turner	Andro	326.0	326.0	0.0	\$615,000	\$372,000	\$3,014	\$250,200	DOC	river	2	fee
FARMLANDS														
Crystal Spring	8/22/2007	Brunswick	Cumb	155.0	0.0	155.0	\$1,565,000	\$314,745	\$16,449	\$1,140,000	AG	na	0	PA
Mitchell Ledge	10/9/2007	Freeport	Cumb	105.0	0.0	105.0	\$823,000	\$187,058	\$3,268	\$518,000	AG & DOC	na	0	PA
Tibbetts Farm	8/10/2007	Berwick	York	259.5	0.0	259.5	\$740,000	\$370,000	\$17,849	\$411,384	AG	na	0	PA
Fields & Forests Forever														
Hawes (Prairie Road)	10/15/2007	Unity	Waldo	163.8	0.0	163.8	\$105,000	\$70,000	\$25,374	\$35,000	IFW	stream	0.66	PA
WATER ACCESS														
Androscoggin River Park	3/27/2007	Lewiston	Andro	13.0	13.0	0.0	\$74,600	\$74,600	\$1,455	\$38,838	PA-DOC	River	0.29	PA
Belgrade Stream	8/31/2007	Mount Vernon	Kenn	4.0	4.0	0.0	\$56,300	\$46,946	\$145	\$21,978	IF&W	river	0.12	fee
Billings Pond	7/2/2007	Blue Hill	Hanc	3.5	3.5	0.0	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$1,999	\$15,000	IF&W	lake	0.05	fee
Jasper Beach	12/20/2007	Machiasport	Wash	28.0	28.0	0.0	\$500,000	\$366,000	\$1,978	\$240,000	PA-DOC	coast	0.17	PA
Skowhegan Gorge	10/24/2007	Skowhegan	Som	6.0	6.0	0.0	\$61,000	\$34,000	\$2,841	\$17,000	PA-DOC	river	0.14	PA
Total All LMF 2007				48025.3	6699.0	39326.3	\$27,299,171	\$9,128,963	\$187,132	\$23,900,581			95	

