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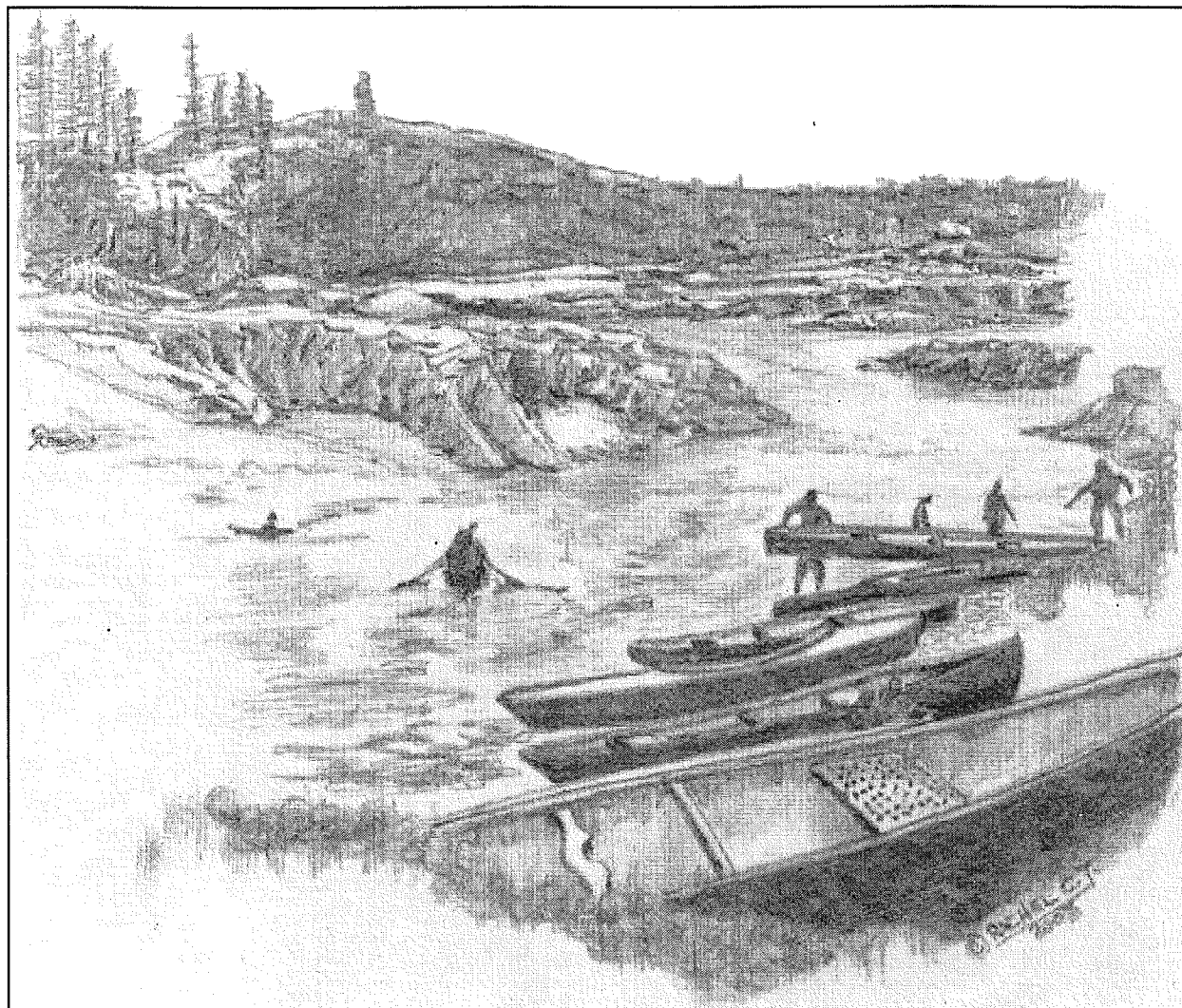
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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Land for Maine's Future Program (LMFP) was established in 1987. The program is managed by an appointed public board. The concept behind the program is simple: to conserve the Maine's natural heritage for the benefit of its citizens.

Maine is defined by its landscape – the result of eons of natural forces and centuries of human use. Certain lands rise above the rest because of the exceptional natural values they possess or the special opportunities they represent. Exceptional outdoor recreation sites, ecologically sensitive areas, farm and forest working landscapes, remote camping areas, cross-county and snowmobiling trails, public water access sites; these and many others are examples of the special places that Maine citizens count on. These places deserve permanent protection through acquisition or through the purchase of a conservation easement. As Maine grows, the use of land changes and there is a very real risk that Maine will lose these “special places” forever. The role of the Land for Maine's Future Program is to identify and protect these assets, working with its partners: the Departments of Conservation, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Agriculture, Atlantic Salmon Commission, Marine Resources, and the many conservation partners in the private sector and other levels of government in Maine.

Following in the tradition of Governor Percival V. Baxter, the Land for Maine's Future Program, have assembled an array of public lands which have only one equal, Baxter State Park. After sixteen years, Maine citizens and visitors to Maine share an investment that is permanent, increasing in value, and touching all corners of the State.

Since the last program report in January 2001, the Land for Maine's Future Program has funded the conservation over 61 projects resulting in the acquisition of more than 79,541 acres of forest, shoreline, farmland and other special areas by various state agencies, towns and land trusts and an additional 27,121 acres protected by conservation easements that remain in private ownership. Reflecting the pressures of development, these projects are concentrated along Maine's coast and in the southern counties although the program has also supported conservation efforts elsewhere in the State. Collectively, these projects represent the dreams and hard work of thousands of Maine citizens who, working through their land trusts, town governments, and state agencies, came together to protect Maine's natural heritage for future generations. This report provides detailed information on the projects completed during the two year period, 2001-2002, following the last biennial report. A summary of information is provided on the conservation projects completed in 2003. A full report on these 2003 projects will be included in the 2005 biennial report.

Most of the conservation and recreations lands protected in the past three years by LMF (74.5%) has been through the acquisition of full public ownership (“fee interest”) by a state agency, nonprofit land trust or town. Acquisition of partial interest via conservation easement is a growing trend for the Land for Maine's Future Program as the Board seeks to protect the specific public interests needing conservation while leaving the property in private ownership for other productive uses that are compatible with conservation. LMF has 35 project finalists under active

negotiation with closure expected over the coming 12-18 months. In January 2004, the Board designated 26 new applications as finalists which exhaust the available funding for this category.

During the past reporting period, the Program has funded the acquisition of 12 properties to provide Maine citizens with access to inland and coastal waters. These range from Machiasport and Pocomoonshine Lake in Washington County to the Presumpscot River in Falmouth to Bear River Rips on the upper Androscoggin River close to Bethel. An additional three water access projects were completed in 2003. Detailed information on these additional projects is available from program staff and will be included in the next biennial report.

Since the last report to the Legislature, three farms have been conserved through the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements. In addition, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources co-holds an easement on property that combines scenic, historic and recreational attributes with an organic wild blueberry operations. Taken together, approximately 589 acres of agricultural land have been conserved for current and future farming operations. Progress was made on two addition farm projects during 2003 which will be reported in the next biennial report. Six more farm projects are under negotiations. A final round of finalists were chosen in January 2004 which has fully committed the remaining farmland protection funds.

The interested reader is also encouraged to seek out the program evaluation study conducted by the Edmund S. Muskie Policy Center at the University of Southern Maine in partnership with the Margaret Chase Smith Center at the University of Maine. This study provides an analysis of the current LMF program and makes recommendations for improvements in its operation.

II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OVERVIEW

History

The Land for Maine's Future Program was first established in 1987 building on the recommendations of a gubernatorial commission on outdoor recreation issues. Approved at referendum in November of that year, the Program was funded through an initial general obligation bond of \$35 million. Over the years, the Legislature has amended and added to the Program's mission and has continued to support its work with new funding. Most recently, the Legislature proposed and Maine citizens overwhelming approved a \$50 million bond issue to continue land conservation.

Board Composition

The eleven-member Board consists of six public citizens appointed by the Governor and four commissioners (Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Marine Resources, Agriculture, and Conservation) along with the Director of the State Planning Office. As called for in the companion legislation, the private members of the Board "provide broad geographic representation." Public members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature for Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. This Committee also confirms two of the five

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gubernatorial appointees who serve on the Board. The public members of the Board and their terms of service are listed below.

Public Members during the Reporting Period

Warren Balgooyen
Norridgewock, Maine 04957
term: 4/15/00 - 1/31/04
6/11/97 - 1/31/00

Roger Milliken, Jr
Cumberland, Maine 04021
term: 11/14/02 - 11/13/06
10/6/98 - 11/13/02
9/20/95 - 11/13/98 (partial)

Linda Pagels
Cherryfield, Maine 04622
term: 10/01 - 1/31/04 (partial)

Roger K. Berle*
Cliff Island, Maine 04019
term: 3/1/99 – 1/31/03

Marcia McKeague
Medway, Maine 04460
term: 2/1/02 - 1/31/06
4/13/00 - 1/31/02 (partial)

Carole Dyer
Bowdoinham, Maine 04008
term: 9/7/00 - 11/13/03 (partial)

State Agency Members during the reporting period

George Lapointe, Commissioner*
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term: ex-officio member

Lee Perry, Commissioner*
Dept. Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
State House Station # 41
Augusta, Maine 04333
term: ex-officio member

Robert Spear, Commissioner
Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources
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Ronald Lovaglio, Commissioner*
Department of Conservation
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Augusta, Maine 04333
term: ex-officio member

Evan D. Richert, **Chair***
Director, State Planning Office
State House Station # 38
Augusta, Maine 04333
term: ex-officio member

***Note:** Director Richert resigned in 2002. SPO Director Martha Freeman currently serves on the LMF Board. Commissioner Lapointe was named as Board Chair. Commissioners Lovaglio and Perry stepped down in early 2003 and have been replaced in 2003 by Commissioner of Conservation Patrick McGowan and Commission of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Roland Martin. Roger Berle's term expired in January 2003. Leon Gorman of Yarmouth Maine has been confirmed to fill this public member position.

Program Staffing

The Program is administered by limited staff housed in the State Planning Office. As the agency of state government typically charged with coordinating interdepartmental programs, SPO is uniquely suited to support the Land for Maine's Future Program. Only one staff position is dedicated to Land for Maine's Future work, while the other SPO staff assigned to this program have additional responsibilities within SPO.

It is important to note that the Program relies extensively on State Agency staff from the Departments of Conservation, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Atlantic Salmon Commission, Agriculture and Marine Resources for many aspects of its work. Board legal counsel for conservation projects is provided through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Transportation. The Legal Division of the Department of Transportation also provides title, survey and legal research services, all at a cost that would be difficult to duplicate in the private sector. The Attorney General's Office is the Board's counsel for interpreting the LMF statutes and reviewing policy and process along with legal questions relating to these. On a project by project basis, various non-profit land trusts, municipalities, conservation commissions, and other cooperating entities provide valuable services from surveys to legal services to project development; all of which also save significant financial resources. All of these arrangements provide substantial leverage to the efforts of program staff and make the most efficient use of available state resources.

Program Staff

Tim Glidden, Program Director*
Steve Brooke, Senior Planner
Jim Connors, Senior Planner (half-time on LMF projects)
Aline A. LaChance, Support Staff
R. Collin Therrien, Senior Planner
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***Note:** Mark DesMeules served as program director until his resignation in August, 2001.

III. ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

• Recent Acquisitions – A Summary

Since the last program report in January 2001, the Land for Maine's Future Program has funded the conservation over 61 projects resulting in the acquisition of more than 79,541 acres of forest, shoreline, farmland and other special areas by various state agencies, towns and land trusts and an additional 27,121 acres protected by conservation easements that remain in private ownership. Reflecting the pressures of development, these projects are

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Collectively, these projects represent the dreams and hard work of thousands of Maine citizens who, working through their land trusts, town governments, and state agencies, came together to protect Maine's natural heritage for future generations. There is a great story associated with each project which can only be hinted at in this report. Taken as a whole, these stories constitute another exciting chapter in the exciting and continuing history of land conservation in Maine. Drawing on deep and honorable roots extending back to Henry David Thoreau and Governor Percival Baxter, this is a story as much about Maine's future as its past. Maine is adapting to the changes brought by growth and seeks to shape a future for its citizens that includes both economic opportunity and a high quality of life. In doing so, Maine citizens have always understood that land conservation plays a vital and unique role. The tradition of open access to undeveloped land needs support as it is threatened by rapid development and changing ownership. Prime agricultural soils need to be conserved as part of the State's larger effort to sustain the vitality of its farm sector. Public access to the State's inland and coastal waters needs to be protected and expanded. Each of these actions and many others are necessary to bring the best of Maine's past forward into the future.

While each project has its own unique story and value, the following vignettes offer the briefest glance of the treasures that have been conserved for Maine's citizens today. The organizations mentioned below are only a few of the many hardworking groups across the State working to ensure this legacy for future generations. To learn more, be sure to read the project descriptions contained in Section VI.

Lakeside Orchards in Manchester, Maine has been protected with an agricultural conservation easement held by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. Recently sold to new owners, this farm continues as an active producer, a popular landmark and source of apples, cider and related products in an area with rapid residential growth and in the face of increasing competitive pressures on the apple industry.

For more information visit www.maine.com/apples/Welcome.html .

The Kennebec Highlands, in the towns to the west of Augusta, have been conserved in a remarkable assemblage of properties now totally over 5200 acres. At the instigation and with the tireless efforts of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, this treasured area of remote ponds, steep trails and spectacular views has been protected. In an area of the State with a limited number of public parks and recreation lands, the Kennebec Highlands will play an essential role in meeting the regional recreation needs.

For more information visit www.kennebechighlands.org .

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The Mount Blue State Park has been dramatically expanded through the acquisition of key, core properties within the park and the conservation of important buffer areas around the park through the use of conservation easements. In addition, the popular summit and ridgeline of Tumbledown Mountain has been acquired and the view to the north of the summit has been protected through conservation easement on these working forests. Active negotiations continue with willing sellers in the area to acquire the trails up Tumbledown. This success would not have been possible without the unflagging enthusiasm and will of the Tumbledown Conservation Alliance and the Trust for Public Lands who, working together with the Maine Department of Conservation, negotiated successful acquisitions and marshaled the necessary state, local and federal funds.

For more information visit www.tumbledown.org.

The Town of Machiasport was able to acquire Pettegrow Beach to protect a traditional water access and boat launch site that had been used for generations by the public and commercial fishermen. Working with the Maine Coast Heritage Trust and the Department of Conservation, the Town sought and received an LMF grant to support this small but essential property.

For more information visit www.mcmt.org/pdf/maine_heritage/mh_summer02.pdf.

Taken as whole the 61 projects completed since January 2001 reflect the commitment of \$19.1 million of LMF funds which has in turn drawn matching funds of \$45.1 million, far surpassing the legislative goal of 50% match. Private donations, contributions of property, foundation grants, and municipal funds, along with other state and federal sources, have provided this generous match.

- Conservation & Recreation.

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LMF shares the challenges facing Maine's land conservation efforts in general. Low density commercial and residential development continues to sprawl out of Maine's service center communities and into the surrounding rural areas gobbling up undeveloped open space and putting pressure on farmlands, traditional recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat. Despite the sluggish economy of the past several years, southern and coastal Maine's real estate market continues to be hot with annual price increases in double digits in many areas, especially those with highest conservation interest. While much of this is clearly driven by continuing strong housing demand and lower interest rates, the stock market decline also

appears to have triggered a run to real estate as an alternative investment during uncertain times. Though uneven, these trends are affecting properties in remote areas of Maine with prime lake frontage deep in Maine's north woods and far Downeast in Washington County going for prices that could not have been imagined only five years ago when the current land conservation bond was being designed. To understand the level of this pressure, one has only to review the internet-based real estate operations that are now aggressively marketing Maine properties to larger regional and national markets with an intensity not seen since the late 1980's.

Sprawl and hot housing markets are not the only drivers of these trends. Even as LMF supported conservation efforts along the coast and in southern Maine, the Program has responded to the massive shifts in timberland ownership in northern and eastern Maine with funding commitments that have or will result in the conservation of dozens of miles of prime recreational opportunities and fisheries habitat along with thousands of acres of working forest land that will continue to be available for both outdoor recreation and sustainable commercial forest management. Even with these accomplishments however, the vast majority of the North Woods continues to be subject to substantial uncertainty as major corporate landowners examine their options and respond to global investment opportunities.

- Public Access to Maine Waters.

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The same hot real estate market that challenges land conservation in general also presents a serious obstacle to Maine's efforts to increase its citizens' access to state waters. Shorefront properties have never been in higher demand than they are today. Land values are appreciating rapidly. Congestion associated with water access sites can instill skepticism and even resistance among neighbors of potential sites. The spread of milfoil and growing concern over the other invasive aquatic species also pose special challenges. In areas of high demand, the limited availability of access increases the pressures at existing sites that feeds these wary attitudes. Improving public water access is as much a question of management and maintenance of existing sites as it is increasing the supply of new sites.

Responding to these challenges, the Departments of Conservation, Marine Resources and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife along with the State Planning Office are stepping up their efforts to identify potential water access projects. This is an ongoing process with Board consideration of applications possible at any time during the year. Several are under consideration as of the date of this report. These departments also continue to develop local partnerships with towns and in some instances local land trusts to own and/or operate these

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sites in an effort to make better use of state resources and to bring the management “closer to home”.

- Farmland Protection.

Since the last report to the Legislature, three farms have been conserved through the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements; also known as purchased development rights. In addition, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources also holds an easement on property that combines scenic, historic and recreational attributes with an organic wild blueberry operation. Taken together, approximately 589 acres of agricultural land have been conserved for current and future farming operations. Progress was made on two additional farm projects during 2003 totaling 358 acres of agricultural easements which will be reported in the next biennial report. Six more farm projects totaling over 1000 acres are under negotiations. A final round of project selection is anticipated in January 2004 at which point available farmland protection funding is expected to be almost fully committed.

Farmland conservation in Maine has grown slowly in Maine. While clear opportunities exist, this effort faces special challenges. Foremost among these is the crushing pressure Maine farmers face as they seek to compete in regional, national and now global markets. The rising imports of apple juice concentrates from China and an increasingly nationalized market for processed dairy products are just two examples of this trend. Many Maine farmers have responded with careful attention to cost, niche product marketing and local marketing to survive. While the sale of development rights can bring the farmer a portion of the return on their investment that would otherwise only be available through liquidation of the farm, costs associated with holding the land are only a piece of the economic puzzle each farmer faces. An agricultural easement sale is only one tool in the farm protection toolbox.

In addition, many farmers are reluctant to undertake the one-time sale of development rights and forego the speculative returns in future real estate markets even when, on paper, the two options are equivalent. The sale of an easement brings a new “partner”, the easement holder, into the farm operations. This is a new concept for most Maine farmers. Careful education and listening to farmer concerns has been necessary to improve the program.

The Department of Agriculture, the agency charged with sponsoring farmland projects to LMF, has responded to these challenges in several ways. Departmental presentations, publications and outreach to farmer and community groups has significantly increased. In 2001, the Department met with over 100 agricultural stakeholders to initiate a 2-year effort to formulate a strategic plan with the vision of protecting “currently active and potentially productive farmland as a means to sustaining economically viable agricultural communities.” *Saving Maine's Farmland - Collaborative Action Plan* was published in June, 2003¹. It seeks to combine the purchase of development rights with other existing and merging programs and “tools” that can and will support Maine farmers for generations to come. Currently the

¹ Available on the web at <http://www.state.me.us/agriculture/mpd/farmland/collaborativeplan6x8.pdf> or from the Maine Department of Agriculture, State House Station # 28 Augusta, Maine 04333 attn. Stephanie Gilbert.

toolbox includes assisting farmers with referrals on estate planning, enrolling in the farmland tax program, expanding commodity and niche markets, business planning, and farm transfer to the next generation of Maine farmers. The Plan's Steering Committee also developed screening criteria to assist the Department, landowners and other key federal, state and local partners with applying for LMF farmland funding. These criteria are aligned with LMF and federal funding criteria, and they allow the Department staff to work closely with project partners to improve the landowner's readiness and local capacity to both plan and implement a successful farmland protection project.

- Adoption of Working Forest Easement Guidelines & Experience to Date.

The accelerated pace of major land sales in Maine over the past five years has created a unique opportunity in the State's history of land conservation. During this period of time more than a quarter of the State has changed ownership. Shifting ownership objectives have raised the possibility of sweeping land use changes on holdings that have been managed for timber for more than a century. Development pressures of various kinds are growing in many areas of the state. Wildlife habitat, recreational assets, other natural resource values, and the economic productivity of these lands are potentially at risk. Large-scale conservation easements for working forest land have emerged as a promising tool for land conservation.

Working forest conservation easements can provide an effective and economical alternative to fee acquisition where the conservation and recreational needs of the people of Maine can be served by continuing private ownership with certain limitations on land use. Typically, a landowner sells or gives the State or its partners a conservation easement which extinguishes, by mutual agreement, certain development and land use rights otherwise available to the landowner, and which guides the future use of the land. At the same time, the forests of these properties can continue to be commercially managed with the attendant economic benefits for the landowner and society. The terms of an easement also guide the monitoring and enforcement of the easement by the easement holder.

On May 9, 2001, the Land for Maine's Future Board adopted a set of principles for working forest easements. Although each easement will vary depending on the property involved and the intentions of the grantor and grantee, it will:

- prohibit (or strictly limit) additional non-forestry and non-recreation related development, subdivision, and non-forestry commercial uses,
- require continuation of traditional recreational access and uses such as fishing, hiking, hunting, and nature observation, and
- require any future forest management of the property to be conducted on a sustainable basis that protects the property's productivity.

After articulating these general principles for direction, the Board was asked to delineate more detailed easement guidelines, recognizing that each situation will raise unique questions that will require negotiation and modification on a case by case basis. In June 2002, the

Board adopted a set of drafting guidelines² which are intended to extend the previous work so as to regularize the structure and form of this type of easement and address related areas of policy. While these guidelines will have application to many conservation easements, they are specifically intended for application to working forest conservation easements over large areas, typically including thousands of acres.

Since adoption of the Board's policy, LMF has funded the acquisition of several working forest easements. Additional easements are under consideration or development now. In addition, the Board supported the acquisition of the Nicatous Lake easement which predates these guidelines.

Moving forward, the emerging challenge for this new project type will be effective monitoring of easement provisions. Already, the State is establishing partnerships to carry out these responsibilities and has been raising funds as part of the original projects to endow stewardship funds. Several nonprofit organizations, landowners and the State are also collaborating on new techniques and technology applications for easement monitoring.

- Working Regionally and Locally

When the Legislature endorsed the most recent LMF Bond issue in 1999, it also made a series of important changes in the operation of the program. Most significant among these was the addition of new authority to work with local and regional partners directly and to fund conservation projects that would be owned or held by the "cooperating entities". This change has spurred a burst of creativity and drawn many additional Maine citizens to land conservation.

As will be evident from a review of the individual project descriptions later in this report, many local land trusts along with towns and cities have taken advantage of this legislative change to initiate efforts that are best suited to local management and which stimulated new local support that would not likely been available to a state-controlled proposal. This is a very positive trend that reflects the growing interest and capacity at the local level. In addition, this device has allowed for the emergence of locally developed and managed projects that better respond to smart growth efforts within local communities. Another promising trend is that in at least several instances, local land trusts and municipal governments are collaborating on regional projects that cross town lines and that respond to land use challenges that are driven by the regional real estate markets. The projects along the Presumpscot River provide a good example (see Section VI).

At the same time, the Legislature directed the LMF Program to develop mechanisms to safeguard this significant investment of state taxpayer dollars and to ensure that the purposes of these grants were guaranteed. In response, the Board developed a model contract to be signed between the cooperating entity and the sponsoring state agency. This contract, referred to as a project agreement, is recorded at the county registry of deeds to ensure permanent

² Available on the web at <http://www.state.me.us/spo/lmf/publications/>

notice of the management commitments made for the conservation lands. The project agreement also provides for recovery of the State's funds should the terms of the grant not be fulfilled for whatever reason.

LMF staff have established a database to track these project agreements and the annual reports which the cooperating agencies make to the State on management activity over the preceding year. To date, the State has funded 27 projects under this system with all cooperating entities to date reporting in a timely manner.

IV. LEGISLATION AFFECTING PROGRAM

Since 2000, the Legislature has enacted numerous pieces of legislation affecting the Land for Maine's Future Program. The topics of this activity concentrate in the areas of review, new mandates, and budgetary changes. In addition, there were minor changes in two LMF-funded conservation holdings that required legislative approval.

- Review & Oversight

In 2000, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry assumed jurisdiction over the LMF Program pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act and carried out that review in 2002. The Committee reviewed a detailed report on LMF activities since its inception and held a public hearing and work session to discuss its conclusions. As a result of the review, the Committee found that the program had operated successfully and consistently with its statutory mandate. The Committee made one amendment to include a provision within the existing biennial report on the LMF Board's "experience ... with projects ... in which the land or interest in land is acquired by a cooperating entity." The topic is discussed at greater length in the preceding section.

In 2002, the same committee also received and reviewed the biennial report for the period of 1998 – 2000, the production of which had been delayed due to staff turnover.

- New Mandates

In 2000, the Legislature authorized the Program to provide business planning and capital improvement grants to farms protected with LMF funds. Also in 2000, the Legislature clarified that the LMF account receiving funding under the LMF-affiliate credit card is an interest bearing nonlapsing account and that these funds may be employed to cover administrative and staff expenses.

In 2001, as part of the Legislative Study of Access to Public and Private Lands, the Board was directed to acquire guaranteed public vehicular access rights to its conservation projects whenever possible and appropriate. The Board was further directed to include in its biennial report a justification for not obtaining these rights for any projects for which this is the case. Excepting islands, farmland easements, and a project along the Denny's River in Cooper and Meddybemps, no project completed during 2000 – 2002 triggered this requirement. The protected islands are all accessible via boat. Public vehicular access to the farmland projects is possible but public access over these lands was not acquired so as not to interfere with the

working farm operations. In the case of the Cooper/Meddybemps parcel, the landowner did not hold deeded vehicular access to convey. The habitat values of these properties nonetheless justified their acquisition and the public may access these lands from the Dennys River.

In 2002, The Legislature directed the Program to require all parties receiving LMF funding to provide a description of the intended management of the conservation project over the following ten year period. In the case of an easement, a description of management responsibilities retained by the landowner and assumed by the easement holder is also required. The recipients must also provide a preliminary estimate of the cost of this management or in the case of easements, the cost of monitoring the easement. The Program began implementing this requirement with the 2003 round of new LMF applications.

Also in 2002, the Legislature enacted a resolve to allow a legislator to participate in an Executive Branch working group that was developing guidelines for the drafting and use of conservation easements on large tracts of commercial timber land (previously discussed). The resolve also directed the group to consider incorporating several criteria in the guidelines and to report back to the committee. This effort was completed in 2002.

- Funding Changes

In two separate enactments, the Legislature deappropriated a total of \$384,261 which represented unexpended funding from the 1998 general fund appropriation of \$3 million for land conservation. This action was taken as part of State Government's efforts to address budget shortfalls beginning in 2002. The impact of this deappropriation has been to shift previous project commitments to the 1999 Bond revenues which will have the effect of diminishing the level of overall land conservation that would otherwise have occurred.

In 2002, the Legislature appropriated funds to support a part-time position in the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to support farmland protection. This funding has since been rescinded as part of the effort to address the State's budget shortfalls.

- Specific Conservation Holdings

In 2000, the Legislature authorized the grant of an easement over conservation property held by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in Oquossoc Village to allow the drilling of a well and installation of a waterline to supply residences and businesses in the areas whose wells had been tainted by an underground storage tank petroleum leak.