* as of 12/2008

LMF Project Lands for 2009 Biennial Report - second worksheet 2008

Project Name	Date	Location MCD	County	Acres Total	Fee	Ease	Total Purch Price	LMF \$ for land only*	Other LMF Costs*	DOCUMENTED MATCH	Agcy	Shore		State Int.
												Type	Miles	
CON & REC														
Bald & Ragged Mountains II	12/12/2008	Rockport	Knox	18.7	18.7	0.0	\$240,000	\$72,000	\$537	\$139,289	DOC	na	0.00	PA
Bog Brook & Moose Cove									\$334	\$854,640				
Mountains & Meadows	12/30/2008	Cutler	Wash	501.0	0.0	501.0	\$305,000	\$98,190			DOC	na	0.00	PA
Bog Brook Farm Cove Cutler	12/30/2008	Cutler, Trescott	Wash	270.0	0.0	270.0	\$940,000	\$294,570			DOC	coast/pond	0.87	PA
Bradbury-Pineland Corridor														
MATCH - Wentworth	3/19/2008	Pownal	Cumb	5.0	0.0	5.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	DOC	na	0.00	ease
Caribou Bog									\$2,030	\$113,588				
Molean Parcel	2/12/2008	Bangor	Penob	28.4	0.0	28.4	\$20,000	\$20,000			DOC	na	0.00	PA
Kelly parcel	2/12/2008	Bangor	Penob	57.0	0.0	57.0	\$184,000	\$96,500			DOC	na	0.00	PA
Colonial Pemaquid	11/20/2008	Bristol	Linc	0.3	0.3	0.0	\$195,000	\$98,000	\$1,448	\$98,101	DOC	coast	0.10	fee
Kennebec River Estuary										\$869,000				
Wallentine	10/27/2008	Bowdoinham	Linc	89.6	0.0	89.6	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$374	\$869,000	IF&W	river	0.64	fee
Pigeon Hill Phase II											DOC			
Rice parcel	12/31/2008	Steuben	Wash	34.0	34.0	0.0	\$250,000	\$110,000	\$552	\$265,000	DOC	na	0.00	PA
Riverlink									\$3,860					
Garber	2/28/2008	Newcastle	Linc	26.0	26.0	0.0	\$32,550	\$32,550	\$0	\$0	DOC	na	0.00	PA
O'Brien	2/28/2008	Newcastle	Linc	21.0	21.0	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,000	DOC	stream	0.20	PA
Wabassus Lake Project	12/23/2008	T42 & 43 BPP	Wash	6628.0	6628.0	0.0	\$2,379,452	\$850,000	\$319	\$2,505,000	DOC	lake	14.50	PA
FARMLANDS														
Fields & Forests Forever														
Smith-Dutton	1/28/2008	Unity	Waldo	217.7	0.0	217.7	\$226,000	\$113,000	\$33,775	\$113,000	AG	na	0.00	PA
Rudolph	5/5/2008	Unity	Waldo	114.3	0.0	114.3	\$93,000	\$46,500	\$13,757	\$46,500	AG	na	0.00	PA
Hallelujah Farm	11/7/2008	Lisbon	Andro	169.9	0.0	169.9	\$620,000	\$310,000	\$15,857	\$323,682	AG	river	0.36	PA
Davis Farm	11/21/2008	Durham	Andro	70.0	0.0	70.0	\$180,000	\$156,667	\$4,972	\$99,948	AG	na	0.00	PA
WATER ACCESS														
Lubec Salt Ponds	7/14/2008	Lubec	Wash	5.0	5.0	0.0	\$71,000	\$58,000	\$1,155	\$34,299	IF&W	estuary	0.10	PA
Upper Cold Stream Pond	3/31/2008	Lincoln	Penob	1.6	1.6	0.0	\$84,000	\$56,000	\$5,312	\$32,756	IF&W	lake	0.03	fee
Stillwater Orono	9/15/2008	Orono	Penob	0.5	0.5	0.0	\$62,000	\$45,244	\$3,355	\$43,706	DOC	river	0.07	PA
Total All LMF 2008														
				8257.9	6735.0	1522.9	\$6,122,002	\$2,697,221	\$87,637	\$6,529,009			16.01	
Total All LMF 2007-8														
				54,283.2	13,434.0	40,849.2	\$33,421,173	\$11,826,184	\$274,769	\$30,429,570			111	
WORKING WATERFRONTS														
Holbrook's Wharf	2/21/2008	Harpwell	Cumb	0.8	0.0	0.8	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$5,571	\$900,000	DMR	coast	0.05	covenant
Port Clyde Fisherman's Coop	3/12/2008	Port Clyde	Knox	0.7	0.0	0.7	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$3,779	\$685,000	DMR	coast	0.06	covenant
Total WW														
				1.5	0.0	1.5	\$640,000	\$640,000	\$9,350	\$1,585,000			0.11	

* as of 12/2008

**Executive Department
Maine State Planning Office
Program 0060 Land for Maine's Future Board
Positions, Allocation, Appropriations & Expenditures**

	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08
<u>General Fund</u>										
Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Appropriation	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,667	\$ 75,848	\$ 80,230
Expenditure	\$ -	\$ 1,440,568	\$ 347,033	\$ 771,306	\$ 9,391	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,142	\$ 75,098	\$ 79,204
<u>Bond Fund</u>										
Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allocation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditure	\$ 81,988	\$ 241,526	\$ 1,406,647	\$ 6,251,653	\$ 5,815,432	\$ 9,080,852	\$ 6,412,213	\$ 8,483,139	\$ 5,196,846	\$ 7,181,874
<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>										
Positions	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Allocation	\$ 275,000	\$ -	\$ 52,815	\$ 101,183	\$ 104,800	\$ 115,976	\$ 117,780	\$ 51,146	\$ 397,998	\$ 55,485
Expenditure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,292	\$ 90,281	\$ 77,434	\$ 113,188	\$ 77,637	\$ 18,405	\$ 180,377	\$ 4,112
<u>Total All Funds</u>										
Positions	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Appropriation/Allocation	\$ 3,275,000	\$ -	\$ 52,815	\$ 101,183	\$ 104,800	\$ 115,976	\$ 117,780	\$ 126,813	\$ 473,846	\$ 135,715
Expenditure	\$ 81,988	\$ 1,682,094	\$ 1,802,972	\$ 7,113,241	\$ 5,902,256	\$ 9,194,039	\$ 6,489,850	\$ 8,577,685	\$ 5,452,321	\$ 7,265,190