In 2002, the Legislature authorized the sale of an access easement across a public, multiple-use trail in Van Buren held by the Maine Department of Conservation. The easement was conveyed at fair market value to Irving Woodlands, LLC.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

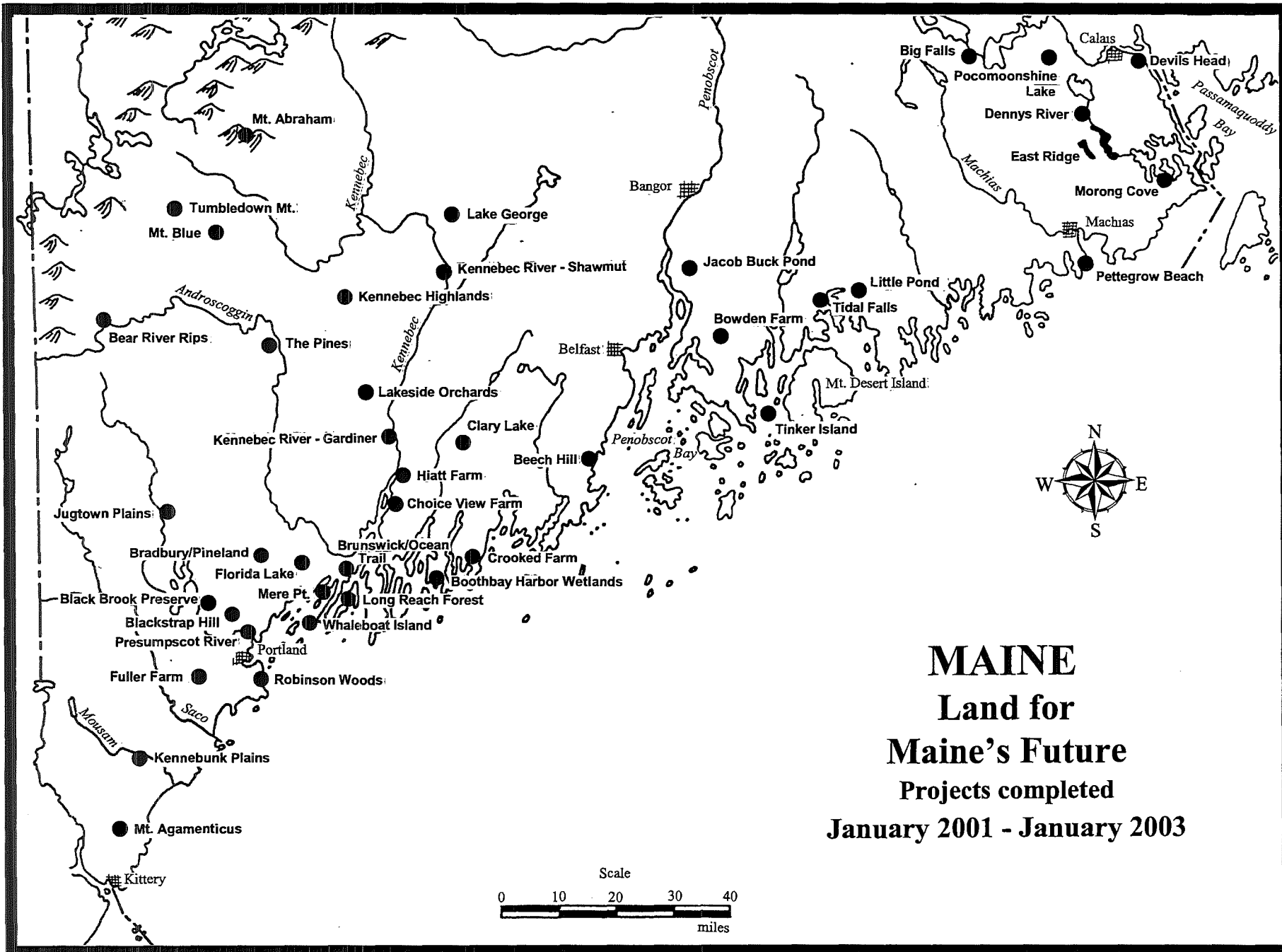
During the reporting period, LMF started its first conservation projects funded by the \$50 million bond passed in 1999 with overwhelming support by Maine voters. After retooling its scoring and evaluation system during 2000, the Board funded a round of projects in January, 2001 and followed that with three further rounds of funding in January 2002, April 2003, and January 2004. In addition, throughout this period, the Board has considered and funded fifteen water access projects from the separate Public Access to Maine Waters Fund with several additional water access proposals anticipated shortly.

Between January, 2000 and January 2004, LMF has allocated \$46.4 million to conservation and recreation, farmland and water access projects. Of this amount, approximately \$18.8 million has actually been expended on completed projects and associated legal and transaction costs. The remaining funds are held in reserve in anticipation of the successful conclusion of these projects. In addition and as part of these transactions, the final funds remaining from the original \$35 million bond and the \$3 million general fund appropriation in 1998 were expended or, in the case of a portion of the general fund appropriations, rescinded as part of the effort to address the State's budget problems.

Under contract to the State, MBNA America manages an affiliate credit card for the benefit of land conservation in Maine. Supported by the voluntary participation of over 7,000 card holders, this program has generated a total of \$351,022 since its inception in 1996. These revenues are based on a portion of the administrative fee on each card transaction (0.5% of the transaction amount). These funds are used primarily to support the program's single dedicated staff position. Over the past several years, revenues have declined modestly as the State's marketing support for the program diminished. Efforts are currently underway to strengthen this marketing and to stabilize this modest but essential funding source.

VI. PROJECTS & ACQUISITIONS

The following section provides a tabular summary of all LMF-funded projects completed between January 2001 and January 2003. A map is also provided to generally locate these projects. The bulk of this section consists of short descriptions and more detailed maps of each a project. A separate summary table is included which lists projects completed during calendar year 2003. The more detailed descriptions and maps of these projects will be included in the 2005 Biennial report. Additional information is available in project directory on the LMF web site at www.state.me.us/spo/lmf.



LMF Project Lands Closed between January 2000 and January 2003

Conservation & Recreation									
Project Name	Year	Location MCD	County	Acres Total	Fee	Ease	LMF \$ for land only*	DOCUMENTED MATCH	Agcy
Beech Hill - C&R portion	2003	Rockport	Knox	195.0	195.0		\$300,000	\$1,029,223	DOC & AG
Black Brook Preserve	2002	Windham	Cumb	105.0	105.0		\$180,000	\$169,674	DOC
Blackstrap Hill	2002	Falmouth	Cumb	285.0	285.0		\$200,000	\$746,639	IF&W
Boothbay Harbor Wetlands	2002	Boothbay Harbor	Linc	65.8	65.8		\$75,000	\$237,000	IF&W
Bradbury-Pineland Corridor (ongoing)	2002	Pownal	Cumb	42.0	42.0		\$30,450	\$16,225	DOC
Brunswick To The Ocean Trail	2002	Brunswick	Cumb	100.5	100.5		\$150,000	\$213,000	DOC
Choice View Farm	2001	Dresden	Linc	16.3	16.3		\$50,000	\$139,887	IF&W
Crooked Farm	2002	Bristol	Linc	130.0	125.0	5.0	\$75,000	\$187,753	DOC
Denny's River	2002	Cooper & Meddybemps	Wash	1058.0	1058.0		\$150,000	\$240,125	ASC
Devil's Head	2002	Calais	Wash	319.0	319.0		\$204,333	\$115,394	DOC
East Ridge Project	2002	Washington County	Wash	3649.4	3649.4		\$766,752	\$383,204	ASC
Florida Lake	2002	Freeport	Cumb	150.8	147.8	3.0	\$200,333	\$195,000	DOC
Fuller Farm Conservation Project	2001	Scaborough	Cumb	180.0	180.0		\$250,000	\$488,424	IF&W
Greater Mt Agamenticus (ongoing)	2000-2	York, Eliot & South Berwick	York	334.9	334.9		\$255,284	\$164,167	IF&W
Jugtown Plains	2002	Casco, Naples & Otisfield	Cumb	3281.0		3281.0	\$195,000	\$155,000	DOC
Kennebec Highlands Project (ongoing)	2001-2	Vienna, Rome, New Sharon, Mt. Vernon	Kenn & Fran	5252.0	5252.0		\$1,915,144	\$1,016,862	DOC
Kennebunk Plains - 3 parcels	2002	Kennebunk, Sanford	York	650.0	650.0		\$335,000	\$192,092	IFW
Lake George Regional Park	2001	Canaan	Some	36.7	36.7		\$36,989	\$38,836	DOC
Little Pond Acquisition	2001	Franklin	Hanc	882.0	882.0		\$100,000	\$332,359	DOC
Morong Cove Acquisition	2002	Lubec	Wash	136.0	136.0		\$130,000	\$70,000	IF&W
Mt Blue-Tumbledown Phase II	2002	Township 6 North of Weld	Fran	3778.0	3778.0		\$1,150,000	\$900,000	DOC
Mt. Abraham	2002	Mt. Abraham & Salem	Fran	5059.0	1026.0	4033.0	\$273,333	\$1,375,167	DOC
Mt. Blue/Tumbledown Phase I	2001	Franklin County	Fran	2468.0	2468.0		\$500,000	\$480,000	DOC
Presumpscot River Preserve	2002	Portland & Falmouth	Cumb	103.0	103.0		\$483,334	\$241,666	DOC
Robinson Woods	2002	Cape Elizabeth	Cumb	81.3	81.3		\$250,000	\$1,456,826	DOC
Tinker Island	2002	Tremont & Blue Hill Bay	Hanc	225.0	225.0		\$600,000	\$1,003,521	DOC
Trufant-Summerton	2002	Harpwell	Cumb	99.0	99.0		\$70,728	\$114,362	DOC
Whaleboat Island	2002	Harpwell	Cumb	125.0	125.0		\$200,000	\$621,208	DOC

Farms									
Project Name	Year	Location MCD	County	Acres Total	Fee	Ease	LMF \$	DOCUMENTED MATCH	Agcy
Beech Hill - farm portion	2003	Rockport	Knox	100.0	100.0		\$100,000	\$1,029,223	DOC & AG
Bowden Farm	2001	Blue Hill	Hanc	208.0		208.0	\$35,000	\$35,000	AG
Hiatt Farm	2001	Dresden	Linc	92.0		92.0	\$80,000	\$80,000	AG
Lakeside Orchards	2002	Manchester	Kenn	188.9		188.9	\$189,705	\$189,705	AG

Water Access									
Project Name	Year	Location MCD	County	Acres Total	Fee	Ease	LMF \$	DOCUMENTED MATCH	Agcy
Bear River Rips	2002	Hanover	Oxfo	4.7	4.7		\$40,000	\$57,892	DOC
Big Falls - Grand Lake Stream,	2002	T27 ED BPP	Wash	0.6	0.6		\$15,000	\$10,400	IF&W
Clary Lake	2001	Jefferson	Linc	5.0	5.0		\$30,000	\$21,978	IF&W
Jacob Buck Pond	2001	Bucksport	Hanc	2.5	2.5		\$20,000	\$11,891	IF&W
Kennebec - Shawmut	2001	Fairfield	Kenn	32.8	32.8		\$110,000	\$46,007	IF&W
Kennebec- Gardiner	2002	Gardiner	Kenn	1.9	1.9		\$73,334	\$77,272	DOC
Middle Bay - Mere Point	2002	Brunswick	Cumb	5.5	5.5		\$163,333	\$85,700	IF&W
Pettegrow Beach	2002	Machiasport	Wash	1.8	1.8		\$116,667	\$60,000	DOC
Pocomoonshine Lake	2002	Princeton	Wash	1.3	1.3		\$21,333	\$11,547	IF&W
Presumpscot River Bridge Site	2002	Falmouth	Cumb	4.4	4.4		\$158,666	\$85,334	DOC
Round Pond "The Pines"	2000	Livermore	Andro	18.9	18.9		\$103,333	\$93,495	IF&W
Tidal Falls Acquisition	2002	Town of Hancock	Hanc	4.0	0.0	4.0	\$100,000	\$886,051	DOC

GRAND TOTALS

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LMF Project Lands Closed since January 2003

Conservation & Recreation Project Name	Year	Location MCD	County	Acres Total	Fee	Ease	LMF \$ for land only*	Agcy
Bradbury-Pineland (ongoing)	2003	Pownal	Cumb	211.0	184.0	27.0	\$452,000	DOC
Ferry Beach State Park	2003	Saco	York	5.8	5.8	0.0	\$91,000	DOC
Flag Island	2003	Harpswell	Cumb	26.6	26.6	0.0	\$70,000	IF&W
Frenchman's Hole	2003	Riley Township	Oxf	385.0	385.0	0.0	\$207,000	DOC
Leavitt Plantation Forest	2003	Parsonsfield	York	8603.0	0.0	8603.0	\$1,165,000	DOC
Machias River - Phase 1	2003	multiple	Wash	13060.0	5820.0	7240.0	\$2,800,000	ASA
Mattawamkaeg Lake - Farrar	2003	T4&T4- R3 WELS	Aroos	3216.0	190.0	3026.0	\$256,200	DOC
Newport to Dover Foxcroft Rail Trail	2003	Newport, Corinna, Dexter, Sangerville, Dover-Foxcroft	Pisc & Pen	260.3	260.3	tbd	\$537,000	DOC
Page Farm	2003	Drew Plant & Kingman Twp	Pen & Aroos	1204.0	1204.0	0.0	\$100,000	IF&W
Sebago Headwaters (ongoing)	2003	Bridgton	Cumb	52.0	0.0	52.0	\$40,000	DOC
Skolfield Farm	2003	Harpswell	Cumb	19.0	19.0	0.0	\$200,000	DOC
Spednic/St.Croix	2003	MULTIPLE	Wash	2773.0	2773.0	0.0	\$1,435,000	IF&W
West Branch Phase 1	2003	Multiple	Som & Pisc	46985.0	46985.0	0.0	\$1,000,000	DOC

Farm Project Name	Year	Location MCD	County	Acres Total	Fee	Ease	LMF \$	Agcy
Lorio-Brayton Farm	2003	Blue Hill	Hanc	116.0	0.0	116.0	\$16,000	Ag
Clarry Hill Phase 1 (ongoing)	2003	Union	Knox	242.0		242.0	\$65,000	Ag

Water Access Project Name	Year	Location MCD	County	Acres Total	Fee	Ease	LMF \$	Agcy
Tibbetts Pond	2003	Concord TWP	Som	9.5	9.5	0.0	\$20,000	IF&W
Presumpscot Falls	2003	Falmouth	Cumb	4.0	4.0	0.0	\$66,667	DOC
Mill Pond Park	2003	Swan's Island	Hanc	10.0	10.0	0.0	\$133,333	Doc

TOTALS

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Individual Project Descriptions & Maps

SUMMARY OF THE BEAR RIVER RIPS ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Mahoosuc Land Trust, Town of Hanover, National Park Service Rivers and Trails Program, and Androscoggin River Watershed Council

LAND CATEGORY: Water Access

PROJECT ACREAGE: 4.7 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee title held by the Mahoosuc Land Trust with a Project Agreement with the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Hanover, Oxford County

PUBLIC ACCESS: From US Rte 2

SELLERS: Bob J. Laux and Cynthia A. Moran-Laux

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$60,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$50,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$40,000

OTHER COST - \$3,908

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$10,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$10,000

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$37,892

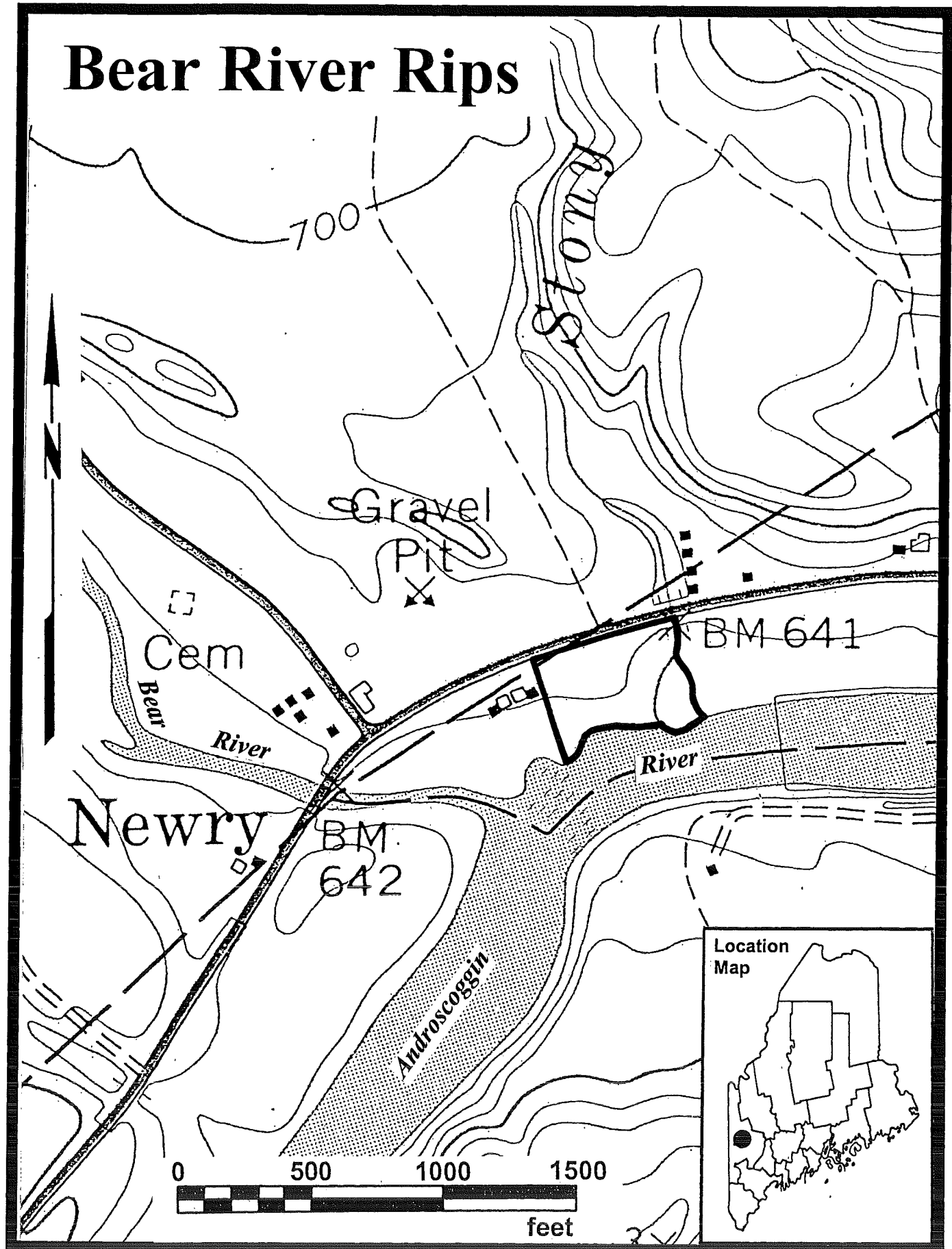
CLOSING DATE: March 27, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Located on US Rte 2 in Hanover, mid-way between Bethel and Rumford Point, this 4.7 acre wooded parcel provides boating and angling access to the Androscoggin River and the Androscoggin River Canoe Trail.

The parcel, situated on the north shore of the Androscoggin River adjacent to the confluence with the Bear River, was purchased by the Mahoosuc Land Trust from private land owners in March of 2002. The parcel includes approximately 550 feet of water frontage on the Androscoggin River, 400 feet of frontage along Stony Brook (a small rocky stream), and 535 feet of frontage along Route 2. The parcel is an undeveloped, traditional water access point for boating and fishing, and provides an important public access site along the 40 mile long Androscoggin Canoe Trail. The land is held by the Mahoosuc Land Trust and managed in partnership with the Department of Conservation.

Bear River Rips



SUMMARY OF THE BEECH HILL ACQUISITION

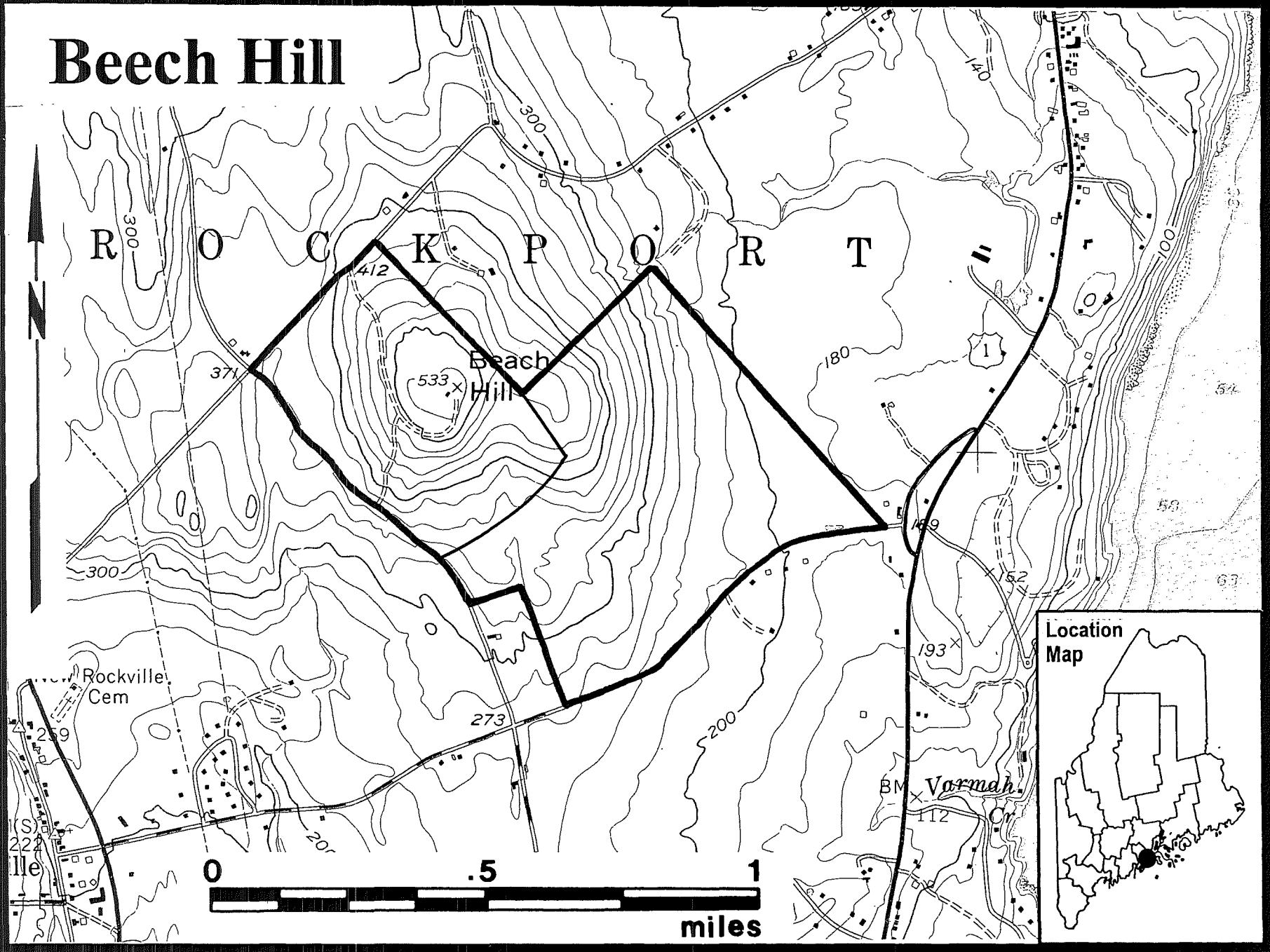
CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Coastal Mountains Land Trust
LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation/Recreation & Farmlands of Regional Significance
PROJECT ACREAGE: 295 acres
PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee title, held by CMLT, with a Project Agreement with the Departments of Conservation and Agricultural, Food and Rural Resources
LOCATION: Rockport, Knox County
PUBLIC ACCESS: Beech Street from Rockport
SELLER: Jane W. Stetson
AGENCY SPONSORS: Department of Conservation and Department of Agriculture
APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,400,000
FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$1,000,000
BOND FUNDS:
 LAND COSTS - \$400,000
 OTHER COSTS - \$1,332
 ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -
MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:
 CASH - \$600,000
 BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$400,000
 OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$29,223
CLOSING DATE: January 16, 2003

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Beech Hill acquisition is a joint conservation and farmlands project of regional significance that protects 295 acres of scenic land with extraordinary public recreation, habitat conservation, historical preservation, and agricultural values in Southern Maine. With its open summit, Beech Hill presents visitors with unparalleled views of Penobscot Bay, the Camden Hills, and the St George River Valley. Beech Hill is also a prominent landmark, highly visible from the Rockport area, US Rte 1, and Penobscot Bay. The property contains roughly 100 acres of organic wild blueberry lands capping the hill top, 50 acres of adjacent hay lands, 150 acres of surrounding forest lands, and an historic stone hut at the summit. Beech Hill is a regional landmark where visitors can gain a unique perspective over a stunning landscape and gaze in awe at the beautiful coastline.

Upon purchasing the property, MCHT transferred title to Coastal Mountains Land Trust for long-term stewardship and management. Management objectives for Beech Hill Preserve include conserving open space, providing for public access and use, restoring the historic stone hut, continuing the organic blueberry operation, and managing the property to support breeding grassland bird species. The property is held and managed in partnership with the Department of Conservation and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Beech Hill



SUMMARY OF THE BIG FALLS, GRAND LAKE STREAM ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

LAND CATEGORY: Water Access

PROJECT ACREAGE: 0.60 ± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase in fee by Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

LOCATION: T27 ED BPP, Washington County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Over adjacent state owned lands from Greenlaw Chopping Road.

SELLER: Typhoon LLC

AGENCY SPONSOR: Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

ACCEPTED VALUE: \$15,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$15,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$15,000

OTHER COST - \$164

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS –

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

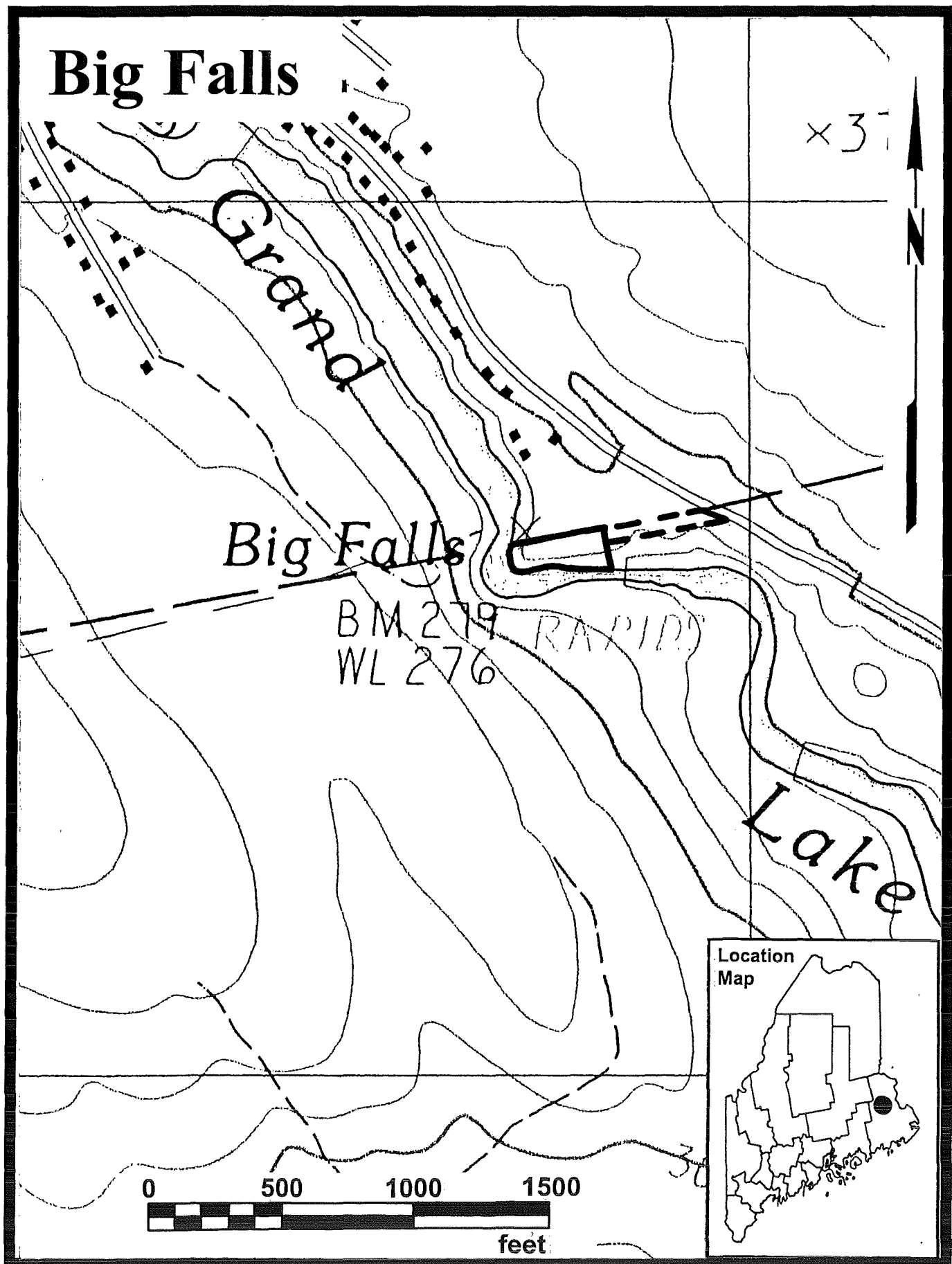
CASH - \$

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$10,400

CLOSING DATE: December 31, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Big Falls purchase adds 0.6 acres and more than 300 feet of frontage along the easterly shore of Big Falls on Grand Lake Stream to the 1995 LMF supported purchase of land to permanently protect the fishing, recreation, scenic, and historic values found along the four mile stretch of stream running from Big Falls to Little Falls. The addition of this parcel extends the State's fee ownership along Big Falls providing additional public access for fishing and outdoor recreation on these significant falls.



SUMMARY OF THE BLACK BROOK PRESERVE ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Windham Land Trust, Town of Windham

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreational Land of Local Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 105 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Acquisition of fee title, held by Windham Land Trust with a Project Agreement with the Department of Conservation

LOCATION: Windham, Cumberland County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Windham Center Road

SELLER: Royal River Development Company

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$505,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$345,768

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$ 180,000

OTHER COSTS - \$3,000

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING FUNDS:

CASH - \$165,768

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$3,906

CLOSING DATE: November 25, 2002

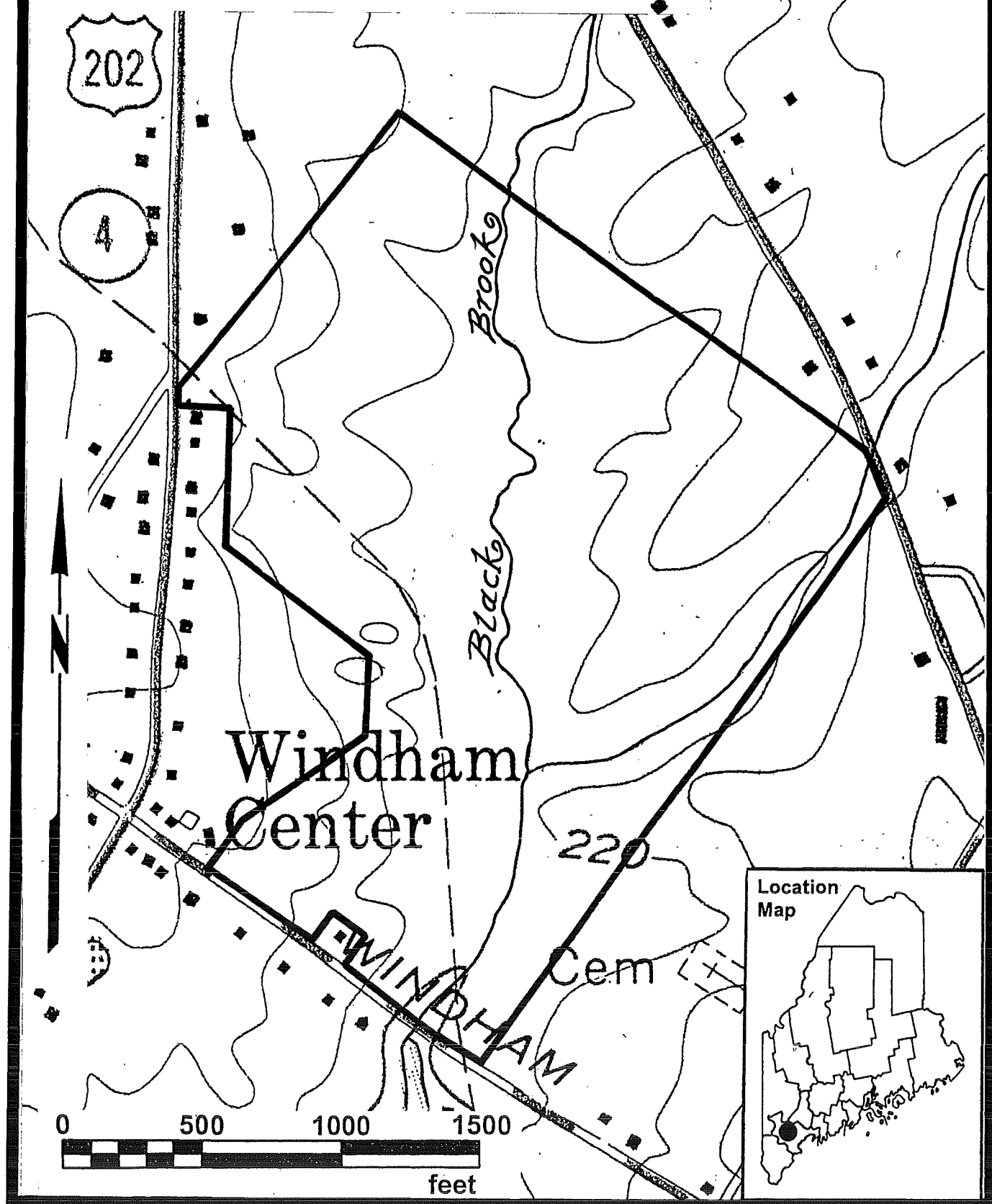
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Black Brook acquisition is a conservation project of local significance, which marks the birth of the Windham Land Trust and its first acquisition of land to preserve a corridor of open space and recreational lands through the heart of Windham Center, in a rapidly urbanizing area in Southern Maine. The 105 acre Black Brook Preserve will protect existing trails and provide space for additional linking trails, and serve as an outdoor class room for nearby schools.

This former farmland property contains a complex of wetland and upland vegetation community types. Black Brook runs through the property dividing it roughly in half, flowing on to the Presumpscot River approximately eight miles south of the property.

The Preserve is owned and managed by the Windham Land Trust in partnership with the Dept of Conservation and will be managed to provide recreational and educational opportunities.

Black Brook Preserve



SUMMARY OF THE BLACKSTRAP HILL ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Falmouth Conservation Trust, Town of Falmouth

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreational Lands of Local Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 285 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee acquisition of 285 acres, held by Falmouth Conservation Trust with a Project Agreement with Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LOCATION: Falmouth, Cumberland Co.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Blackstrap Road

SELLERS: R. Patrick and Victoria Miele

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

APPRAISED VALUE: \$920,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$920,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$ 200,000

OTHER COSTS - \$3,488

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$720,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$26,639

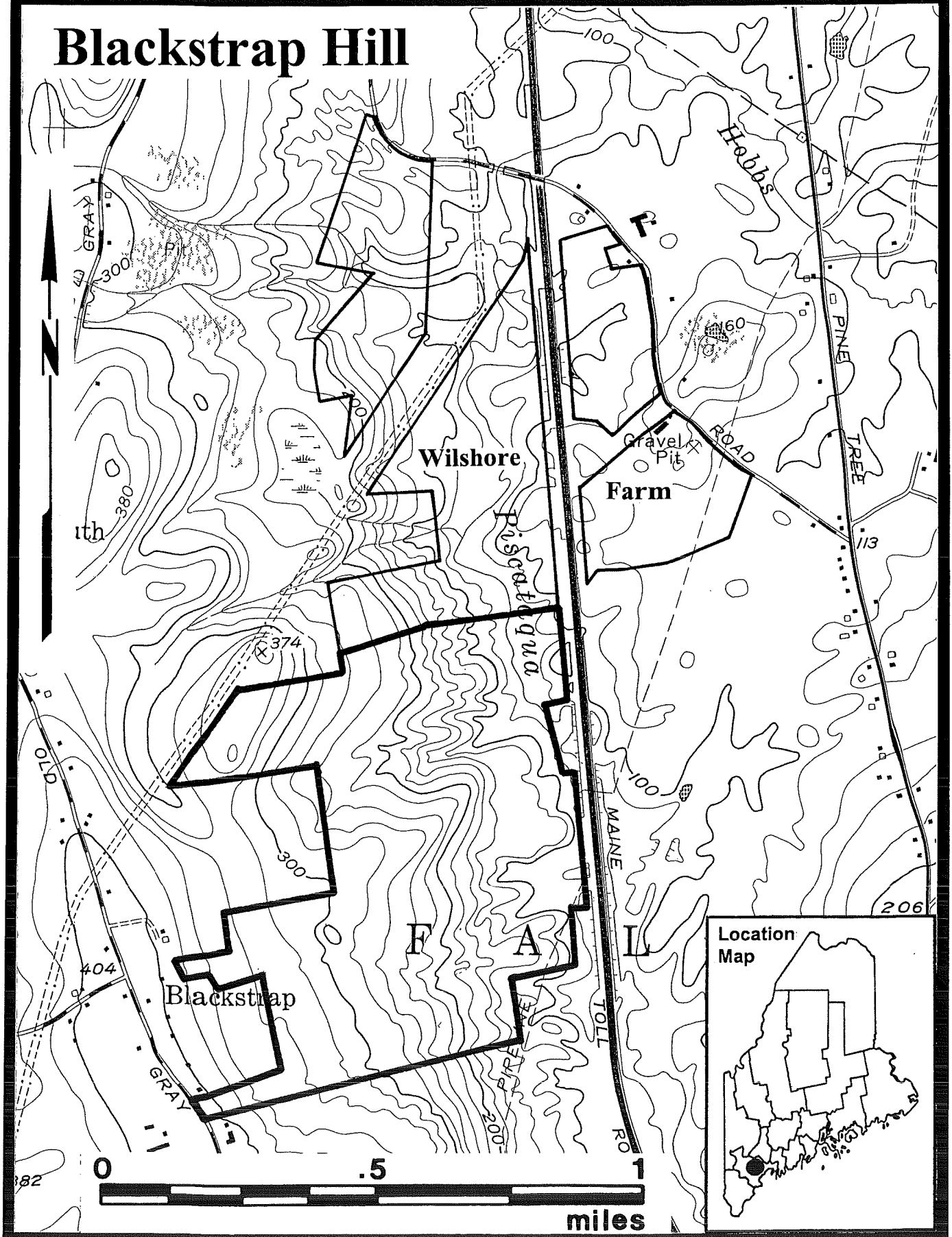
CLOSING DATE: August 14, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Blackstrap Hill acquisition is a conservation project of local significance that preserves undeveloped open land in a rapidly urbanizing region of Southern Maine. The purchase of 285 acres of wooded hill top land plus the donation of adjacent properties that connects to the Wilshire Farm Community Forest (an LMF supported project), creates an area of more than 500 acres of public open land suitable for a variety of outdoor recreational activities.

The property is owned and managed by the Falmouth Conservation Trust in cooperation with the Town of Falmouth, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and a variety of local environmental and recreational groups. This project contributes to the implementation of the Town's Regional Park Concept contained in its Comprehensive Plan by providing open space, protecting wildlife habitats, and linking trail networks.

Blackstrap Hill



SUMMARY OF THE BOOTHBAY HARBOR WETLANDS PROTECTION ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Boothbay Regional Land Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Lands Supporting Vital Ecological and Conservation Functions and Values of Local Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 65.8 ± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of two properties in fee simple, held by Boothbay Regional Land Trust with a Project Agreement with the Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LOCATION: Boothbay Harbor, Lincoln County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Penny Lake Parcel - via right of way from Rte.27

Lobster Cove Meadow Parcel - from Rte. 96 and Eastern Avenue

SELLERS: Penny Lake - Peter A. and Joan L. Mc Kenney

Lobster Cove – Boothbay Regional Land Trust

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

APPRAISED VALUE: \$202,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$211,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$75,000

OTHER COSTS - \$3,363

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$237,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS -

CLOSING DATE: April 1, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Boothbay Harbor wetlands acquisition is conservation project of local significance that protects lands of vital ecological and conservation functions and values in Southern Maine. This project entailed the purchase of two parcels of land in two separate wetland areas – Lobster Cove Meadow and Penny Lake. Both Lobster Cove Meadow and Penny Lake are classified as freshwater wetlands located adjacent to salt water coves, and identified in the Town's Comprehensive Plan as important wetland habitats and open spaces worthy of conservation. Protection of these properties conserves wetland and upland wildlife habitat, secures public use of existing and planned trails, and provides educational opportunities for the local schools.

The parcels are held by the Boothbay Regional Land Trust in partnership with the Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and managed for multiple uses.

Boothbay Harbor Wetlands

Topographic map showing Boothbay Harbor, Maine. The map includes contour lines, roads, and various landmarks. A large area is outlined in black, indicating the wetlands. Labels include 'Boothbay Harbor', 'Mt Pisgah', 'Appalachia Rd', 'Gravel Pit', 'BM 25', 'BM 69', 'BM 46', 'BM 149', 'X 66', 'X 96', 'X 46', 'X 149', 'X 66', 'X 96', 'X 46', 'X 149'. A scale bar at the bottom indicates 0, 500, 1000, 1500 feet. A north arrow is on the right. An inset map in the bottom left shows the location of Boothbay Harbor in Maine.

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SUMMARY OF THE BOWDEN FARM AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Blue Hill Heritage Trust, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

LAND CATEGORY: Farmland Protection

PROJECT ACREAGE: 208 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of development rights, held by Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

LOCATION: Blue Hill, Hancock County

SELLER: Ruth Bowden

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Agricultural, Food and Rural Resources

APPRAISED VALUE: \$70,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$70,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$35,000

OTHER COSTS - \$18,077

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$35,000

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS -

CLOSING DATE: March 30, 2001

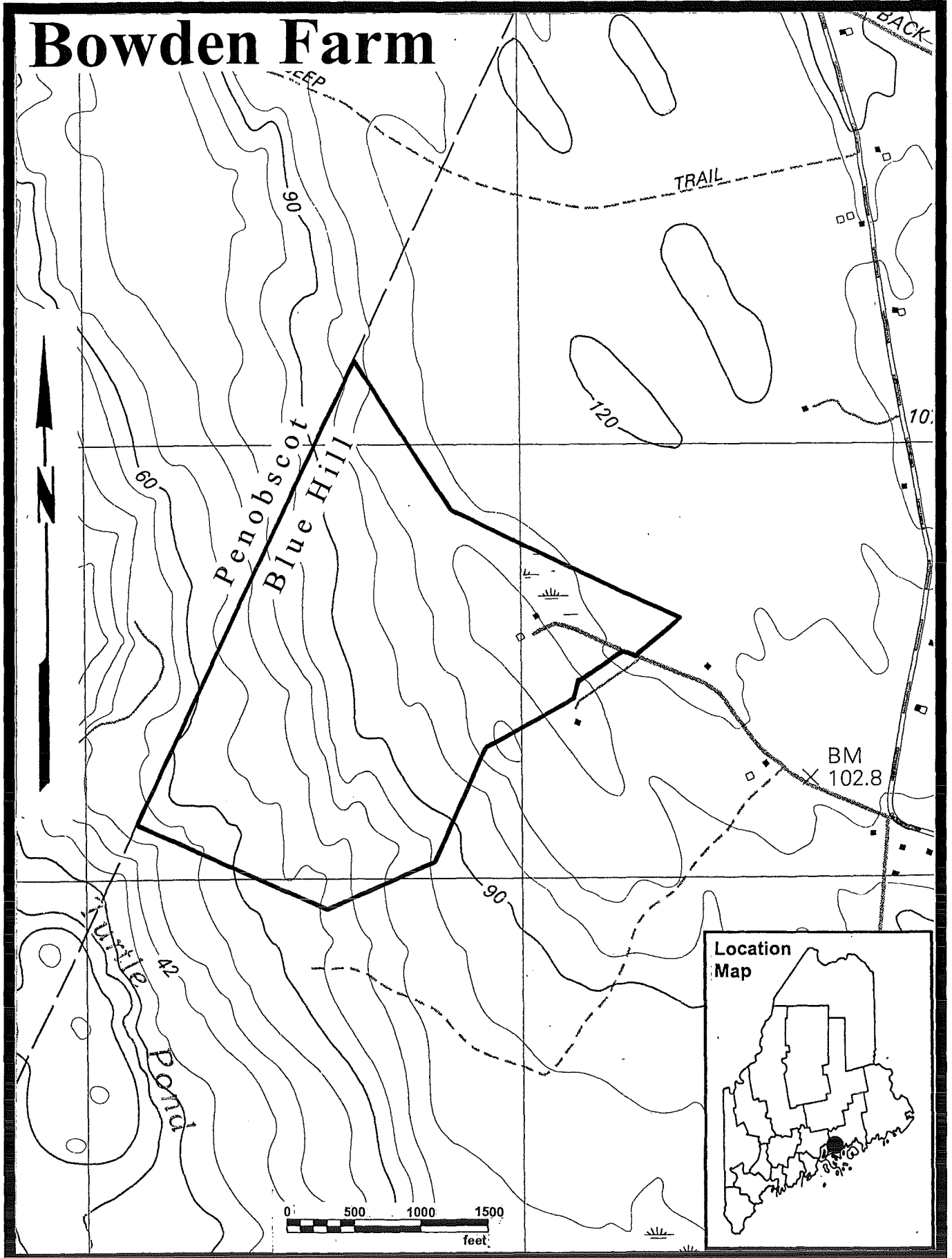
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The scenic 208 acre Bowden Farm is located in North Blue Hill. The property sits on the fertile "Front Ridge" corridor, a ridge top of excellent, highly productive farmland soils extending from Orland to North Blue Hill. The tillable portion of the farm consist of some of the best agricultural soils in Hancock County.

The purchase of an agricultural conservation easement on this property acquires the development rights to the farm, thus improving the current and future farmer's ability to own and operate a farm on the property.

Traditional public use of the property is accommodated in ways that do not interfere with farming operations during day light hours.

Bowden Farm



SUMMARY OF THE BRADBURY-PINELAND CORRIDOR ACQUISITIONS

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Pownal Land Trust, Department of Conservation, Bradbury Mountain State Park, and the Town of Pownal

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreational Lands of Regional Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 42 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of multiple parcels in fee, held by the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Pownal, Cumberland County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Local roads and trails

SELLER: Dr. David L. Jackson

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$30,450

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$30,450

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$30,450

OTHER COSTS -

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH -

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$16,225

CLOSING DATE: December 30, 2002

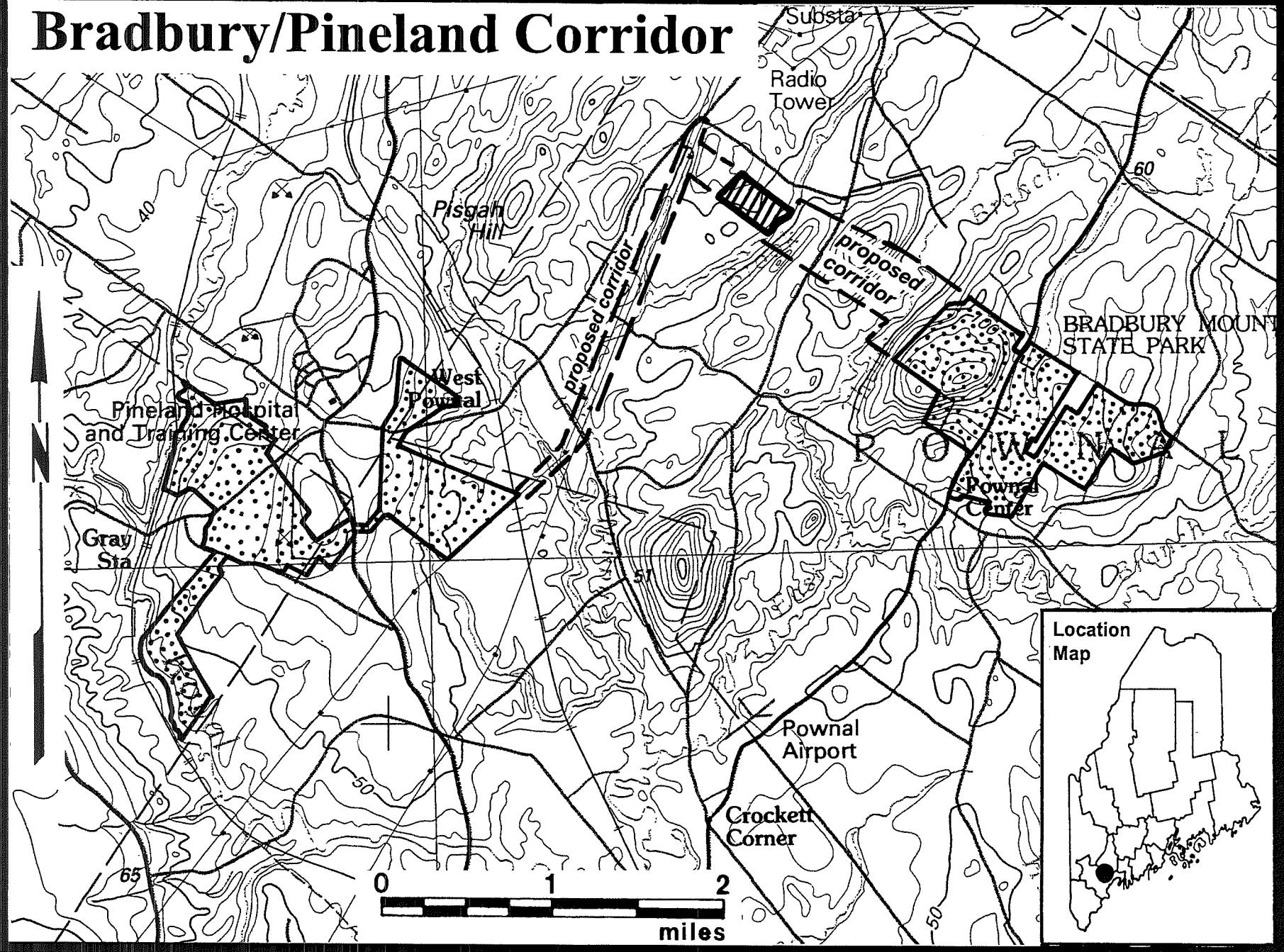
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Bradbury-Pineland Corridor Project is a conservation project of regional importance that will conserve and protect open space and recreational lands in Southern Maine. As originally proposed, the project encompasses over a 1000 acres of land in 24 parcels to create an open space corridor linking Bradbury Mountain State Park and the Pineland Public Reserve Unit in a major multi-use trail corridor and recreational base in eastern Cumberland County. This project is a complex, multi-parcel effort using both fee acquisitions and easements to acquire the corridor parcels.

This project will expand Bradbury Mountain State Park to incorporate adjacent prominent geographic, historic, and natural features and increase the area available for trails needed to accommodate increasing usage of the park. Once finished, the creation of a corridor of protected and conserved lands will provide for public use of up to eight miles of multi-use trail passing over the summit of Tryon Mountain and along Chandler and Thoits Brooks, tributaries to the Royal River.

The Jackson acquisition (accomplished in 2002) is the first of 16 parcels that are now anticipated to be purchased in this project. Additional closing are scheduled for 2003.

Bradbury/Pineland Corridor



SUMMARY OF THE BRUNSWICK TO THE OCEAN TRAIL ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Town of Brunswick and Friends of the Common

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreational Lands of Local Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 100.53 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase in fee of two parcels plus the donation of two adjacent parcels, held by the Town of Brunswick with a Project Agreement with the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Brunswick, Cumberland County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Frontage on Middle Bay Road, Brunswick and linking to the Town Common

SELLER: The Norman A. Davis Revocable Trust (Frank Goodwin & Norm Davis Trustees)

AGENCY SPONSOR: Maine Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$260,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE : \$355,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$150,000

OTHER COSTS - \$4,144

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$205,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$8,000

CLOSING DATE: July 24, 2002

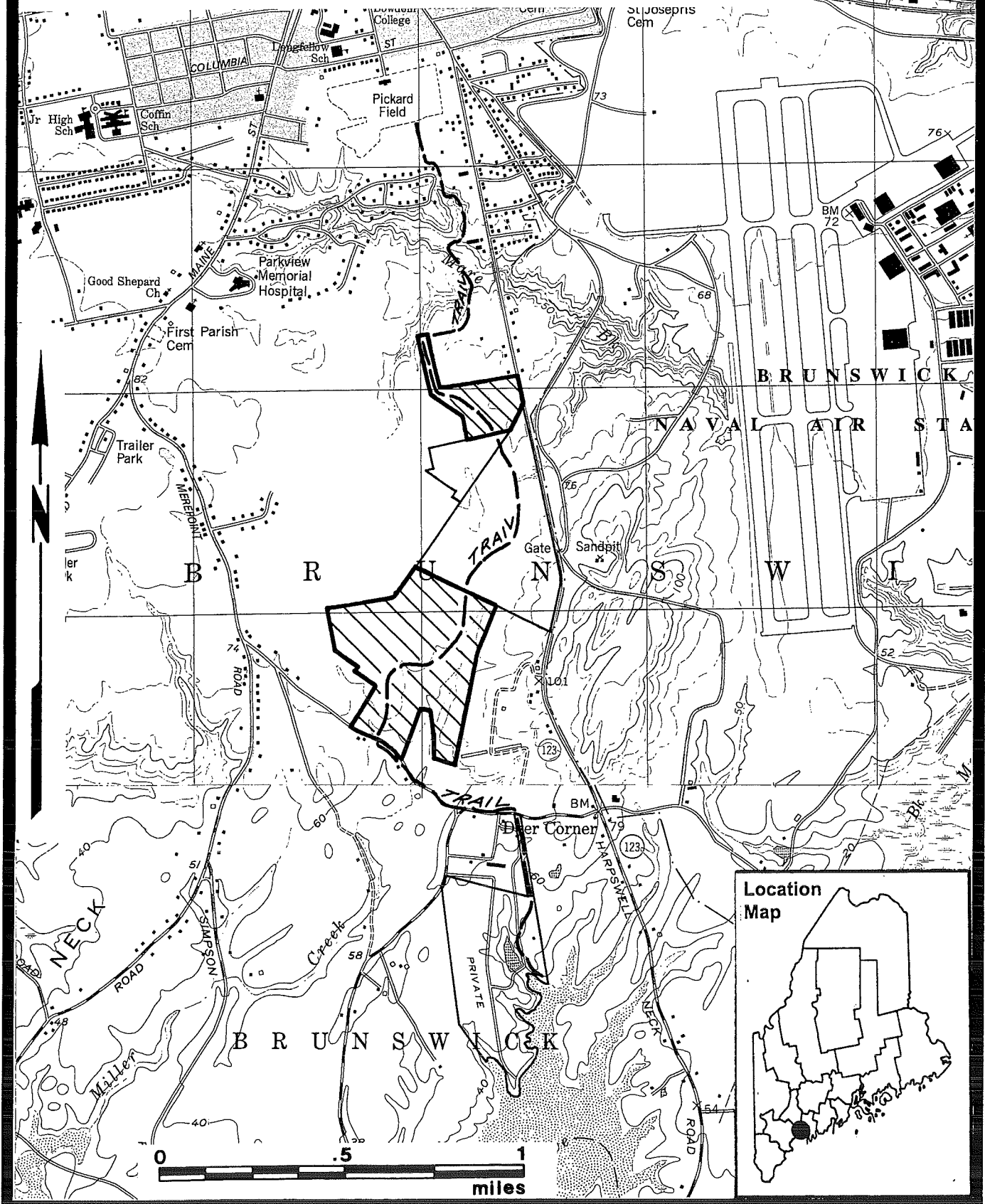
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Brunswick to the Ocean Trail Project is a conservation initiative of local significance that protects open space recreational lands in a heavily urbanized setting in Southern Maine. The project is an effort of the Town of Brunswick to create an open space/trail corridor linking residential sections of the community to Middle Bay. This acquisition of over 100 acres of land linking existing public lands more than doubles the amount of contiguous open space dedicated to protecting the existing trail system.

This project is comprised of the purchase of two parcels (89.8 ac) and the donation of two additional parcels (10.73 ac), that link together existing Town ownerships and incorporate an existing trail network that is heavily used by local residents. All together, these lands will allow the Town to improve and better manage an existing trail network connecting the town to publicly owned land at the head of Middle Bay.

The four parcels involved in this project are owned and managed by the Town of Brunswick in partnership with the Department of Conservation and other local groups.

Brunswick to Ocean Trail



SUMMARY OF THE CHOICE VIEW FARM ACQUISITION

Conservation Partners: Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition, The Nature Conservancy

Land Type and Significance: Rare, Threatened or Endangered Natural Communities, Plants or Wildlife Habitat of Statewide Significance

Project Acreage: 16.26 acres

Project Design: Acquired in fee by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Location: Dresden, Lincoln County

Public Access: Route 128, Dresden

Seller: Peter Axelson

Agency Sponsor: Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Appraised Value: \$158,000

Final Purchase Price: \$158,000

Bond Funds:

Land Costs - \$50,000

Other Costs - \$14,014

Access Improvements -

Matching Contributions:

Cash - \$118,000

Bargain Sale Value -

Other Contributions - \$21,887

Closing Date: October 26, 2001

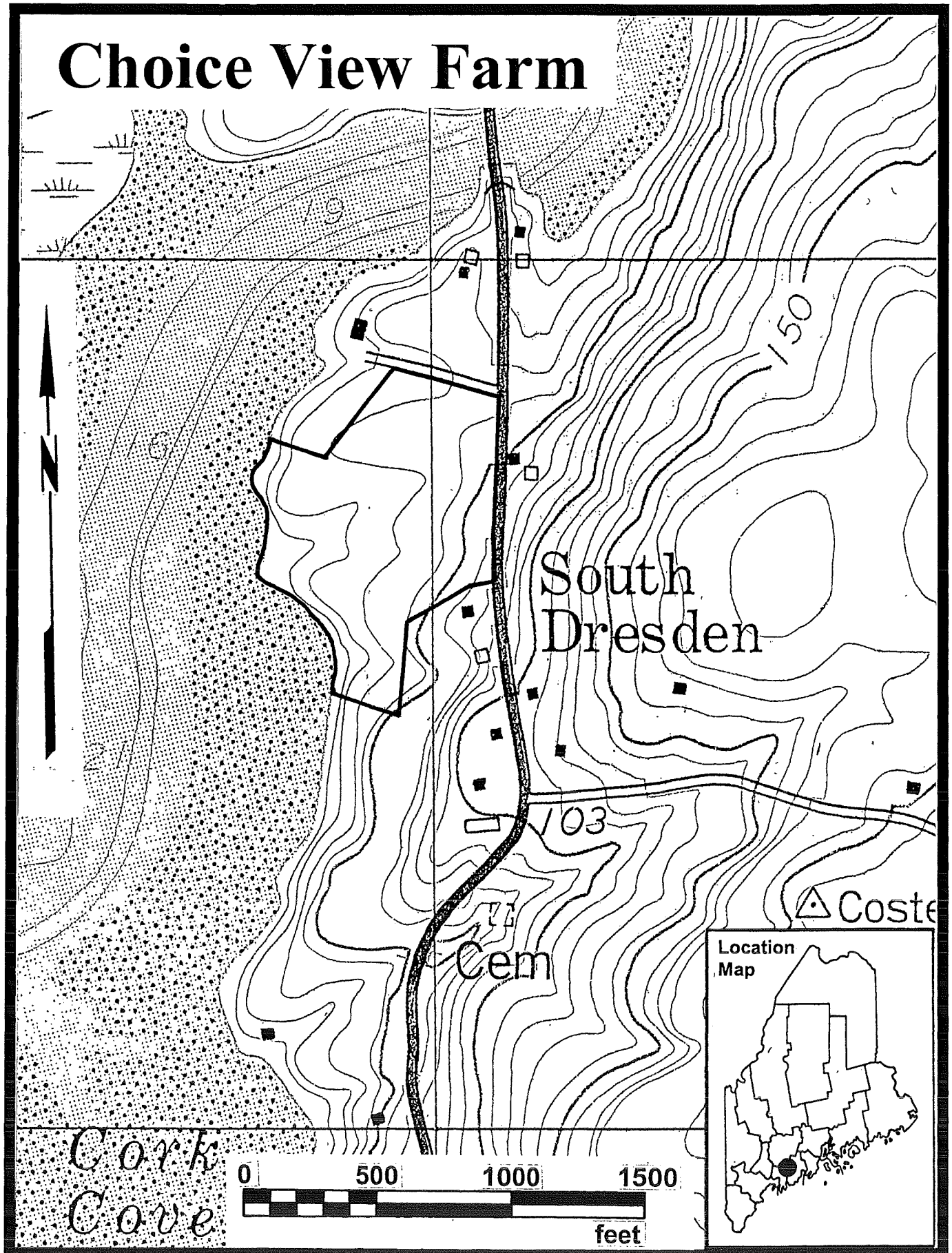
Project Description

The Choice View Farm acquisition is a conservation project of statewide significance to protect lands that contain rare, threatened, or endangered natural communities, plants, and wildlife habitat in Southern Maine. The 16 acre property contains significant inter-tidal wetland habitat, provides valuable undeveloped land adjacent to the wetlands which helps to buffer and protect the fish and wildlife values of the wetlands and contains valuable upland field habitat suitable for a variety of migratory birds. In addition to the habitat values, the property provides a stunning view of Merrymeeting Bay and the diversity of its habitat elements.

Merrymeeting Bay is a focus area of the Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition, an organization of State, Federal and non-government organizations that work to permanently protect important wetland habitats in Maine through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. The Bay contains the largest freshwater tidal marsh system in the state, and the Choice View Farm parcel with its fresh water, tidal wetlands harbors large populations of at least eight rare plant species of state and global significance, the single largest known concentration of rare plants in coastal Maine.

The Choice View Farm parcel is held by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and managed as part of the Steve Powell Wildlife Management Area.

Choice View Farm



SUMMARY OF THE CLARY LAKE ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LAND CATEGORY: Water Access

PROJECT ACREAGE: 5 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee title held by Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LOCATION: Jefferson, Lincoln County

PUBLIC ACCESS: From Rte 215

SELLER: Estate of George W. Stickney, Jr.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

APPRAISED VALUE: \$45,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$52,000 (Board accepted the higher price to assure closing the deal)

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$30,000

OTHER COSTS - \$2,849

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS - \$2,250

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$22,000

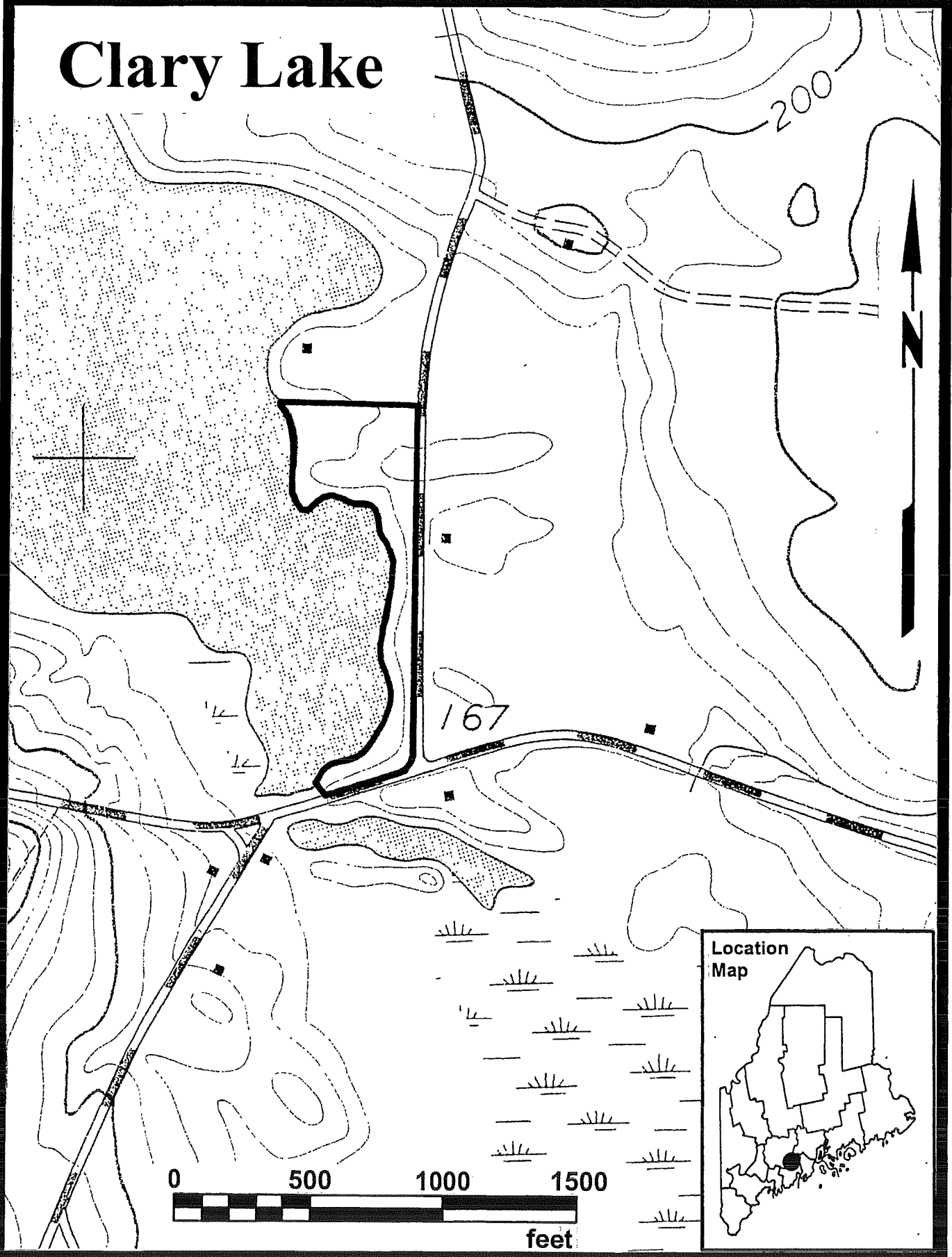
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$1,977.69

CLOSING DATE: October 3, 2001

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purchase of this five acre parcel secures public access to Clary Pond, which supports a moderate to high value warm water fisheries. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has developed the site as a public boat launch facility providing permanent access to the pond for boating, angling, and other public recreational uses.

Clary Lake



SUMMARY OF THE CROOKED FARM ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: The Damariscotta River Association, Pemaquid Watershed Association, The Carpenter's Boatshop

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreational Land of Local Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 130 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: 125 acres purchased in fee by the Pemaquid Watershed Association plus an additional five acre donated conservation easement held by the Damariscotta River Association and a Project Agreement with the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Bristol, Lincoln County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Via the Pemaquid River and Branch Road, Bristol

SELLERS: Robert W. and Pauline F. Crook; The Carpenter's Boatshop

AGENCY SPONSOR: Maine Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$240,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$155,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$75,000

OTHER COSTS - \$4,690

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$80,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$85,000

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$ 7,753 of in-kind services and donated conservation easement valued at \$15,000

CLOSING DATE: March 8, 2002

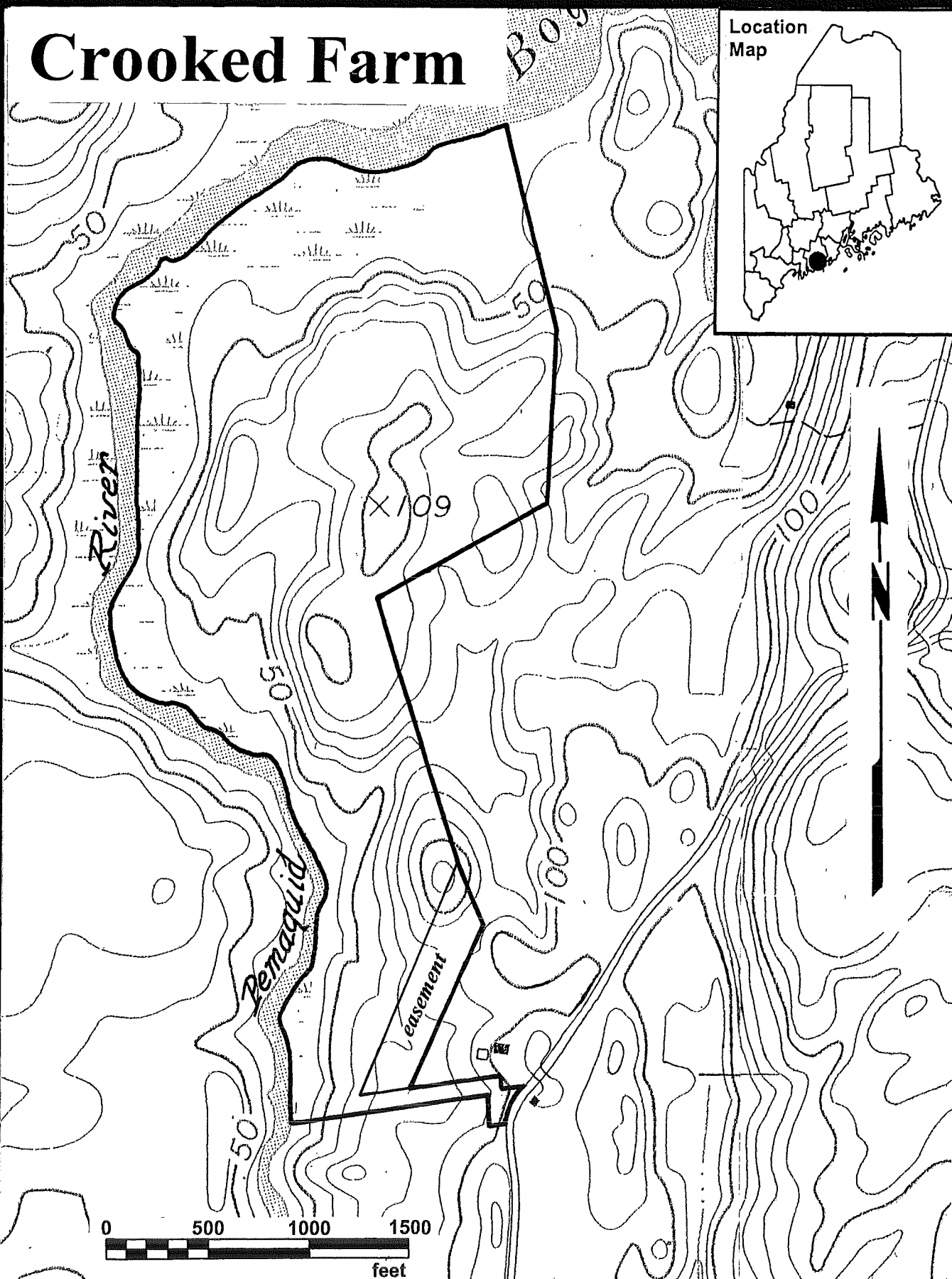
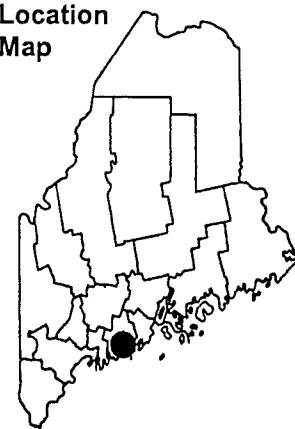
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Crooked Farm acquisition is a conservation project of local significance that protects open space recreational lands in Southern Maine. This purchase is a centerpiece of the Pemaquid River Conservation and Recreation Corridor. The Crooked Farm purchase protects a diversity of river front, wetland, open field, and forest environments, full of the wildlife and plant life typical of these ecosystems. This purchase conserves 130 acres of land including 1 ¼ miles of shore land along the Pemaquid River. The property contains a system of trails open to the public, as well as, a key access point to the Pemaquid River and the Pemaquid Canoe Trail.

The property is owned by the Pemaquid Watershed Association in partnership with the Dept of Conservation and is managed as open space and recreational lands in the heart of the Pemaquid River Conservation and Recreation Corridor.

Crooked Farm

Location
Map



SUMMARY OF THE DENNYS RIVER - COOPER & MEDDYBEMPS ACQUISITIONS

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: The Nature Conservancy, Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Lands containing Rare, Threatened or Endangered Natural Communities, Plants or Wildlife Habitat of Statewide Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 1,058 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Two parcels purchased in fee by the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission

LOCATION: Cooper & Meddybemps, Washington County

PUBLIC ACCESS: via water from the Dennys River

SELLER: The Nature Conservancy

AGENCY SPONSOR: Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission

APPRAISED VALUE: \$380,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$328,592

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$150,000

OTHER COSTS - \$27,446

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$178,592

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$51,408

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$10,125

CLOSING DATE: March 27, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

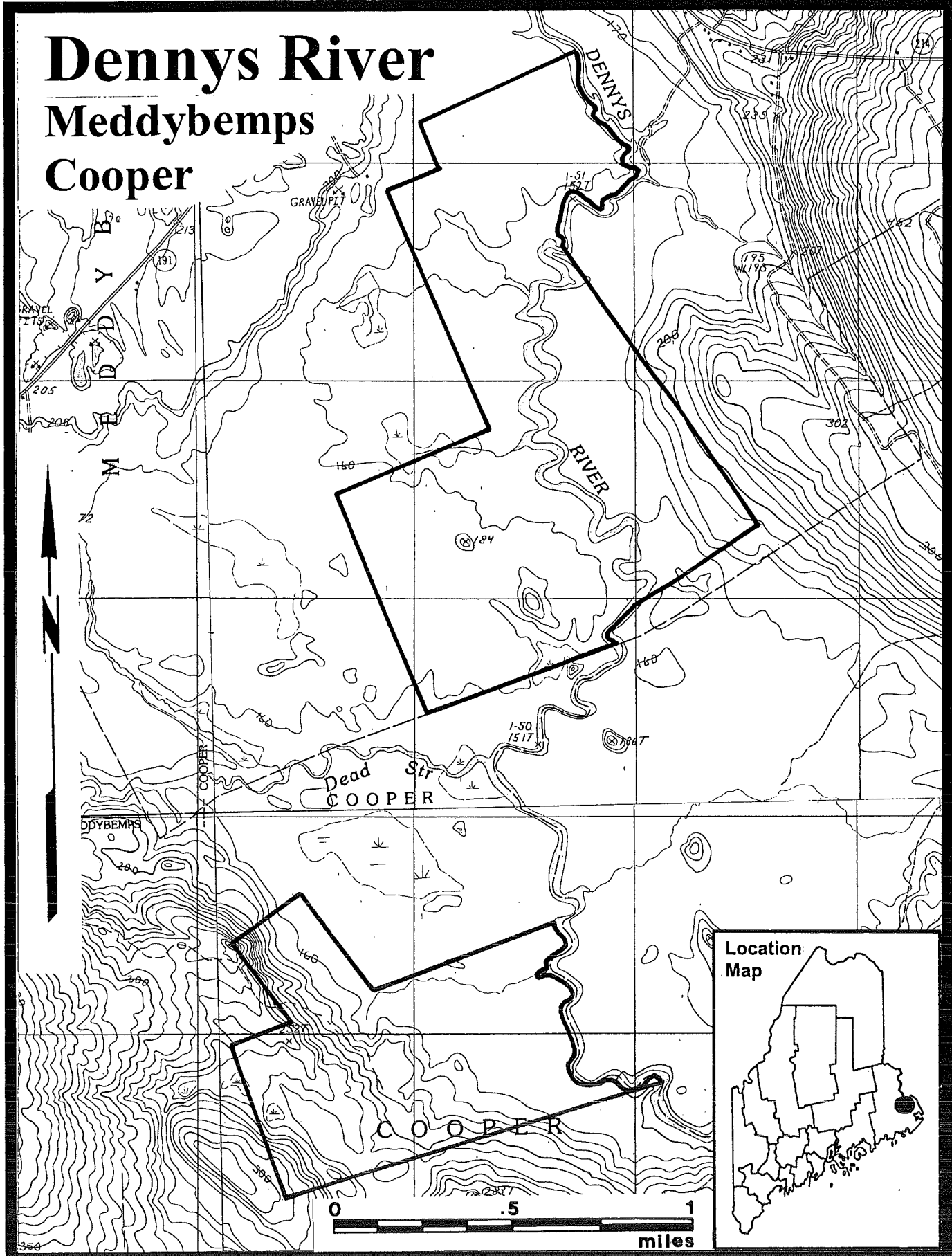
The Dennys River – Cooper and Meddybemps acquisition is a conservation project of statewide significance that assures the protection of threatened and endangered wildlife habitat along an important sea-run salmon river. Acquiring significant Atlantic salmon habitat on the Dennys River is an important component of the State's efforts to protect and restore viable salmon populations in Maine's salmon rivers. This project conserves over 1,000 acres and protects 5.5 miles of aquatic and terrestrial river corridor habitats critical to the health and reproduction of the Atlantic salmon in the upper reaches of the Dennys river.

The protection of these lands was secured by the prompt actions of The Nature Conservancy, which negotiated and purchased these key parcels from willing sellers, then in turn sold them to the State below appraised values. The protected river lands are owned by the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission and will be managed to protect salmon habitat while providing compatible recreational and other resource uses.

Dennys River

Meddybemps

Cooper



SUMMARY OF THE DENNYS RIVER - EAST RIDGE ACQUISITIONS

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Lands containing Rare, Threatened or Endangered Natural Communities, Plants or Wildlife Habitat of Statewide Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 3,649.38 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of multiple parcels in fee simple held by the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission

LOCATION: Dennysville, Edmunds, Marion, and No 14 Township, Washington County.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Access via Milwaukee and Smith Ridge roads and the Dennys River.

SELLER: International Paper Co.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission

APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,149,956

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$1,149,956

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$766,752

OTHER COSTS - \$87,867

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$ 383,204

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS -

CLOSING DATE: December 31, 2001 and June 19, 2002

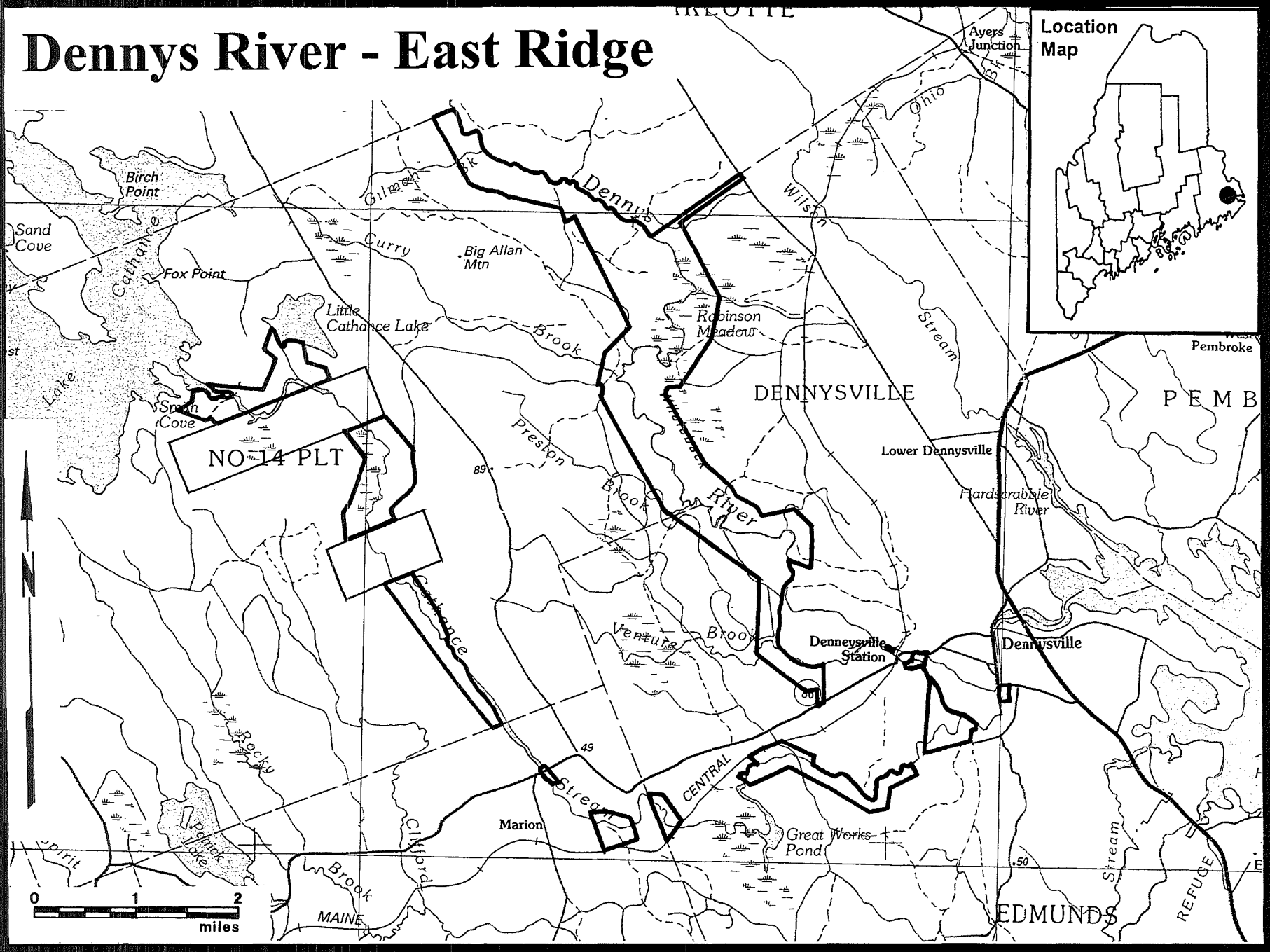
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Dennys River – East Ridge Acquisition is a conservation project of statewide significance that assures the protection of threatened and endangered wildlife habitat along an important sea-run salmon river. Acquiring significant Atlantic salmon habitat along the Dennys River is an important component of the State's efforts to protect and restore viable salmon populations in Maine's salmon rivers. The East Ridge acquisition is the second project along the Dennys River supported by the LMF. This project involves the purchase of nearly 3,650 acres of shore lands along the Dennys River and Cathance Stream that protects 31.5 miles of critical salmon spawning and nursery areas, including most of the highest ranked Atlantic Salmon spawning and rearing habitat found in the watershed.

These river corridor lands are held and managed by the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission to assure permanent protection of critical Salmon habitat, while maintaining established public access and providing for compatible riparian management activities guided by a land management plan.

Dennysville selectmen voted to support this acquisition as required when the purchase of those lands in Dennysville exceeded 1% of the Town's total property valuation.

Dennys River - East Ridge



SUMMARY OF THE DEVIL'S HEAD ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: St Croix International Waterway Commission, City of Calais

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation Land of Regional Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 319 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee acquisition of five parcels, held by the City of Calais with a Project Agreement with the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Calais, Washington County

PUBLIC ACCESS: From U.S. Route One

SELLERS: James M. and Mary Ellen Giffune, Nicholas R. and June Camp, Richard S. Obear, Elizabeth C. Obear, Jean O. Deafenbaugh, and Kathryn H. Obear.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$306,500

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$306,500

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$204,333

OTHER COST - \$7,422

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$102,167

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$13,227

CLOSING DATES: July 23, 2002 (Giffune), December 19, 2002 (Camp), and February 4, 2003 (Obears)

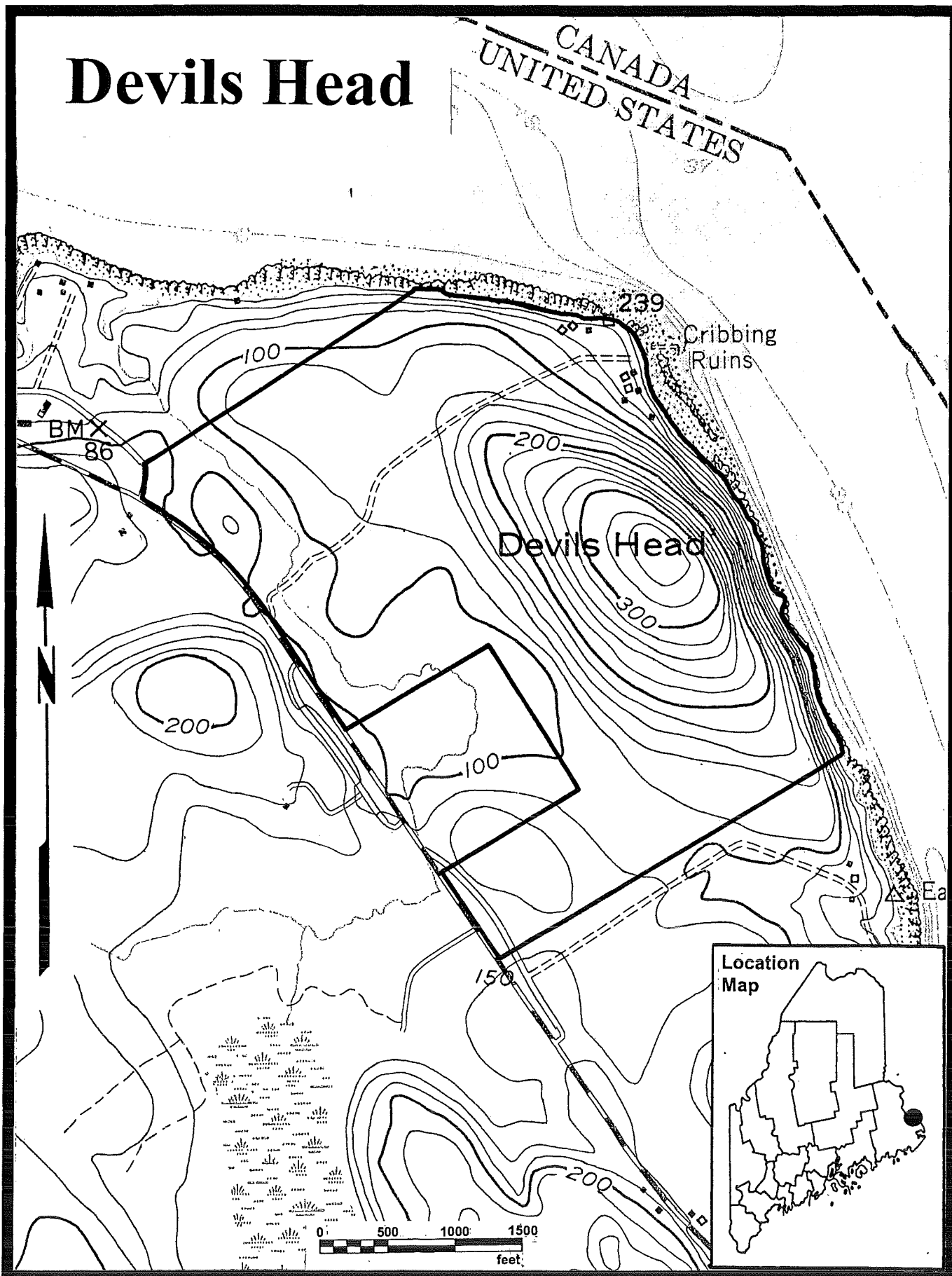
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Devils Head project is a conservation project of regional significance that protects areas of scenic interest and prime physical features along an undeveloped section of coastline. The Devils Head is an imposing headland visually dominating the lower estuary of the St Croix River on the Maine-New Brunswick border. This 319 acre acquisition preserves undeveloped coastal land, protects a scenic headland, and contains diverse habitats of coastal spruce-fir forests, and assures public access to the shore and from the water.

The conservation of Devils Head compliments open space projects on the New Brunswick side of the river, fulfilling key policy objectives of the Maine/New Brunswick Plan for Long-term Cooperative Management of the St Croix International Waterway. The property is owned and managed by the City of Calais for conservation and outdoor recreation, in partnership with the Department of Conservation.

Devils Head

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SUMMARY OF THE FLORIDA LAKE ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Freeport Conservation Commission, Town of Freeport

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Lands Supporting Vital Ecological and Conservation Functions and Values of Local Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 148 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of two parcels plus the donation of a third parcel held by the Town of Freeport with a Project Agreement with the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Freeport, Cumberland County

PUBLIC ACCESS: via deeded right of way from Rt 125 and Baker Road, Freeport

SELLERS: Alan and Vera C. Rogers, and Burton Brewer and Christine Hastedt

AGENCY SPONSOR: Maine Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$269,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$269,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$200,333

OTHER COSTS - \$4,278

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING FUNDS:

CASH - \$68,667

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$21,333 and a land donation (68.2 ac. valued \$105,000 from David and Jennifer Marstaller)

CLOSING DATE: July 1, 2002

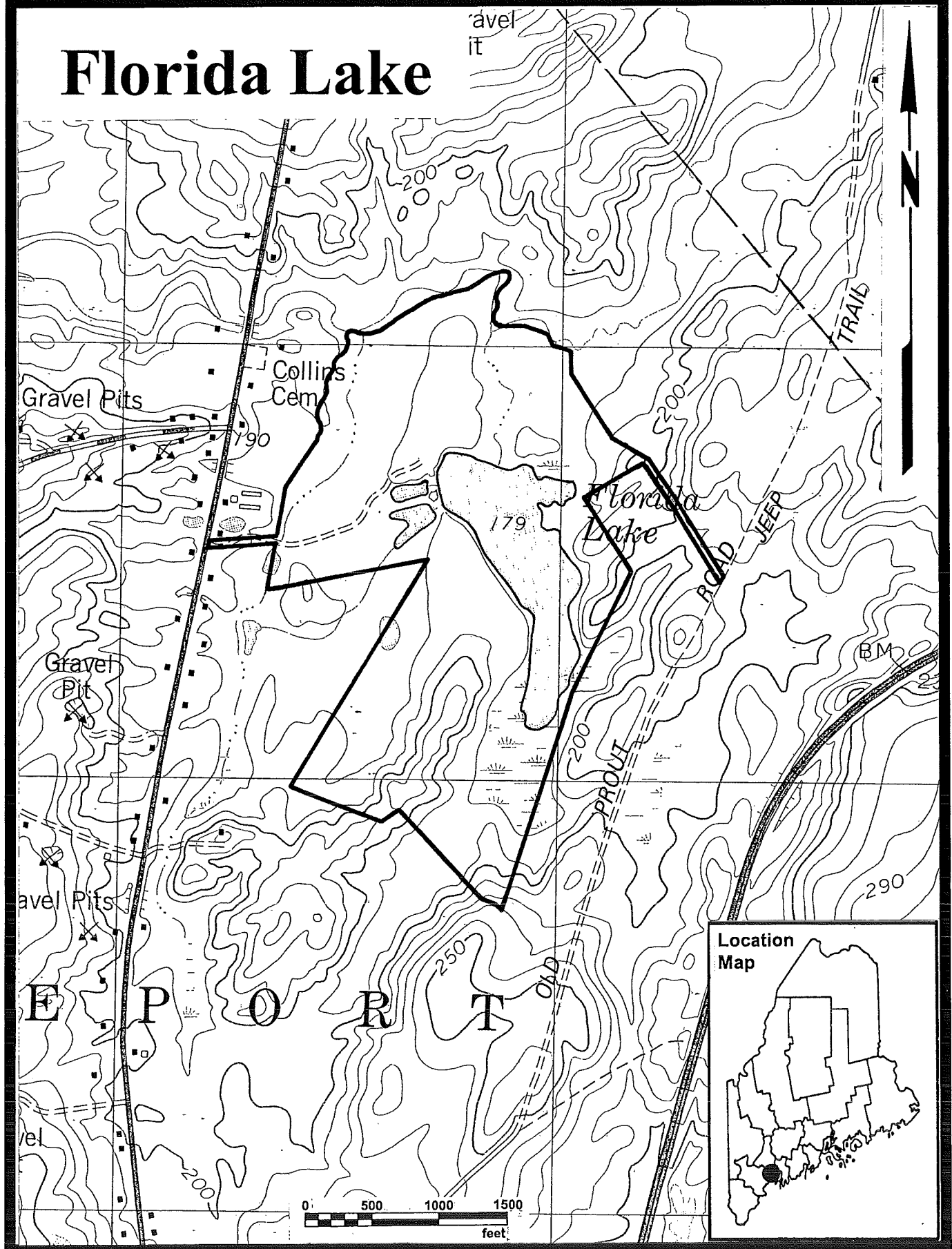
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Florida Lake acquisition is a conservation project of local significance that protects an area of vital ecological and conservation importance in the heart of a rapidly urbanizing part of Southern Maine. The project consists of the purchase of 79.6 acres of land in two parcels, plus the donation of an adjoining 68.2 acre parcel to create a 147.8 acre open space and recreation area.

The Freeport Conservation Commission identified Florida Lake as a priority for acquisition in the Town's Open Space and Public Access Plan. The Florida Lake area was identified as an area containing a diverse pattern of open fresh water, wetlands, and riparian habitat surrounded by large tracts of mixed deciduous and coniferous woodlands. The offer of a significant donation of a key parcel coupled with voter approval of a Town bond for the acquisition of open space prompted the Commission to focus on Florida Lake for open space protection.

The property is owned and managed by the Town of Freeport in partnership with the Department of Conservation to permanently protect its ecologic values, while providing for traditional recreational uses.

Florida Lake



SUMMARY OF THE FULLER FARM ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Scarborough Land Trust, Town of Scarborough, and Trust for Public Lands

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreational Lands of Local Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 180 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchased in fee and held by Scarborough Land Trust with a Project Agreement with the Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LOCATION: Scarborough, Cumberland County

PUBLIC ACCESS: From Broad Turn Road, Scarborough

SELLERS: Trust for Public Land and Blue Rock Industries

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

APPRAISED VALUE: \$620,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$599,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$250,000

OTHER COSTS - \$15,434

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$349,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$21,000

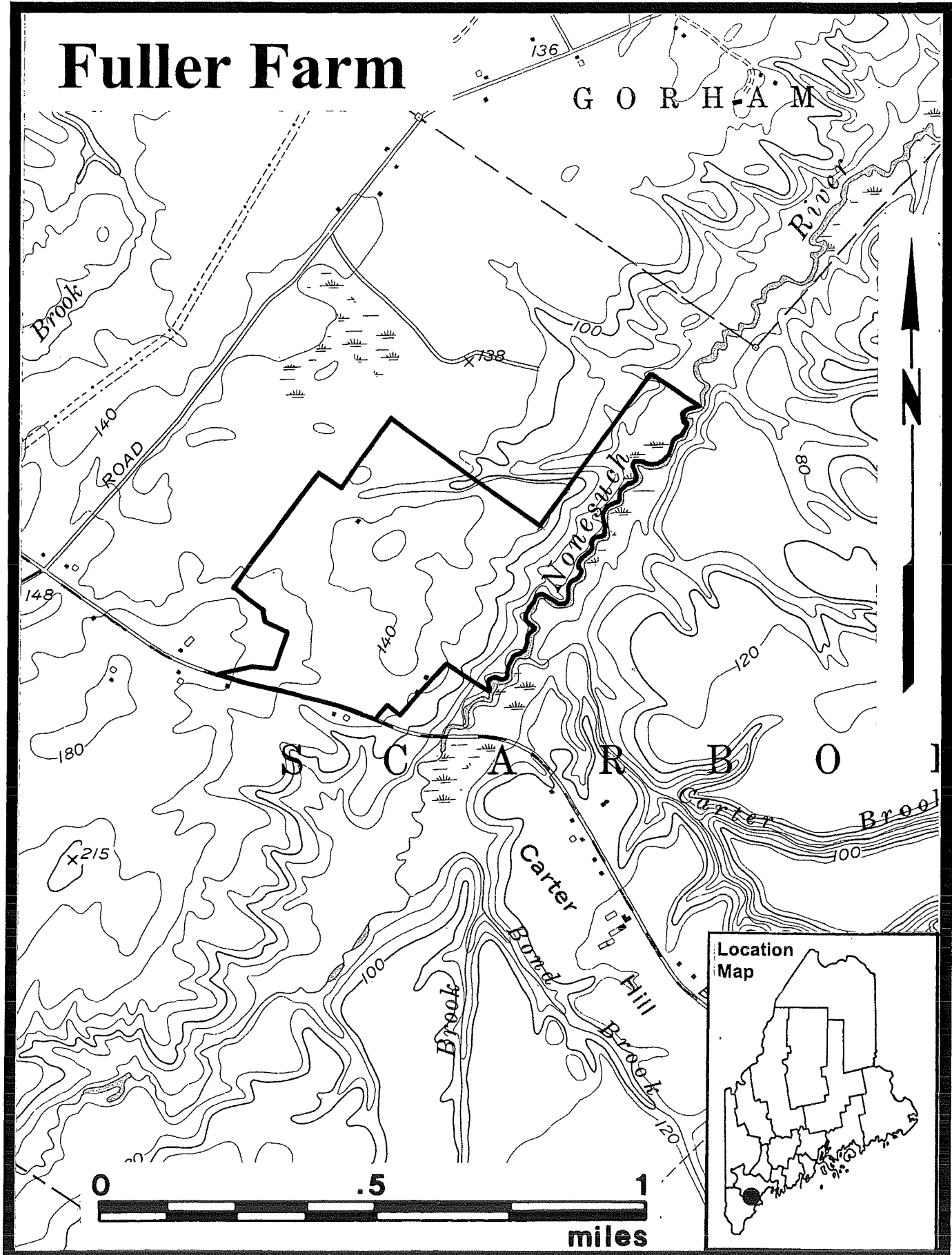
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$118,424

CLOSING DATE: December 12, 2001

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Fuller Farm acquisition is a conservation project of local significance that conserves and protects 180 acres of fields and woodlands, including 3,500 feet of frontage along the Nonesuch River, a major headwater to Scarborough Marsh in highly urbanized Southern Maine. The conservation of this property is considered a major "anchor" for additional protection efforts along the Nonesuch River. The property is held by the Scarborough Land Trust in partnership with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for management as wildlife habitat and open space lands.

Fuller Farm



SUMMARY OF THE GARDINER RIVERFRONT PARK ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: City of Gardiner

LAND CATEGORY: Water Access

PROJECT ACREAGE: 1.93 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee title held by the City of Gardiner with a Project Agreement with the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: City of Gardiner, Kennebec County

PUBLIC ACCESS: From adjacent park lands and local streets

SELLER: Gardiner Rotary Club (previously purchased from Webber Tanks Inc.)

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$110,000 (land only value)

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$140,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$ 73,334

OTHER COSTS - \$1,389

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$ 66,666

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$10,607

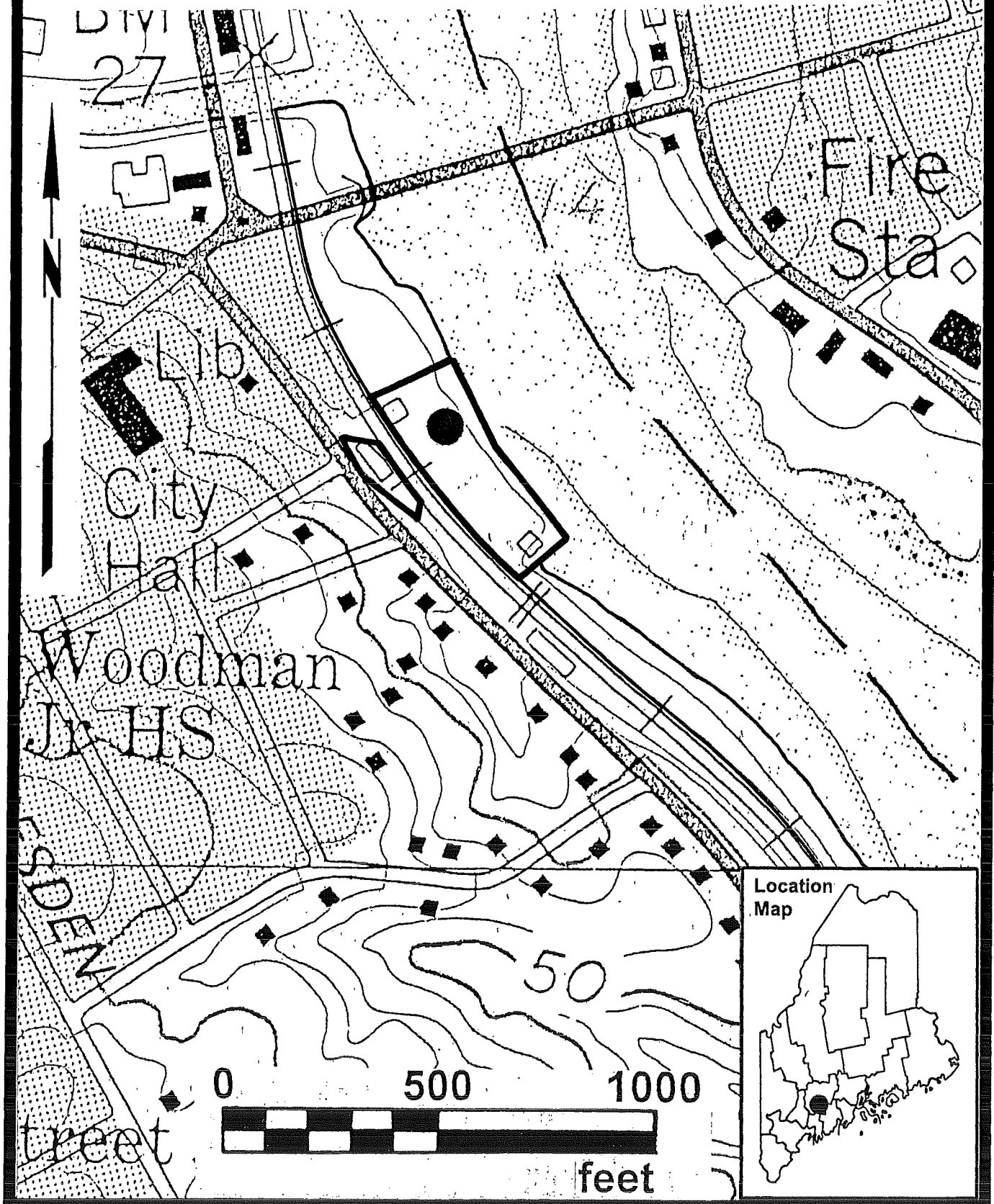
CLOSING DATE: June 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This acquisition project is a water access project on a tidal stretch of the Kennebec River. The purchase of this parcel adds 1.93 acres to the Gardiner Riverfront Park, linking the existing 3.2 acre park and boating facility with 5.5 acres of river frontage owned by the Maine Department of Transportation, thus creating a 10.63 acre area of river lands and open space in a Southern Maine urban setting. This parcel provides recreational opportunities, expands water access, provides bank fishing opportunities, adds to scenic access, creates valuable urban open space, will help relieve congestion at the boat launch site, and is adjacent to the Kennebec Rail Trail.

The parcel is owned and managed by the City of Gardiner in partnership with the Department of Conservation.

Kennebec River Access - Gardiner



SUMMARY OF THE HIATT FARM AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service

LAND CATEGORY: Farmland Protection

PROJECT ACREAGE: 92 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of development rights, held by Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

LOCATION: Dresden, Lincoln County

SELLER: Anne Hiatt

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Agricultural, Food and Rural Resources

APPRAISED VALUE: \$160,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$160,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$80,000

OTHER COSTS - \$18,809

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$80,000

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$

CLOSING DATE: March 27, 2001

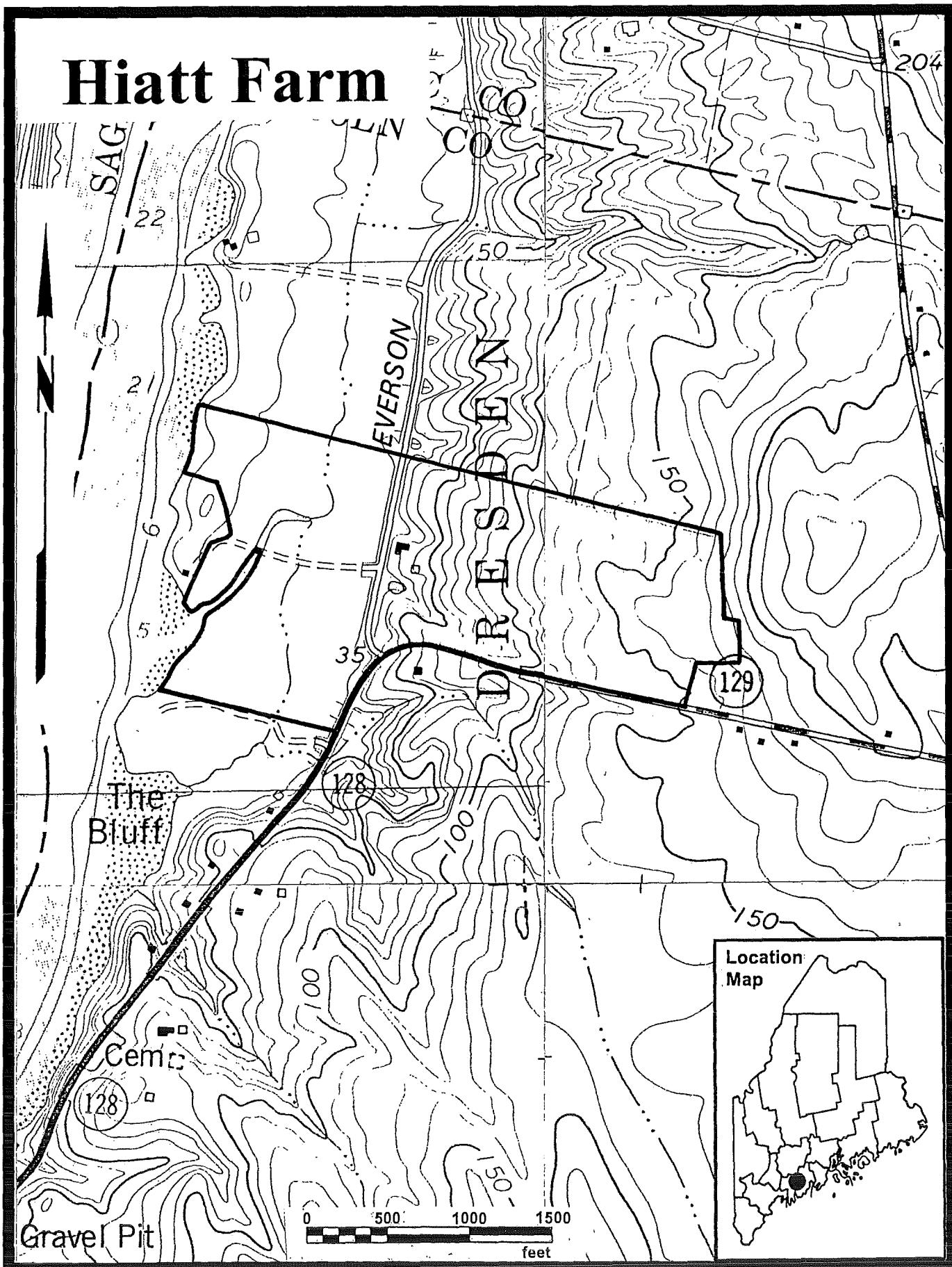
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The historic and scenic 92 acre Hiatt Farm is located in Dresden, along the shores of the Kennebec River. In addition to its prime farmland, the property contains undeveloped river front and significant wetlands.

The purchase of an agricultural conservation easement allows the current and future farmers to own and farm the land, while ensuring that future use of this regional and locally important agricultural resource will be available and affordable for farming. An upland section of the property affords sweeping vistas of the lower Kennebec River.

Walk-in access to the river is provided by a designated path on the lowland section of the property. Use is limited to pedestrian foot traffic from the public road to the river, during daylight hours.

Hiatt Farm



SUMMARY OF THE JACOB BUCK POND ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LAND CATEGORY: Water Access

PROJECT ACREAGE: 2.49 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee title held by Dept. Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LOCATION: Bucksport, Hancock County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Jacob Buck Road

SELLER: Oak Leaf Realty

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept IF&W

APPRAISED VALUE: \$30,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$30,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$20,000

OTHER COSTS - \$3,284

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS - \$1,500

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$10,000

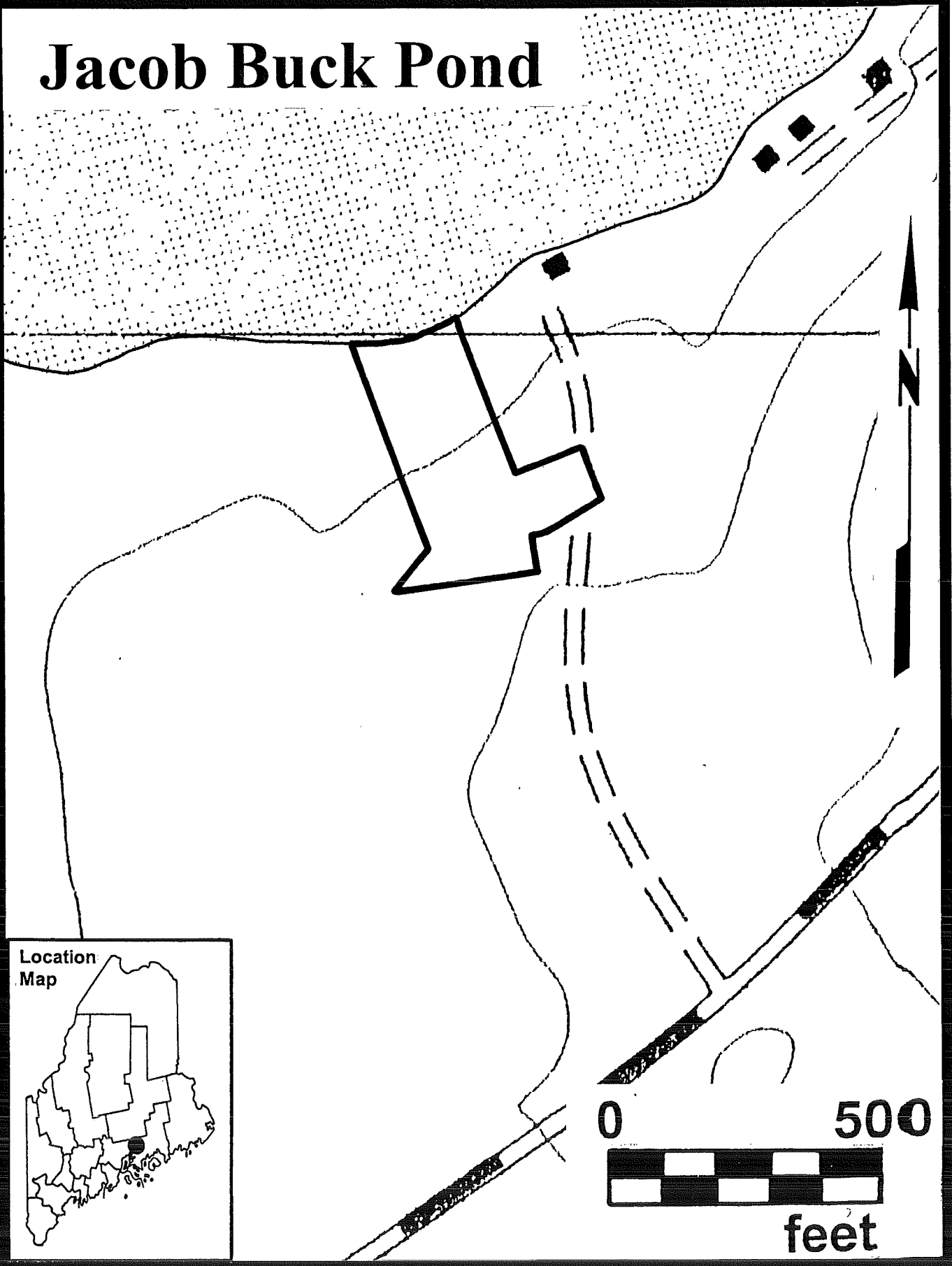
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$1,890.83

CLOSING DATE: June 6, 2001

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purchase of this 2.49 acre parcel secures public access to Jacob Buck Pond, a priority water for public access with moderate to high value warm water fisheries. The site will be developed by Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a boat access site for fishing and other outdoor recreational uses.

Jacob Buck Pond



SUMMARY OF THE JUGTOWN PLAINS ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Dept of Conservation, Hancock Land Company, and The Nature Conservancy

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Lands containing Rare, Threatened, Endangered Natural Communities, Plants or Wildlife Habitat of Statewide Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 3,281 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of a conservation easement, held by the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Casco, Naples in Cumberland County, Otisfield in Oxford County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Access is available from surrounding public roads and highways

SELLER: Hancock Land Company

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$320,000 (Appraisal accepted as demonstrating at least this value)

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$320,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$195,000

OTHER COSTS - \$1,780

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$125,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$30,000

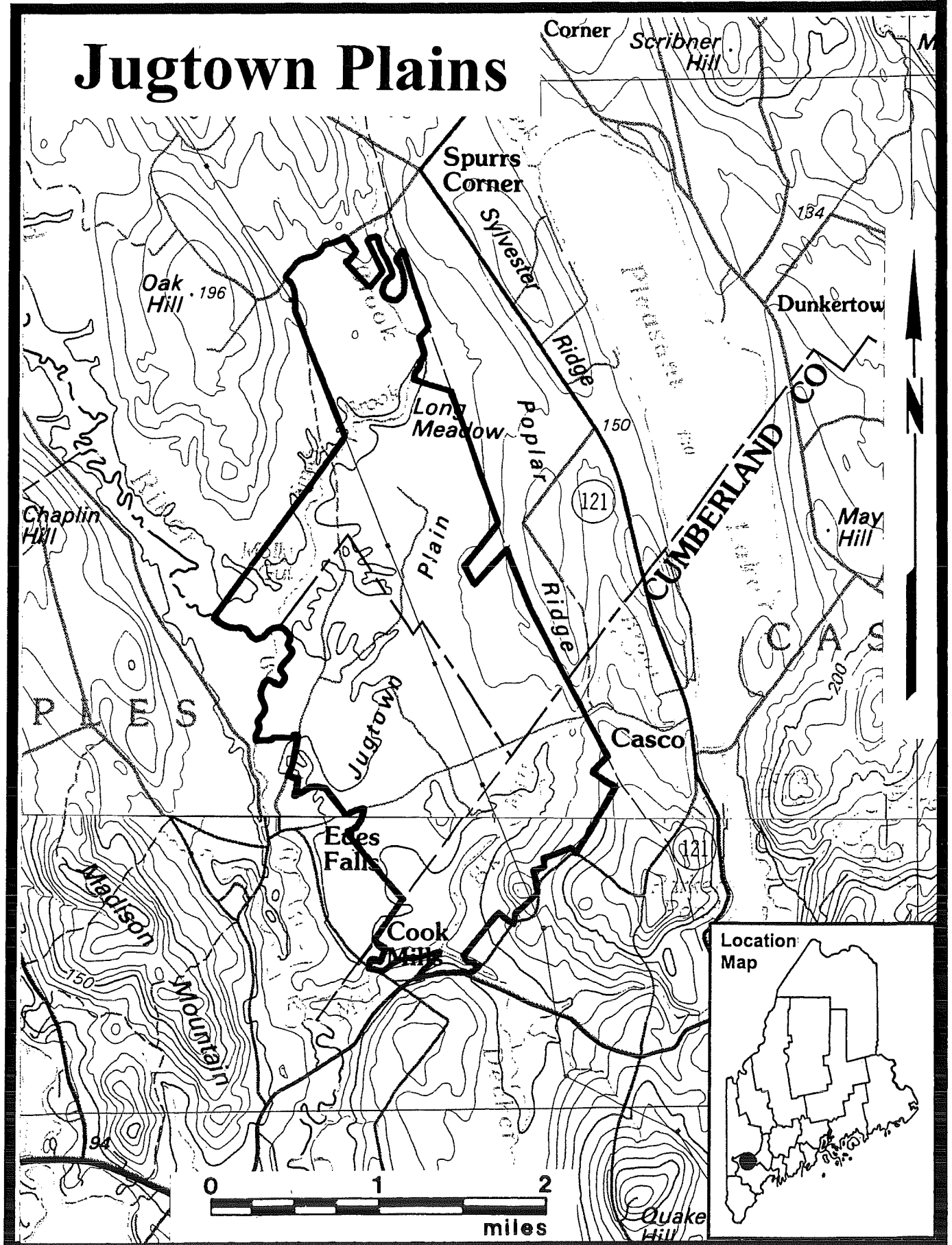
CLOSING DATE: December 30, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Jugtown Plains Project is a conservation effort of statewide significance to conserve and protect rare, threatened, and endangered natural communities and plant habitats in Southern Maine. This project involves the purchase of a conservation easement covering 3,281 acres of managed forest lands to protect a multiple use working forest from development, secure existing recreational river access, and conserve one of the state's rarest natural plant community. At the heart of the property is a 250 acre, "intact and largely undisturbed", pitch pine-heath natural community which is rated as an extremely rare plant community in Maine and considered the best example of its kind in the northeast region.

This "working forest" easement is the first of its kind in Southern Maine. An innovative partnership of forestry, conservation, and public interests working cooperatively to craft a working forest easement that will help to stabilize the local forest industry, preserve and conserve significant natural values, and secure appropriate public access. The forest land will continue to be managed as a timber supply for local mills, and the TNC, under a management agreement with the Bureau of Parks and Lands, will monitor the easement and work with the land owner on a plan to protect and maintain the pitch pine-heath natural community. This project is expected to be a model for similar lands in Southern Maine.

Jugtown Plains



SUMMARY OF THE KENNEBEC HIGHLANDS ACQUISITIONS

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation Lands of Regional Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 5,252 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase and donation of multiple parcels in fee simple, held by the Department of Conservation

LOCATION: Mount Vernon, Rome, Vienna, Kennebec Co; New Sharon, Franklin Co.

PUBLIC ACCESS: From Rte 27, Watson Pond Road, and Rte 41

SELLERS: David Pillsbury; Nathaniel Robinson Heirs; Dolley Trust; Bonnie Bean, Lana Overlook & Rosalie St. Pierre; Buckfield Timber; Eugene Lambert; ILC Timberlands; H.C. Haynes Inc.; David & Jennifer Marsteller, Roger & Kathleen Nace, and Stephen & Valerie Taylor; Blood Timberlands, LLC; and Robert & Janice Hall.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,507,630

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$2,452,730

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

BOND FUNDS:

CASH - \$453,586

LAND COSTS - \$1,915,144

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$84,000

OTHER COSTS - \$48,334

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$97,709, and land donations valued at \$381,567

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS - \$66,365

CLOSING DATES: July 27, 2000 thru August 28, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A significant regional project, the Kennebec Highlands project is a phased, multi-parcel land conservation project aimed at conserving the natural and recreational values of the Kennebec Highlands, an area of prominent mountain peaks and ridges, marking the northwestern edge of the Kennebec Valley. The Highlands Project encompasses five undeveloped ponds, contains a diverse mix of forest growth and wildlife habitats, and provides for traditional outdoor recreational opportunities.

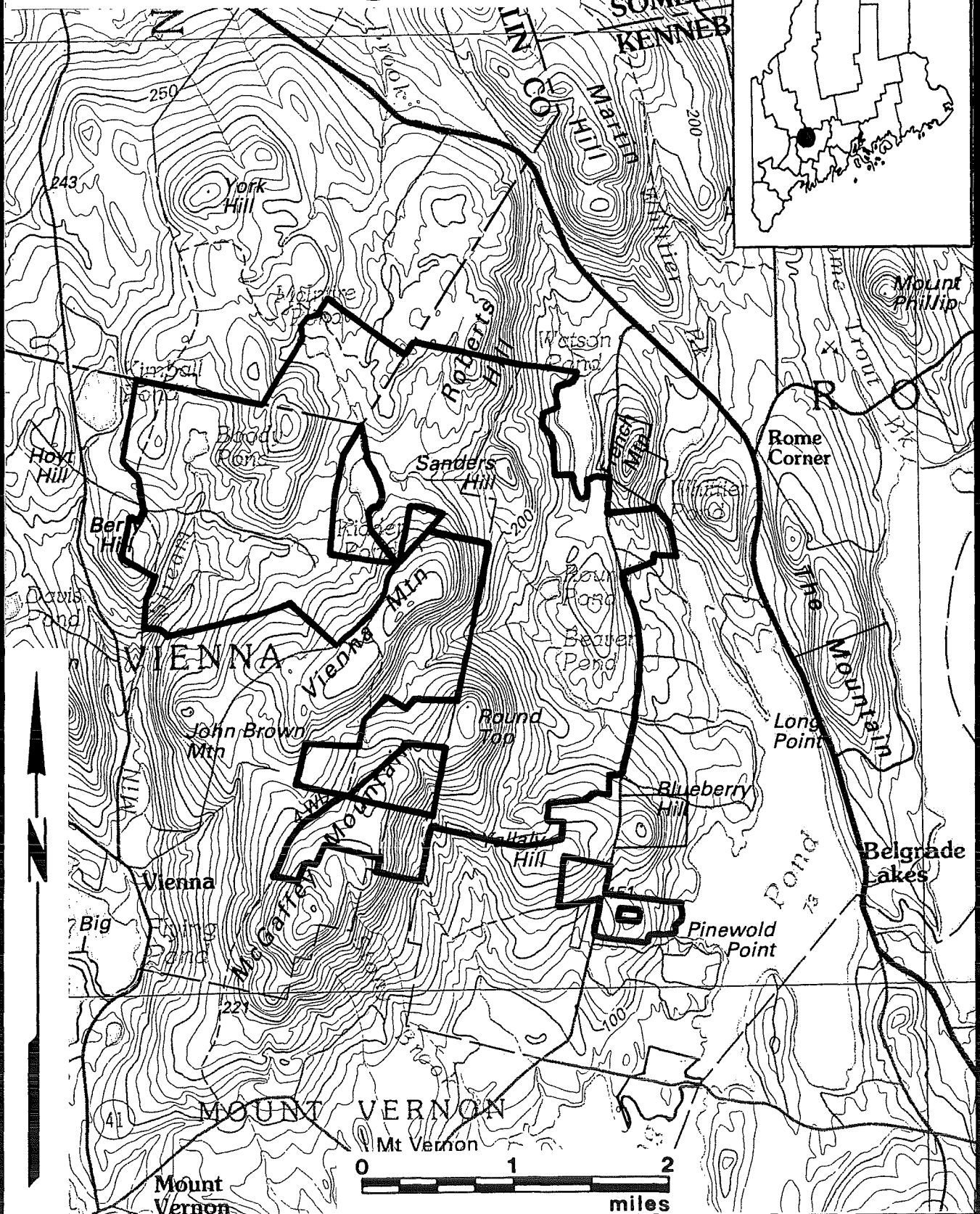
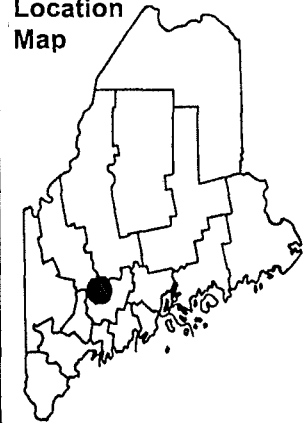
The Kennebec Highlands project as originally envisioned is essentially completed. Eleven parcels have been purchased from willing sellers totaling 4,534 acres, and an additional 718 acres in six parcels have been committed to the project as match for the LMF funds, bringing the total project area to 5,252 acres.

The Kennebec Highlands, owned by the State, will be managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands as multi-use forest and recreational lands, following Bureau policies for the management of public reserved lands. Public access, trail development, and recreational resources will be managed in cooperation with the BRCA and other users to assure reasonable uses of the property in keeping with its conservation objectives.

Vienna selectmen voted to support the purchase of six parcels in Vienna as required when the value exceeds more than 1% of the Towns total property valuation.

Kennebec Highlands

Location
Map



SUMMARY OF THE KENNEBUNK PLAINS ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, The Nature Conservancy, Kennebunk Land Trust, Kennebunk Conservation Commission.

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Lands Containing Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Natural Communities, Plants, or Wildlife Habitat of Statewide Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 644 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee title of three parcels, held by the Dept. IF&W

LOCATION: Kennebunk and Sanford, York County

PUBLIC ACCESS: From Rte 99 and local roads, over existing state lands and the Mousam River

SELLERS: Barry Weyland, Robert Rosenfield, The Nature Conservancy

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

APPRAISED VALUE: \$476,800

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$476,800

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$335,000

OTHER COSTS - \$38,783

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$141,800

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$50,290

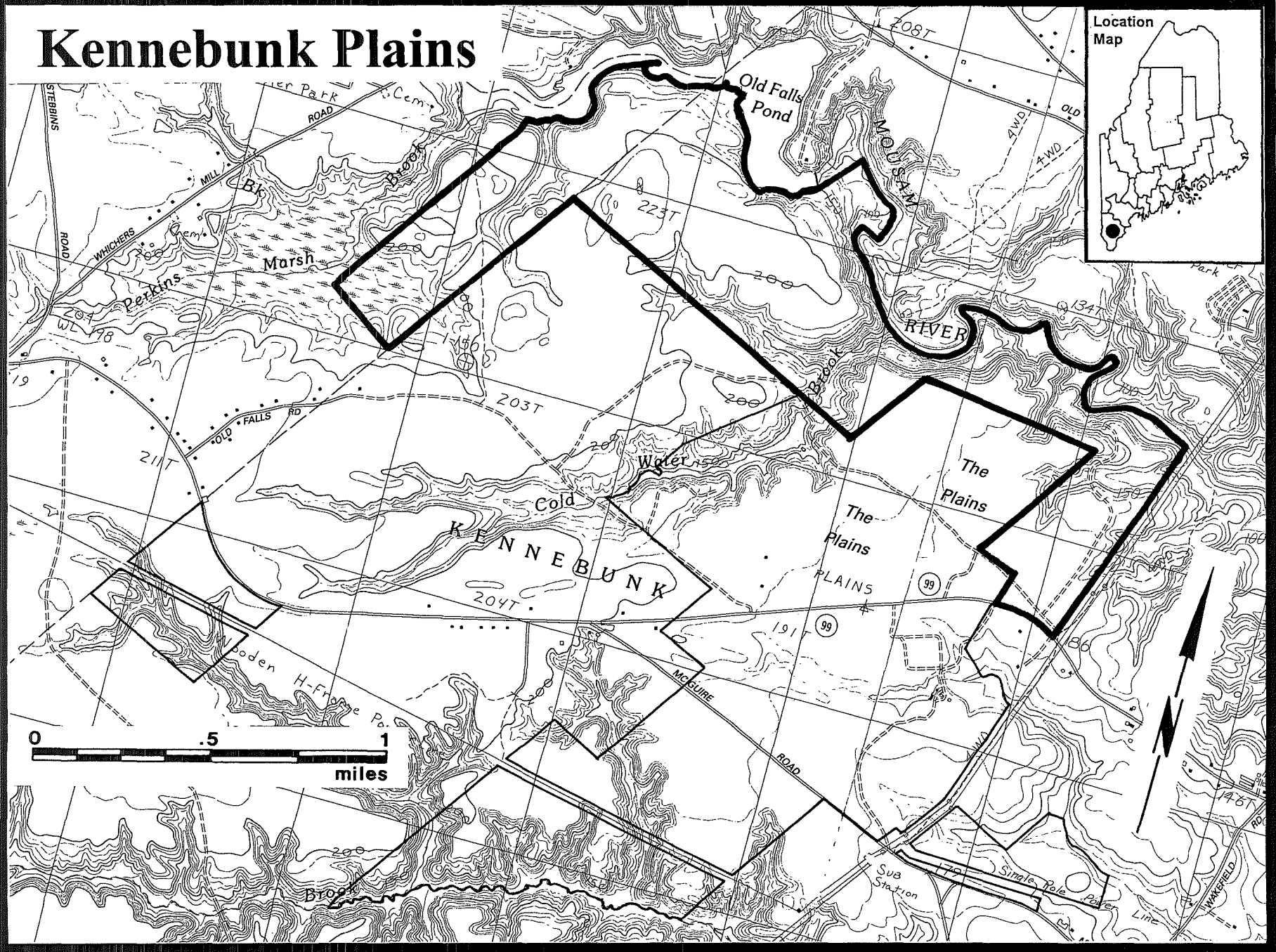
CLOSING DATES: July 11, 2001, September 17, 2001, January 28, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Kennebunk Plains acquisition is a conservation project of statewide significance that adds 644 acres of lands containing rare and endangered plant and wildlife habitats to the Kennebunk Plains Wildlife Management Area. This WMA contains a significant part of the Kennebunk Plains, the largest intact sand plain grassland ecosystem remaining in New England. The project lands include grasslands, surrounding forested buffer areas, and 3.5 miles of riverfront along the Mousam River.

The Kennebunk Plains support populations of rare plants and forest communities, and provide critical habitat for a full range of grassland bird species, as well as, the Black Racer a rare snake in Maine. The Kennebunk Plains Wildlife Management Area is managed to maintain and enhance grassland conditions. This addition provides a critical management buffer for prescribed fires that are used to maintain the natural conditions and functions of the grasslands. In addition, public access to a major section of the Mousam River is secured for outdoor recreational activities.

Kennebunk Plains



SUMMARY OF THE LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PARK ACQUISITION

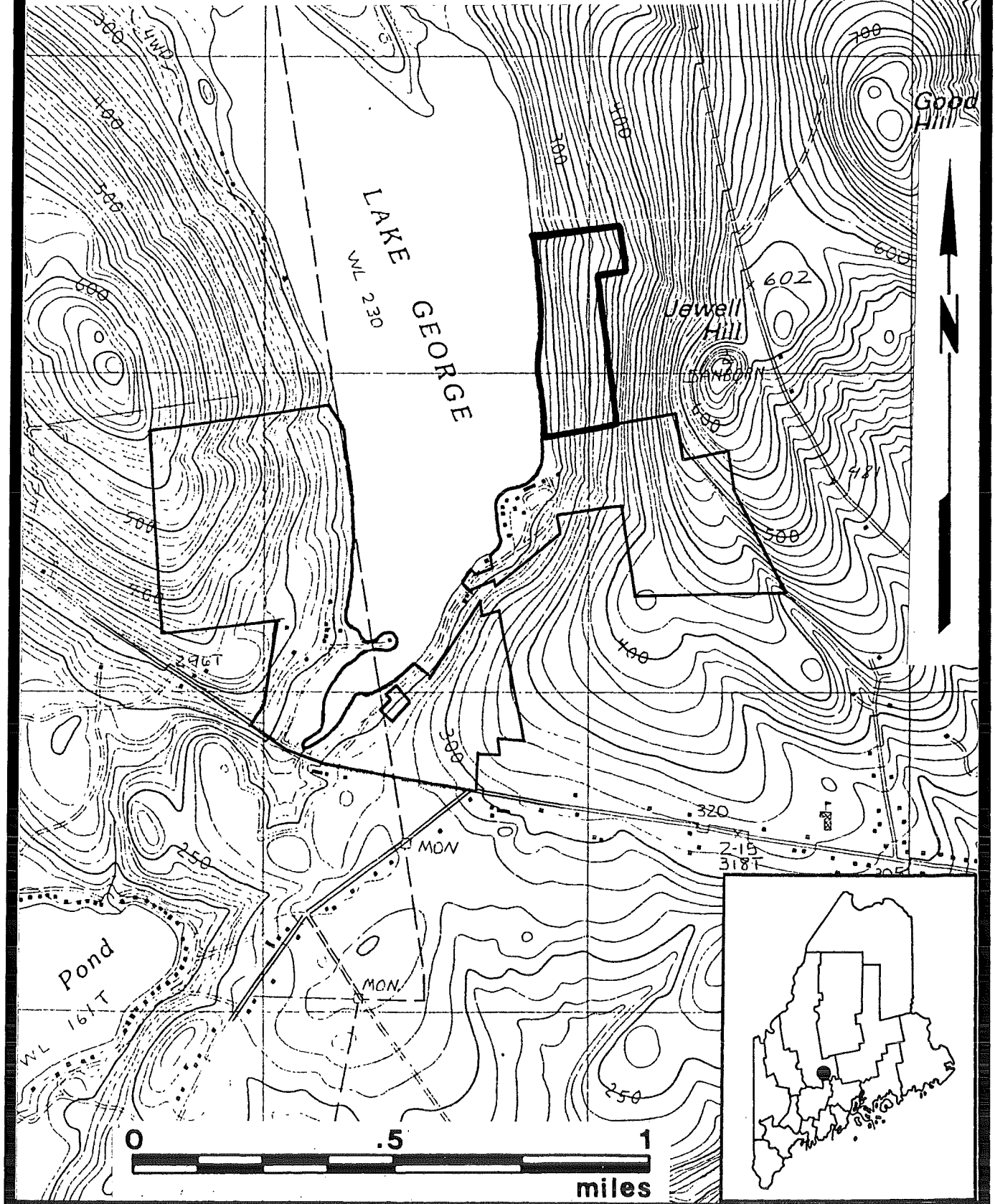
CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Lake George Corporation, Department of Conservation
LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation Lands of Regional Significance
PROJECT ACREAGE: 36.72 acres
PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee title, held by the Dept of Conservation
LOCATION: Canaan, Somerset County
PUBLIC ACCESS: Lake George Regional Park
SELLERS: Arlyne R. Sacks
AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Conservation
APPRAISED VALUE: \$55,484
FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$55,484
BOND FUNDS:
 LAND COSTS - \$ 36,989
 OTHER COSTS - \$5,661
 ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS - \$2,775
MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:
 CASH - \$18,495
 BARGAIN SALE VALUE -
 OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$20,341
CLOSING DATE: December 18, 2001

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Lake George Regional Park acquisition is a conservation project of regional significance that adds nearly 37 acres of prime lake shore and recreational open space land to Lake George Regional Park, a popular regional park providing day-use recreation, swimming, boat access, and outdoor educational opportunities for the residents of Canaan, Skowhegan, and surrounding communities.

The addition of this parcel to the Lake George Regional Park expands and enhances a unique lake-side "State Park" owned by the State of Maine, but leased through inter-local agreement by the Towns of Skowhegan and Canaan, and managed for public use by the Lake George Corporation, a nonprofit organization.

Lake George Regional Park



SUMMARY OF THE LAKESIDE ORCHARD AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

LAND CATEGORY: Farmland Protection

PROJECT ACREAGE: 188.88 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of development rights and grant of right of first refusal, held by Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

LOCATION: Manchester, Kennebec County

SELLER: Lakeside Orchards, Inc.

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

APPRAISED VALUE: \$379,410

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$379,410

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$189,705

OTHER COSTS - \$51,571

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$189,705 .

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS -

CLOSING DATE: May 22, 2002

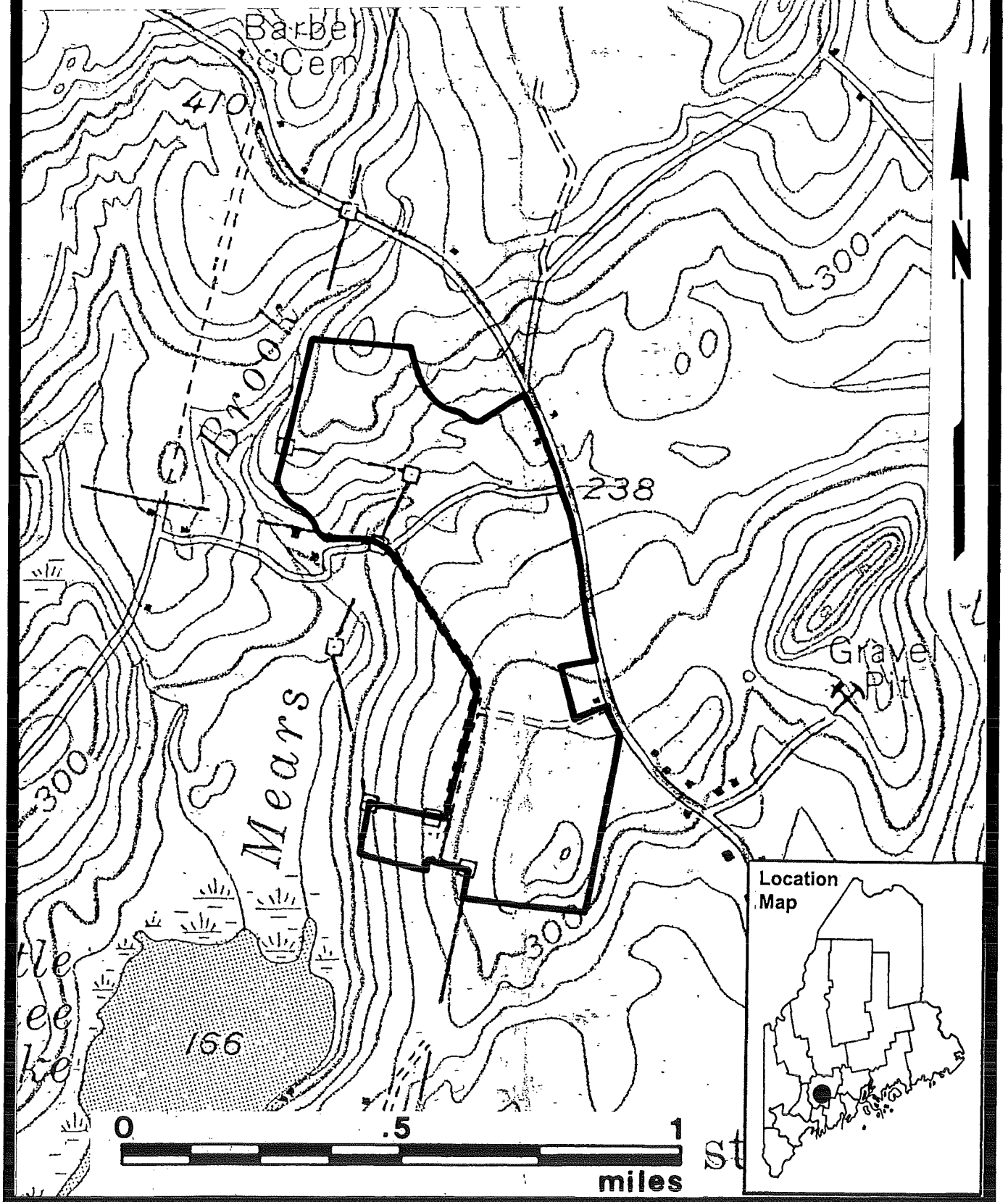
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Lakeside Orchard is a well established fixture in the rural landscape of central Maine, located on busy state route 17 just minutes from the major urban centers of Kennebec County. Since the late 1800's, Central Maine families have visited Lakeside Orchards to pick their own apples and pears, as well as, enjoy the expansive scenic views created by the property's combination of gently sloping terrain, flowering fruit trees in season, and open fields.

The purchase of development rights in the form of an agricultural conservation easement assures that the farm will remain in agricultural use, maintaining its scenic and open space values for the larger community. To ensure that the property will be sold only at its value as a "working farm" at the time of a future sale, an assignable option is held in perpetuity by the Department of Agriculture thus allowing the Department to assure that a farmer buyer maintains the land as an active farm.

Traditional public use of the property is accommodated in ways that do not interfere with farming operations during day light hours.

Lakeside Orchards



SUMMARY OF THE LITTLE POND ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Department of Conservation, Maine Coast Heritage Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation Lands of Statewide Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 882 acres in two parcels

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of 666 acres with LMF support, plus an additional 216 acres, held by the Department of Conservation.

LOCATION: Franklin, Hancock County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Local public roads and via trails from adjacent public lands

SELLER: Fiery Mountain Realty Trust

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$275,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$175,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$100,000

OTHER COSTS - \$585

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$75,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$100,000

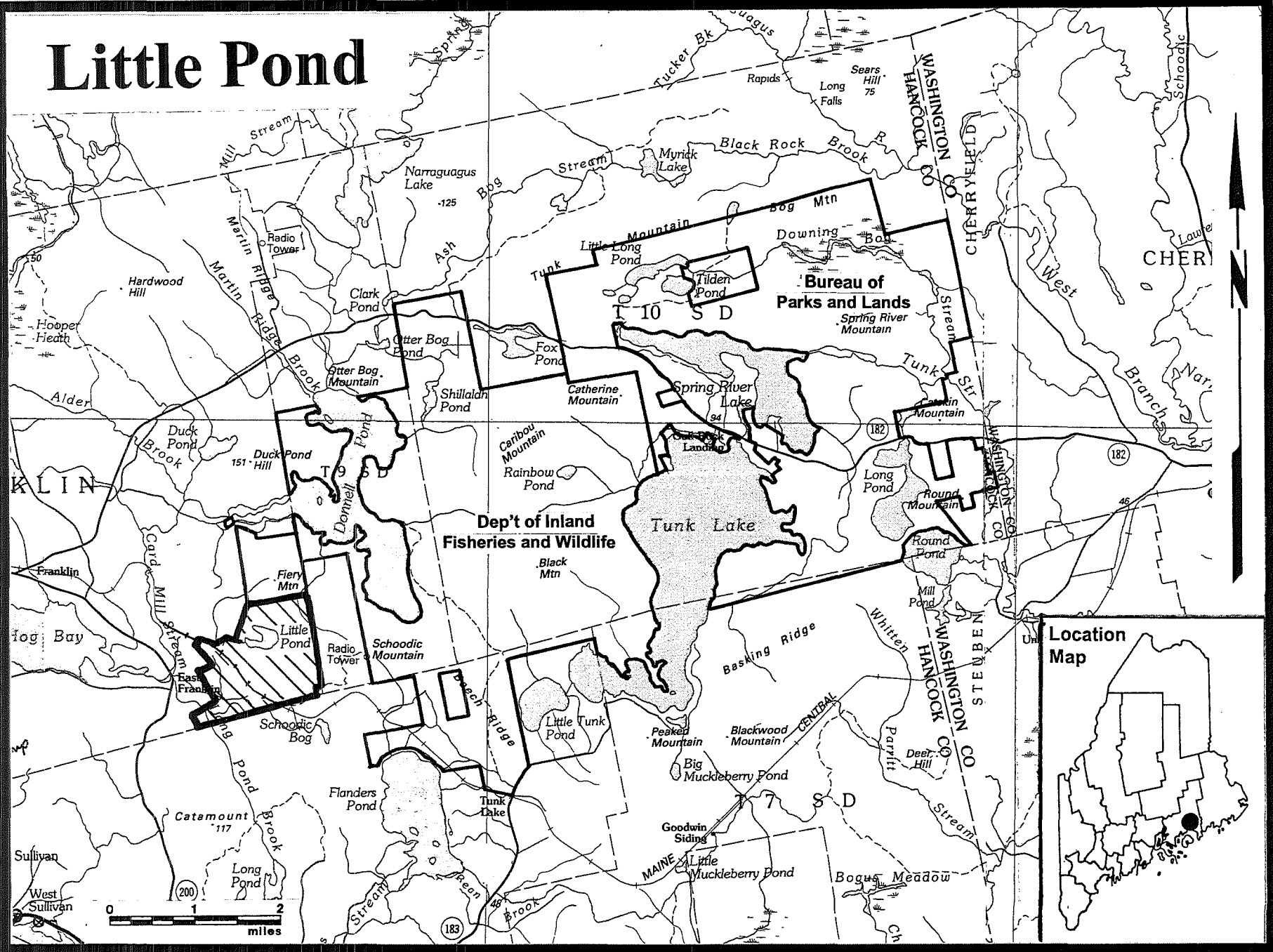
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$157,359

CLOSING DATE: July 15, 2001

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Little Pond acquisition is a conservation project of statewide significance. The acquisition occurred in two parts - the purchase with LMF funds of 666 acres of land on which the State already held a conservation easement, and the purchase of an additional 216 acres to complete the protection of 882 acres of undeveloped land, including Little Pond in its entirety, as a strategic addition to the State's Public Reserve Lands in Hancock County. Little Pond is a gem lake with a diverse shoreline of coves, beaches, and granite outcroppings offering a spectacular setting for many day use or camping opportunities. This property lying adjacent to the Donnell Pond Management Unit provides key trail linkages between the state-owned Fiery Mountain and Donnell Pond Boat Launch to the north and the popular western access route to Schoodic Mountain to the south.

Little Pond



SUMMARY OF THE MEREPOINT ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LAND CATEGORY: Coastal Water Access

PROJECT ACREAGE: 5.48 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase in fee simple and held by IF&W

LOCATION: Brunswick, Cumberland County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Merepoint Road

SELLER: Middle Bay Yacht Club

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

APPRAISED VALUE: \$245,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$245,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$163,333

OTHER COSTS - \$12,989

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS - \$12,250

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$81,667

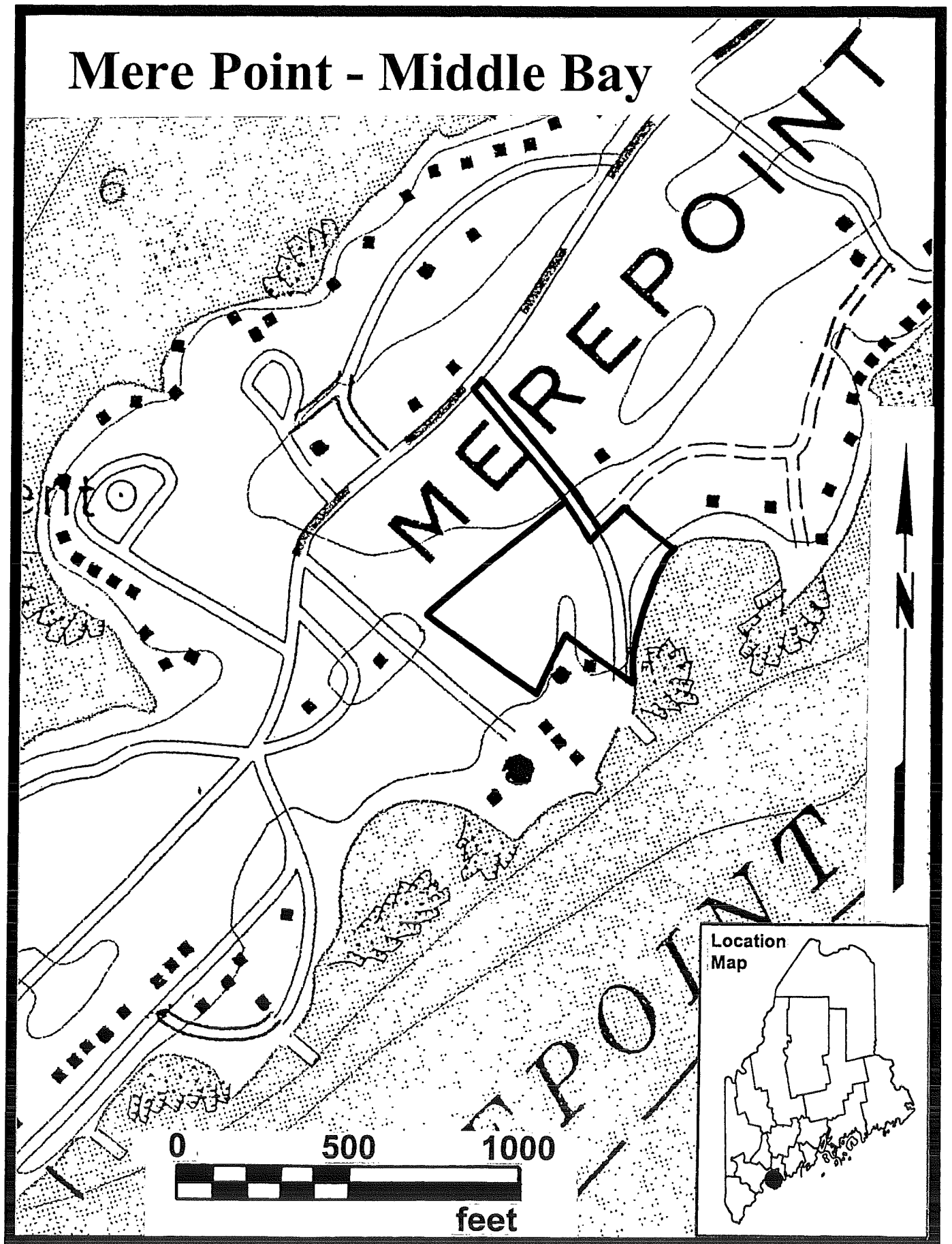
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$4,033

CLOSING DATE: March 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purchase of this 5.48 acre parcel secures a site for the development of an all-tides boat launch and water access facility on Merepoint Neck in upper Casco Bay. This site will provide much needed boating and fishing access to Middle Bay in the upper reaches of Casco Bay, a high priority area for new boating access. Facility design and site development will be done by the Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as resources allow. It is anticipated that the site owned by the State of Maine, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, once developed, will be operated and maintained by the Town of Brunswick as a municipal water access site open to all of the public.

Mere Point - Middle Bay



SUMMARY OF THE MORONG COVE ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Dept of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Lands Supporting Vital Ecological and Conservation Functions and Values of Statewide Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 136 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee ownership, held by the Dept of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

LOCATION: Lubec, Washington County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Straight Bay Road, West Lubec or Morong Cove via water route.

SELLER: Merrill Mahar

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

APPRAISED VALUE: \$200,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$200,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$130,000

OTHER COSTS - \$9,000

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING FUNDS:

CASH - \$70,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS -

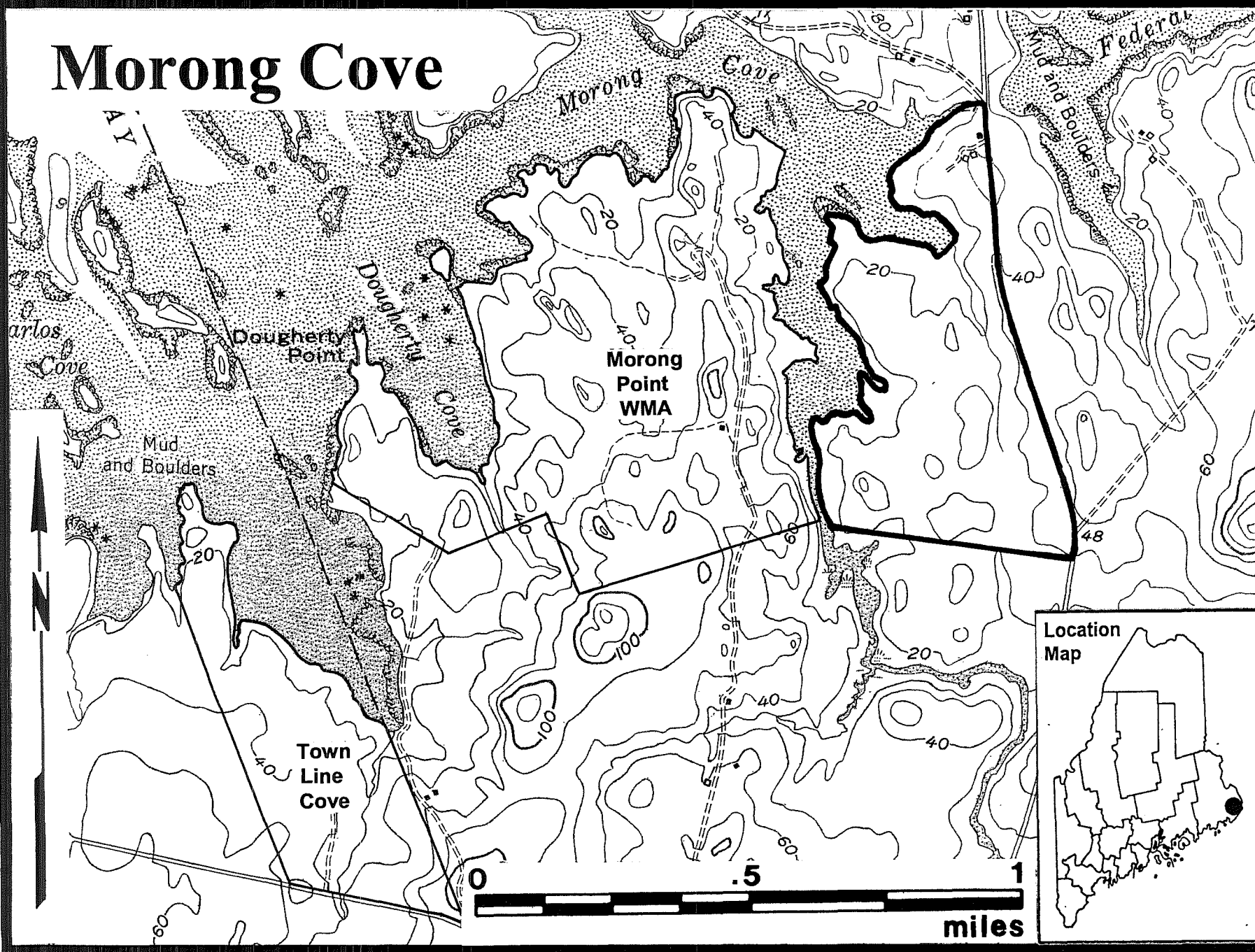
CLOSING DATE: July 24, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Morong Cove acquisition is a conservation project of statewide significance that protects 136 acres of undeveloped coastline and coastal wetlands containing vital ecological and conservation functions and values. This acquisition by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, working with the assistance of the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, adds to the emerging pattern of protected wetlands and waterfowl habitats in the Morong Point Wildlife Management Area. This property provides access to the shore from adjacent public roads, as well as, scenic vistas and opportunities for wildlife observation.

The property owned and managed by IF&W as an extension of its adjacent Wildlife Management Area. Public access opportunities will be enhanced, and some vegetation management will be practiced to maintain or enhance habitat values.

Morong Cove



SUMMARY OF THE MOUNT ABRAHAM ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Appalachian Trail Conference, The Nature Conservancy, and Department of Conservation

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Lands Containing Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Natural Communities, Plants, or Wildlife Habitats of Statewide Significance.

PROJECT ACREAGE: 5,164 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee title plus land donations, held by the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Mount Abram and Salem Townships, Franklin Co.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Provided via the Fire Warden's Trail from Kingfield and the Mt Abraham Side Trail from the Appalachian Trail

SELLER: Plum Creek Timberlands, LLC

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$410,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$410,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$273,333

OTHER COSTS - \$6,549

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$136,667

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

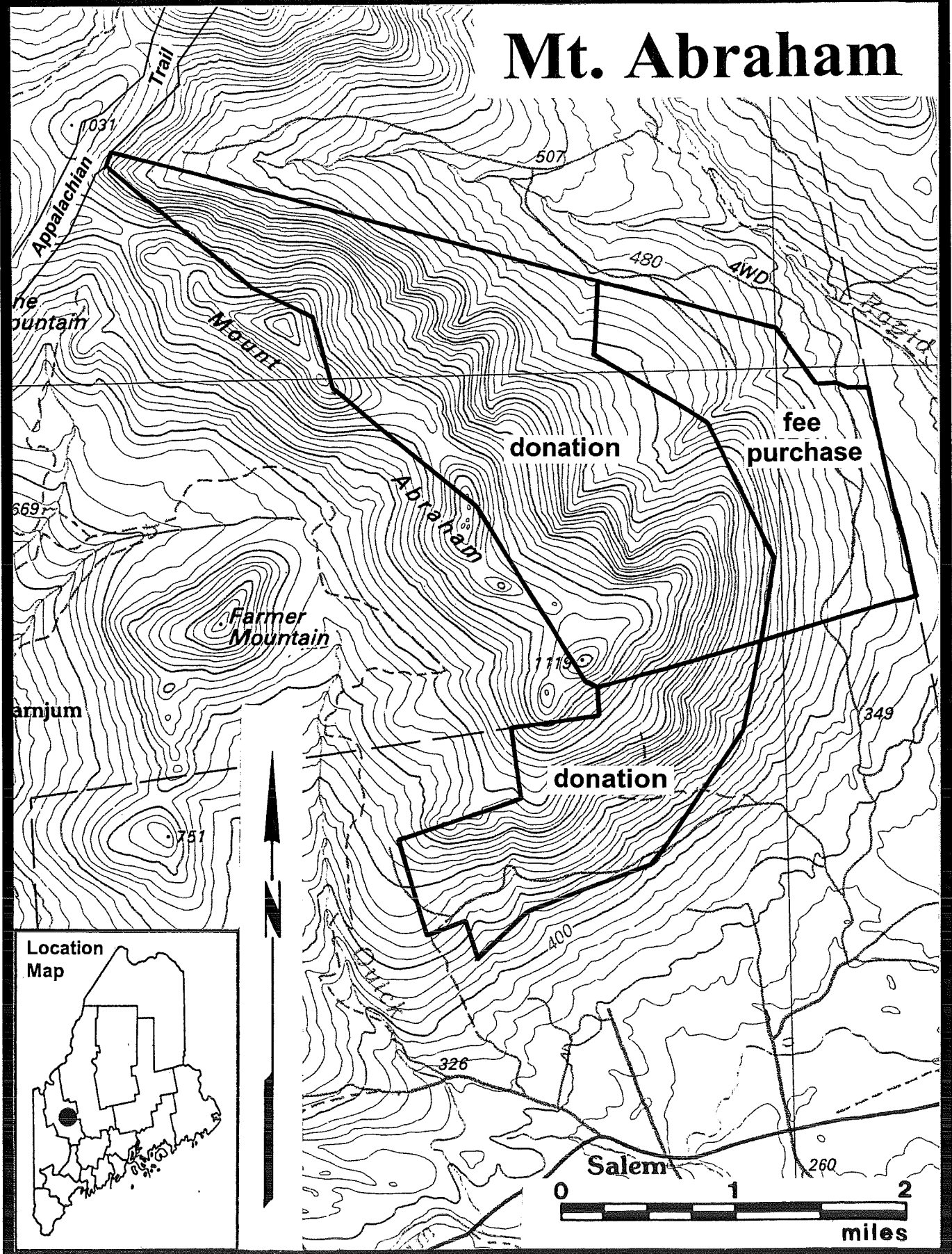
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - Donation of 4,033 acres in two parcels valued at \$1,238,500

CLOSING DATE: September 19, 2001

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Mount Abraham acquisition is a conservation project of statewide significance that protects lands containing rare and endangered natural communities and plant habitats in northern Maine. The fee purchase of 1026 acres coupled with the generous donation of 4033 acres of additional ridge line and mountain side lands by the ATC to the State (backed up by a Conservation Easement held by The Nature Conservancy) are the essential elements of an effort by the Appalachian Trail Conference, The Nature Conservancy, and others to create the Mount Abraham Ecological Reserve that will be managed by the State as part of a recently established system of reserves on public lands. This project protects the rare plant and animal habitats, scenic qualities, and existing hiking trails found on Mt Abraham. The Mount Abraham Ecologic Reserve is the first to be created through public purchase and land donations.

Mt. Abraham



SUMMARY OF MOUNT AGAMENTICUS INITIATIVE ACQUISITIONS

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, York Land Trust, Great Works Regional Land Trust, and The Nature Conservancy

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Lands Containing Rare, Threatened or Endangered Natural Communities, Plants, and Wildlife Habitat of Statewide Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 305 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee title, held by Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LOCATION: Elliot, So. Berwick, York; York County

PUBLIC ACCESS: via local public roads, adjacent public lands, and established trails

SELLERS: Estate of David L. Brooks, York Land Trust, Great Works Regional Land Trust, and The Nature Conservancy

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

APPRAISED VALUE: \$369,600

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$225,284

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$255,284

OTHER COSTS - \$ 19,314

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$ 14,300

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$ 114,316

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$12,676

CLOSING DATE: Closings as of December 30, 2002

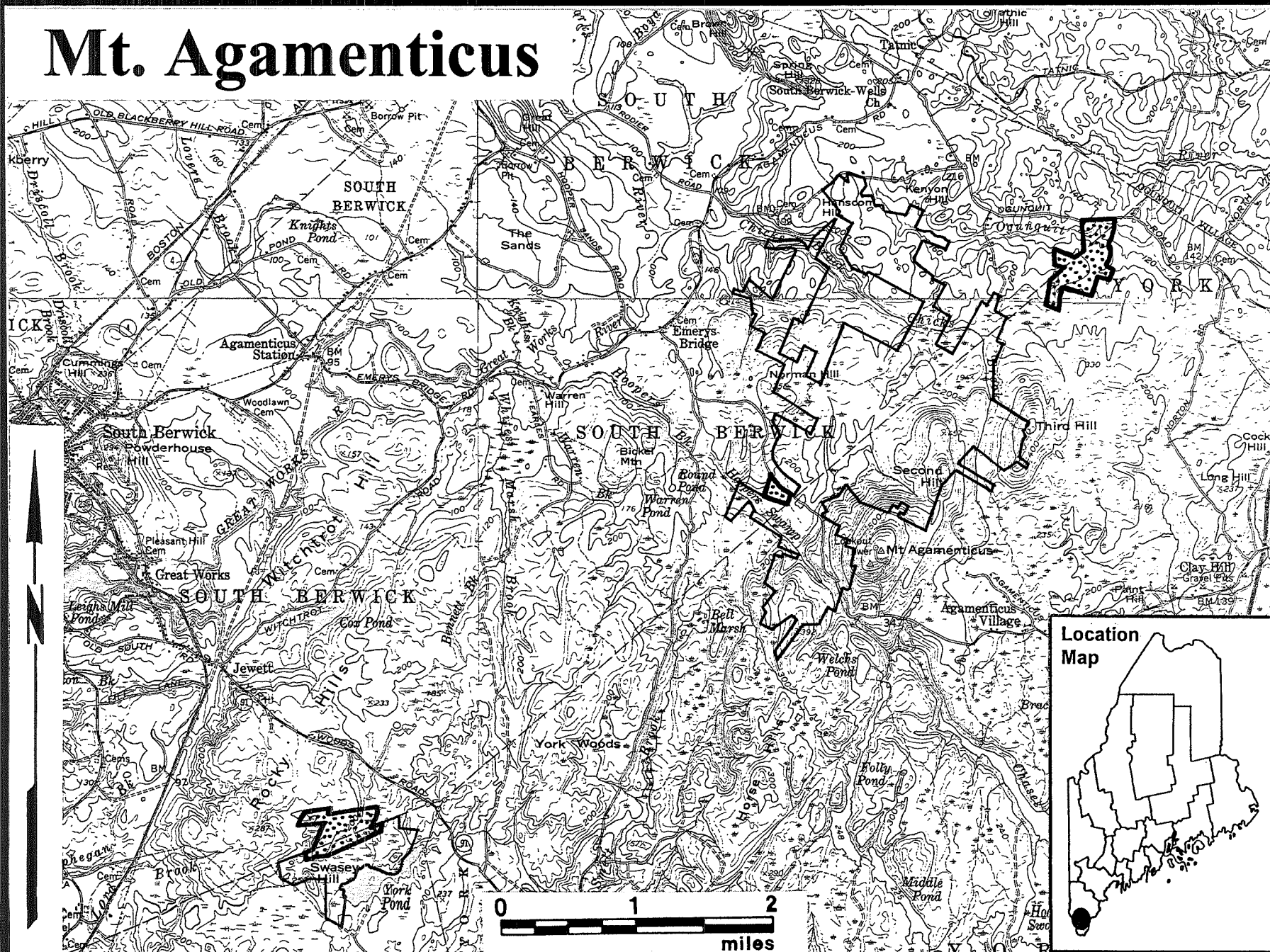
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Mount Agamenticus Initiative is a multi-parcel conservation project of statewide significance that protects lands containing rare and endangered natural communities, plants, or wildlife in Southern Maine. The project intent is to acquire parcels with the highest habitat values that will connect existing conservation lands and secure recreational opportunities in the Mount Agamenticus Conservation Area.

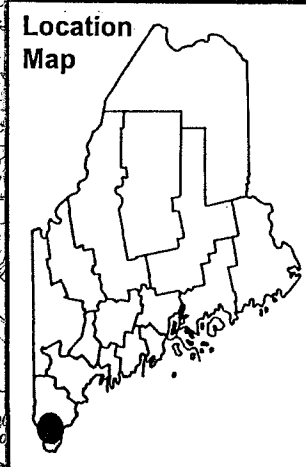
The Mount Agamenticus Initiative has roots reaching back to 1988, and before, when the LMF Board made a million dollar investment to acquire conservation lands around the mountain, adding to earlier municipal efforts to protect the mountain and provide valuable and much needed outdoor recreational space in southern Maine. Since then the Initiative partners have been actively pursuing opportunities to add critical habitat and undeveloped land to the conservation area. The four parcels covered in this acquisition summary adds another 305 acres of wildlife habitat and recreational lands to the conservation area.

Overall, the Mount Agamenticus Conservation Initiative includes lands owned by Towns, local and regional Land Trusts, Water Districts, The Nature Conservancy, and the State of Maine. State lands are held by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and managed as part of the Mount Agamenticus Wildlife Management Area, Maine's southern most WMA.

Mt. Agamenticus



Location Map



SUMMARY OF THE MT BLUE/TUMBLEDOWN PHASE I & II ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Department of Conservation, Trust for Public Lands, Tumbledown Conservation Alliance

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation Lands of Statewide Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: Phase I - 2,468 acres Phase II - 3,778 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Phase I - Purchase in fee ownership and held by the Dept. of Conservation
Phase II - Purchase in fee simple and held by the Dept. of Conservation

LOCATION: Phase I - Weld, Temple, Franklin Co.
Phase II - Weld & Twp. 6 North of Weld, Franklin Co.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Phase I - Temple Road, Mt Blue Road / Phase II - Byron Road

SELLER: Phase I - New River-Franklin, Ltd / Phase II - Hancock Timber Resources Group

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: Phase I - \$1,075,000 / Phase II - \$2,050,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: Phase I - \$980,000 / Phase II - \$2,050,000

BOND FUNDS:

Phase I - LAND COSTS - \$ 500,000 Phase II - LAND COSTS - \$1,150,000

OTHER COSTS - \$30,994 OTHER COSTS - \$975

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS - ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

Phase I - CASH - \$480,000 Phase II - CASH - \$900,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

CLOSING DATE: Phase I - December 19, 2001 Phase II - November 26, 2002

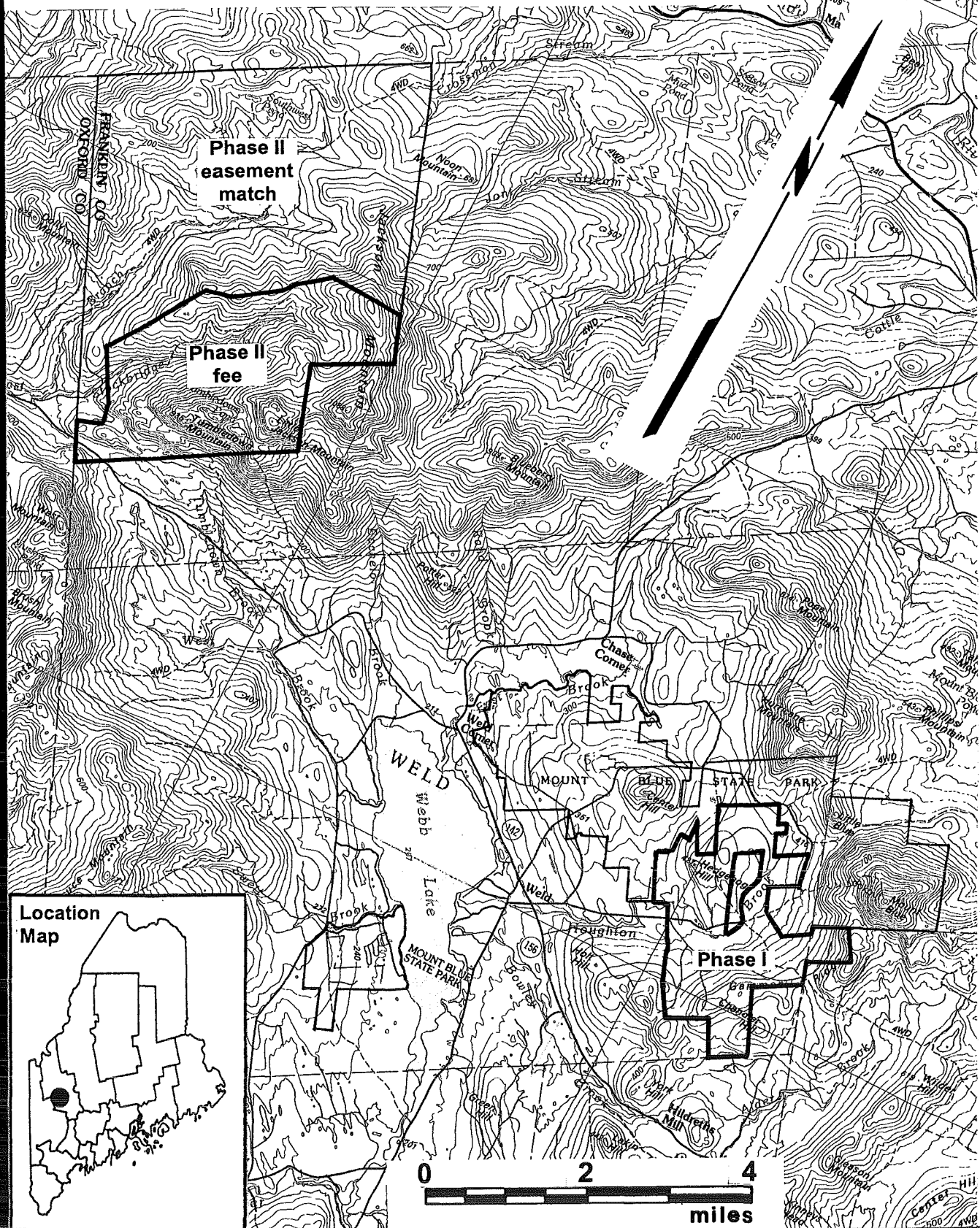
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Initially proposed as a concept project, the Mt Blue/Tumbledown initiative is a conservation project of statewide significance designed as a multi-year, multi-landowner effort put together by the Department of Conservation and its partners to conserve Tumbledown Mountain and the Jackson Range, as well as, create linkages and add critical in-holdings to Mount Blue State Park. Phase I of this project is the purchase of a major land ownership abutting the south side of the Mt Blue unit of the State Park. Phase II involves the purchase of land to secure the protection and public use of the popular Tumbledown Mountain area.

Phase I: This purchase of 2,445 acres of land, including most of Hedgehog Hill, is a major addition of undeveloped forest lands suitable for outdoor recreation to the existing State Park. These lands fill in and connect existing park lands around Mt Blue and Center Hill area. This addition roughly doubles the area of the State Park, incorporating existing trail systems and adding new terrain that protects natural values, and preserves open space.

Phase II: This 3,778 acre acquisition by the Department of Conservation includes the peaks of Tumbledown, Little Jackson, and Jackson Mountain, as well as linking hiking trail segments. An additional (non-LMF supported) purchase of a conservation easement by the Dept. of Conservation on 7,832 acres of adjacent land to the north provides a buffer to these outstanding conservation lands and assures continued public access to the larger Tumbledown area.

Mt. Blue - Tumbledown, Phase I & II



SUMMARY OF THE PETTEGROW BEACH ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Town of Machaisport

LAND CATEGORY: Coastal Water Access

PROJECT ACREAGE: 1.8 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase in fee held by the Town of Machaisport under a Project Agreement with the Department of Conservation

LOCATION: Machaisport, Washington County

PUBLIC ACCESS: From public roads

SELLER: Pettegrow Heirs

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$175,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$175,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$116,667

OTHER COSTS - \$1,721

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$58,333

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$1,667

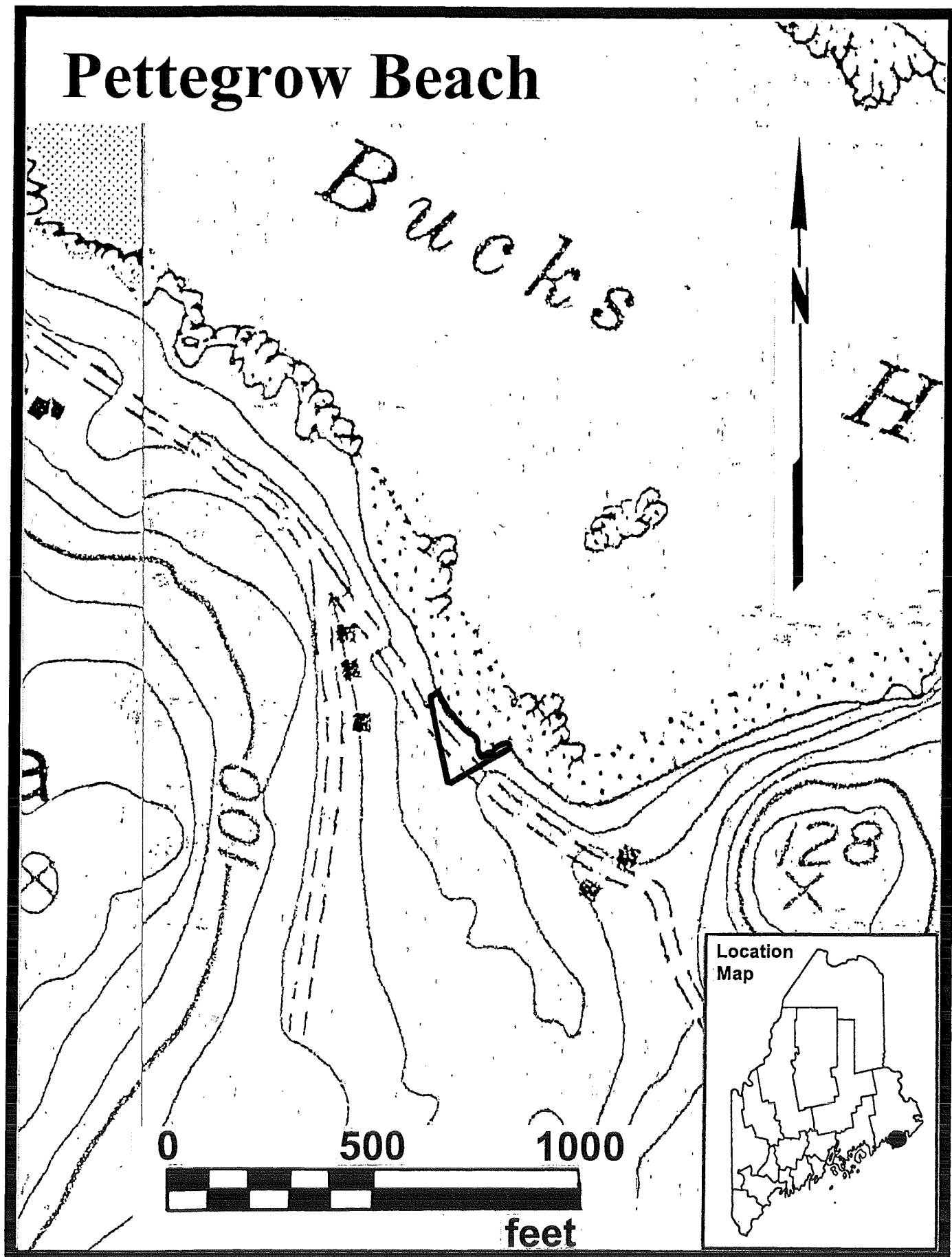
CLOSING DATE: May 29, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This purchase of 1.8 acres of beach land ensures the continued use of the site for fishing and recreational access to the waters of Bucks Harbor and Machias Bay. The beach is heavily used by local fishermen, aqua-culturists, and recreationalists to launch boats and move gear in and out of the water. The Town considers this public purchase to be essential to assuring permanent access to the water, thus helping to protect the local fishing economy.

The property is owned and managed by the Town of Machiasport under the terms of a Project Agreement with the Department of Conservation. All stewardship and management activities are the responsibility of the Town and its Harbor Master, thus guaranteeing public recreational boat access and parking at all times.

Pettegrow Beach



SUMMARY OF THE POCOMOONSHINE LAKE ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LAND CATEGORY: Water Access

PROJECT ACREAGE: 1.3 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Acquisition in fee simple and held by IF&W

LOCATION: Princeton, Washington County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Lake Street

SELLER: Mary Wallace

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

APPRAISED VALUE: \$32,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$32,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$21,333

OTHER COSTS - \$1,759

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$10,667

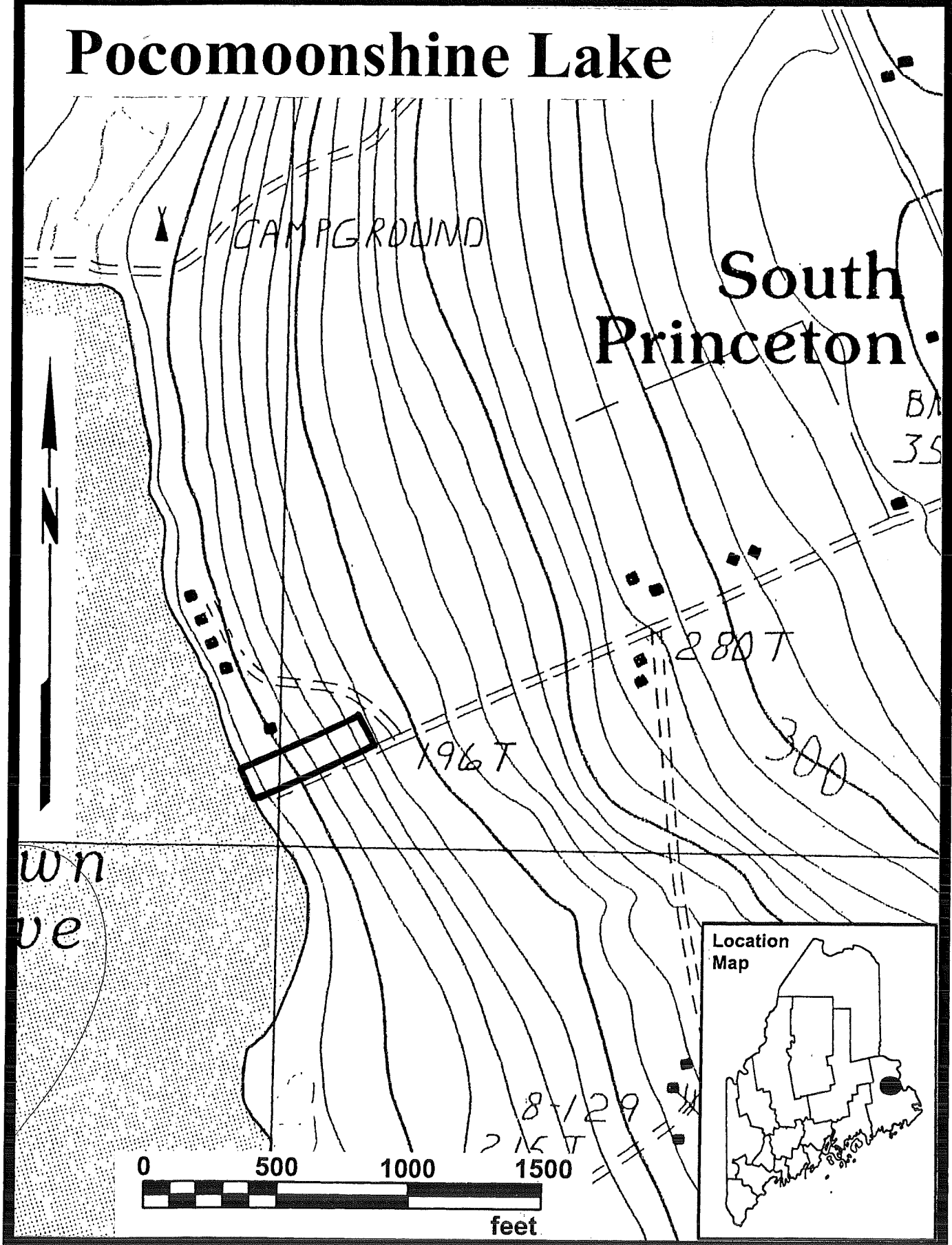
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$880

CLOSING DATE: June 24, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This water access project helps the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to purchase a 1.3 acre lot adjacent to the existing boat ramp on Pocomoonshine Lake in the Town of Princeton. Pocomoonshine Lake is a prime bass fishing lake and the existing site and facilities receive a lot of use. The Department plans to improve the boat access facility and provide additional parking, thus improving public access to the lake for fishing and swimming. The site will be managed by the Town under agreement with the Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Pocomoonshine Lake



SUMMARY OF THE PRESUMPSCOT RIVER BRIDGE SITE ACQUISITION (WALTON PROPERTY)

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Town of Falmouth

LAND CATEGORY: Water Access

PROJECT ACREAGE: 4.4 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee title held by the Town of Falmouth with a Project Agreement with the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Falmouth, Cumberland County

PUBLIC ACCESS: From Allen Avenue Extension

SELLER: Estate of Nancy P. Bent

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$238,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$200,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$158,666

OTHER COSTS - \$5,682

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS - \$11,254

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$ 41,334

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$38,000

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$6,000

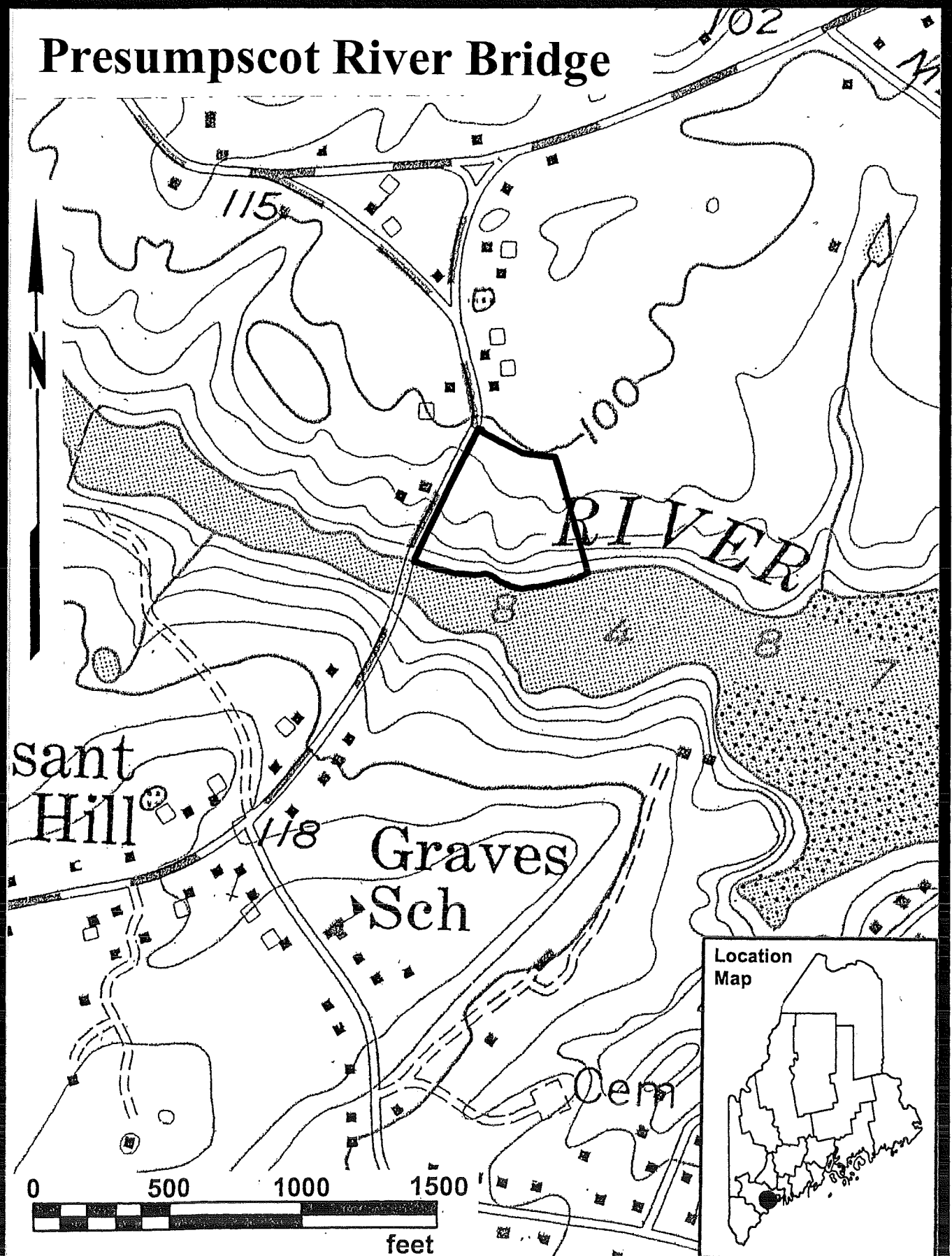
CLOSING DATE: January 31, 2001

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The acquisition of the Walton Property secures boating and fishing access to the Presumpscot River in Falmouth, an identified high priority area for new water access sites and facilities. Acquisition of this 4.40 acre property with 627 feet of frontage on the Presumpscot River provides a unique opportunity to gain public access to the river at a time in history when the river is being reclaimed for its natural values and recreational uses. This access site, when fully developed, will allow canoeists and kayakers to use the upper areas of the Presumpscot estuary and freshwater stretches of the river upstream past the newly exposed Presumpscot Falls all the way to Westbrook.

This property is the downstream link in a effort to conserve lands along the Presumpscot River and to provide an interconnected trail system in the greater Portland area. The property is held by the Town of Falmouth, with a Project Agreement with the Department of Conservation, and managed to provide public access for recreation, nature appreciation, fishing, and hiking activities.

Presumpscot River Bridge



SUMMARY OF THE PRESUMPSCOT RIVER PRESERVE ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Portland Land Bank Commission and Portland Trails

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation Lands of Local Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 103 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee ownership held by City of Portland, and a Project Agreement with the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Portland & Falmouth, Cumberland Co.

PUBLIC ACCESS: From the Curtis Road in suburban North Deering

SELLERS: Lloyd B. Wolf, Bob Adam

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$725,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$725,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$ 483,334

OTHER COSTS - \$3,921

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$241,666

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS -

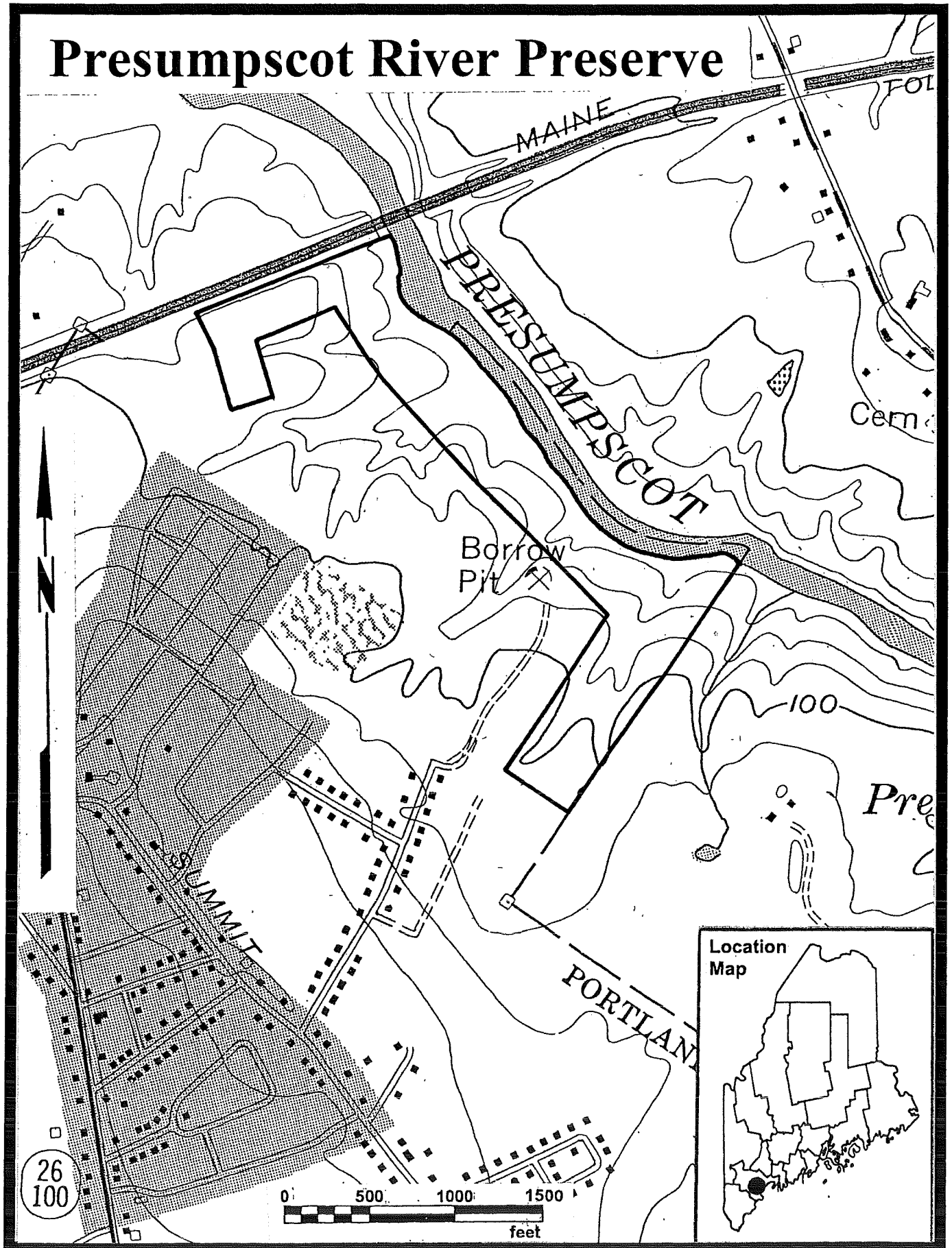
CLOSING DATE: March 26, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Presumpscot River Preserve is a conservation project of local significance that protects a stretch of undeveloped river lands in heavily urbanized Southern Maine. This parcel is an unusual 103 acre property situated on the banks of the Presumpscot River in Portland and Falmouth that retains an essentially unspoiled natural character, with no visible signs of development or improvements. The property is a beautiful, rugged and peaceful wooded setting, with footpaths meandering among large trees, through steep ravines, leading to the ledge-lined banks of the river.

This parcel is owned by the City of Portland in partnership with the Department of Conservation, and is the anchor piece for a river system conservation effort encouraged by the LMF Board. This parcel together with adjacent LMF supported parcels situated around Presumpscot Falls, plus the Walton Property in Falmouth creates an emerging "greenway" corridor along the river that provides opportunities for hiking, fishing and outdoor recreation, protects scenic qualities, and provides critical open space in the heart of a heavily urbanized area. These protected lands along the Presumpscot River provides a critical element in a larger system of planned trails and greenways in the greater Portland area.

Presumpscot River Preserve



SUMMARY OF THE ROBINSON WOODS ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Cape Elizabeth Land Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Conservation and Recreation Lands of Local Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 81.25 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee simple, held by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust with a Project Agreement with the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Shore Road

SELLER: John M. Robinson

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,700,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$1,000,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$250,000

OTHER COSTS - \$5,943

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$750,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$700,000

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$6,826

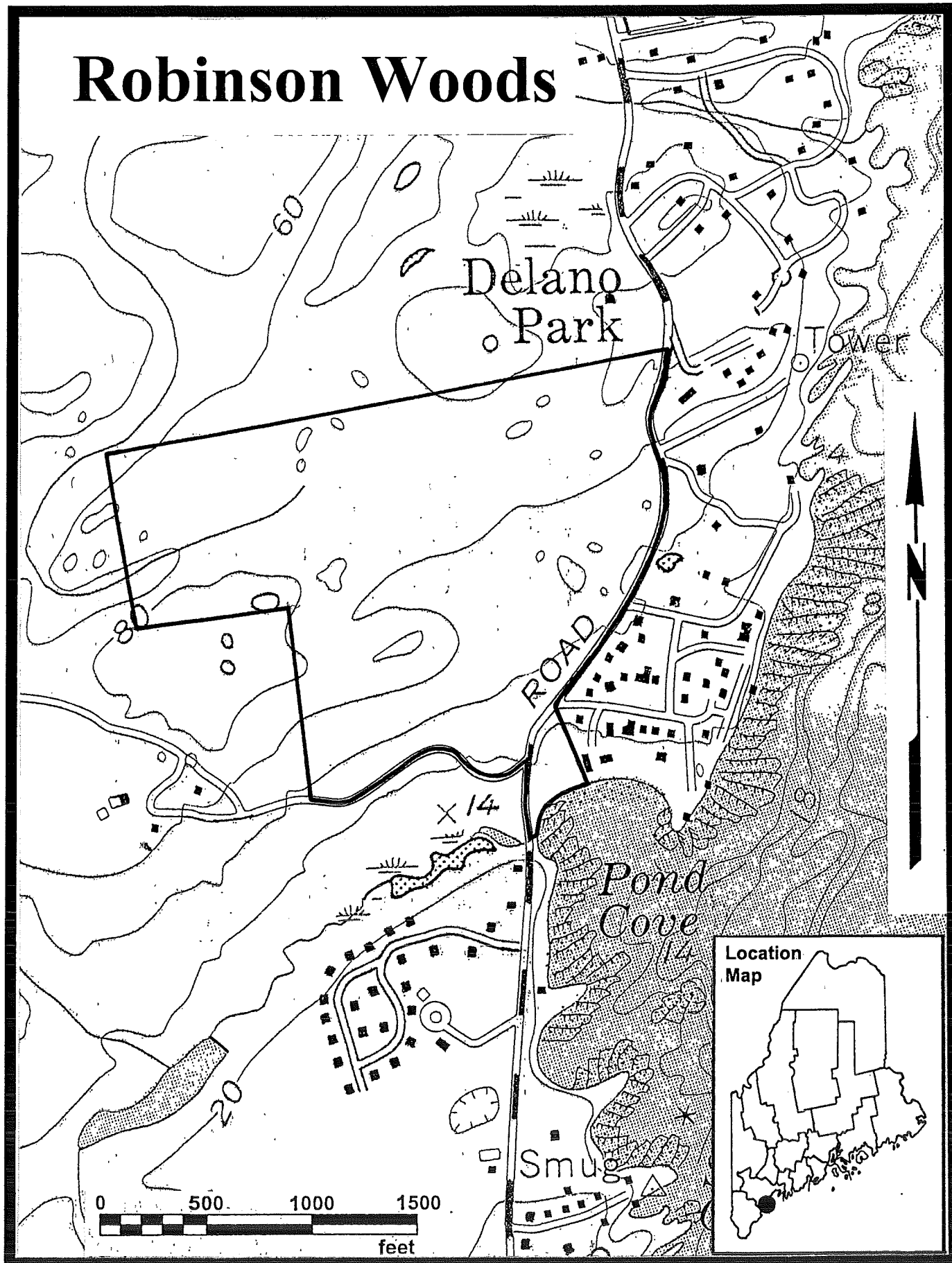
CLOSING DATE: January 15, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Robinson Woods acquisition is a conservation project of local significance that protects open space and recreational lands in urbanized Southern Maine. This project adds 80 acres of mature upland forest and wetlands plus 1 ¼ acres of wooded shore land on Pond Cove to the Town of Cape Elizabeth's planned Greenbelt open space project. Purchase of these lands secures access to an existing trail network and provides protection for a critical link in the greenbelt trail system.

Robinson Woods is owned by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust in partnership with the Department of Conservation, and managed in cooperation with the Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission and other local stewardship volunteers.

Robinson Woods



SUMMARY OF THE ROUND POND/LONG POND ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LAND CATEGORY: Water Access

PROJECT ACREAGE: 19 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee title held by the Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LOCATION: Livermore, Androscoggin County

PUBLIC ACCESS: From Rte 4.

SELLER: Burna Coolidge

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept. IF&W

APPRAISED VALUE: \$120,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$195,000 (Board accepted the higher price to assure closing the deal)

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$ 103,333

OTHER COSTS - \$5,906

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS - \$6,675

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$91,667

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$1,828

CLOSING DATE: December 2000

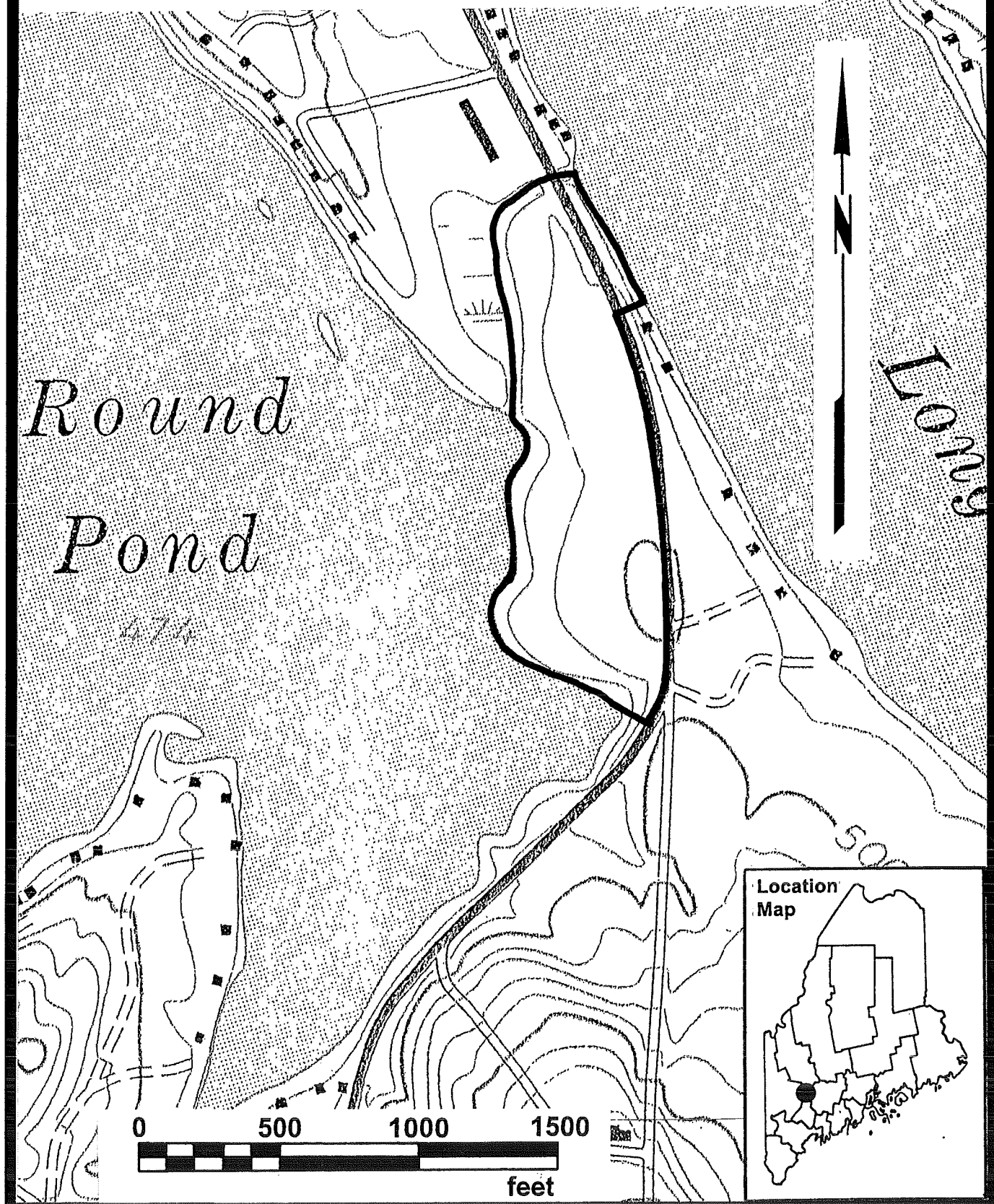
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This water access project involves the purchase of an 18.92 acre parcel, straddling Route 4 in Livermore at the "Pines", which provides boating and public access to both Round and Long Ponds. This purchase secures traditional access and public use of the property for fishing, swimming, picnicking and hiking, as well as, providing space for the development of boat launching and fishing facilities. Known locally as the "Pines", the area is dominated by an "old growth" like stand of large and stately white pines providing a natural backdrop on a property that has been traditionally open to public use.

The DIF&W plans to construct a new public boat launch on Round Pond and make improvements to an existing access site on Long Pond. In addition, a new accessible pathway along the shore of Round Pond will improve access to the swimming and picnicking area.

The property and access facilities are owned by the State, but the Town of Livermore and its Pines Conservation Committee will be responsible for maintaining and managing the property under a long term (30yrs) agreement with IF&W.

The Pines - Round Pond



SUMMARY OF THE SHAWMUT ACCESS ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LAND CATEGORY: Water Access

PROJECT ACREAGE: 32.8 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of fee ownership and held by Dept. IF&W

LOCATION: Fairfield, Kennebec County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Local streets from Rte. 201

SELLER: Huhtamaki Food Services (formerly Chinnet)

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept. Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

APPRAISED VALUE: \$110,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$135,000 (Board accepted the higher price to secure the deal)

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$110,000

OTHER COSTS - \$11,980

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS - \$5,500

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: (Board waived match requirements for this project)

CASH - \$25,000

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$ 21,007

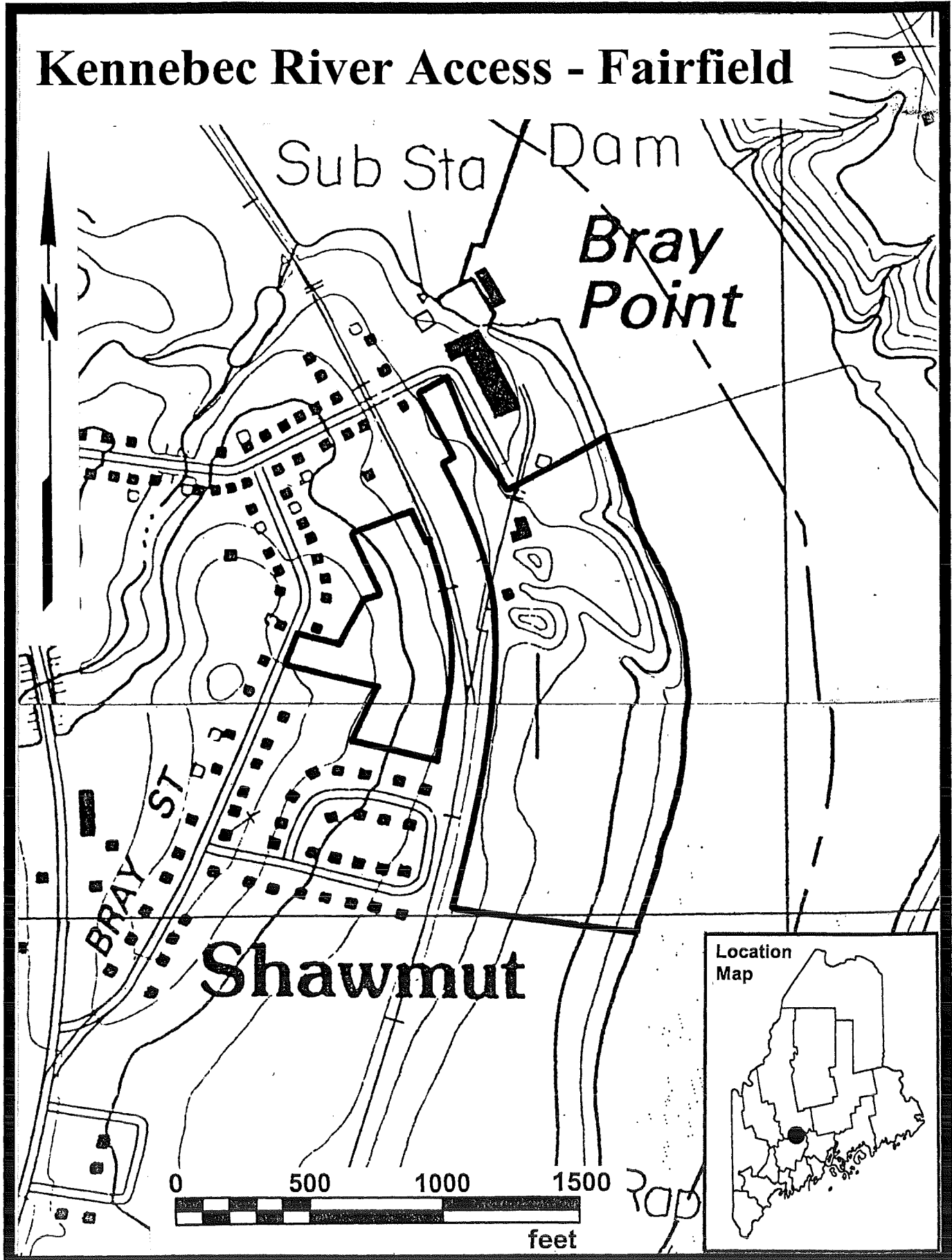
CLOSING DATE: November 9, 2001

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purchase of this 32.8 acre parcel secures public access for fishing and river recreation on the Shawmut reach of the Kennebec River, a stretch of river that offers significant fisheries opportunities of statewide significance and listed as a priority for public access in the 1995 Strategic Plan for Providing Access to Maine Waters for Boating and Fishing. The fisheries resources in this stretch of the Kennebec River are unique, extremely productive, and very accessible for boat, bank, and wading angling. The Shawmut section of the Kennebec is identified as a premiere trophy brown trout fishery in New England. The purchase of this parcel protects an existing canoe portage trail, as well as, providing open space, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities.

This purchase by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife compliments the Department's conservation efforts on adjacent river lands. The site is managed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Access improvements include cleaning up the former industrial site, improving parking, and planning for the appropriate use of upland areas.

Kennebec River Access - Fairfield



SUMMARY OF THE TRUFANT-SUMMERTON LONG REACH FOREST ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, Department of Conservation, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Casco Bay Estuary Program, Maine Audubon Society, Harpswell Conservation Commission, and Harpswell Recreational Committee

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Land Supporting Vital Ecological and Conservation Functions and Values of Regional Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 99 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase in fee, held by the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust with a Project Agreement with the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Harpswell, Cumberland County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Route 24

SELLER: Trufant Farm Trust

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$195,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$148,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$70,728

OTHER COSTS - \$4,125

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$ 77,272

BARGAIN SALE VALUE -

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$37,090

CLOSING DATE: November 18, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Trufant-Summerton Long Reach Forest acquisition is a conservation project of regional significance that will protect and conserve significant wildlife habitats and natural systems in the Casco Bay estuary system of Southern Maine. The 99 acre Trufant-Summerton Long Reach Forest parcel contains freshwater wetlands identified as high value waterfowl habitat, a half mile of undeveloped coastline along Long Reach, and marine wildlife habitat of regional significance. The project area is rated as one of national significance because of the high value near-shore and riparian habitat for federal trust species found on the property. In addition the property is part of a pattern of conserved lands that linked together provide over 500 acres of open space, recreational lands, and wildlife habitats.

The parcel is owned and managed by the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust in partnership with the Department of Conservation. The property will be managed to protect critical wildlife values and provide appropriate public outdoor recreational uses in a forever wild setting.

Trufant-Summerton Long Reach Forest Sales Hill

Dyer Cove

Sebasco

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80

0 500 1000 1500
feet

Location
Map

SUMMARY OF THE TIDAL FALLS ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Frenchman Bay Conservancy

LAND CATEGORY: Water Access

PROJECT ACREAGE: 4 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase of a conservation easement held by the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Hancock, Hancock County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Tidal Falls Road

SELLER: Frenchman Bay Conservancy

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$210,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$100,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$100,000

OTHER COSTS - \$4,540

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH -

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$110,000

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$776,051

CLOSING DATE: February 15, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purchase of this conservation easement enabled the Frenchman Bay Conservancy to complete this water access project, which secures public use of a small local park that provides access to the shore and scenic views of the reversing Tidal Falls on the Taunton River in Hancock. The park has a site for launching hand-carried boats. The property for many years has been open to the public as customers of a seasonal lobster pound business, and this acquisition ensures continued public access. This project secures public access to 1,000 feet of shoreline and the use of a small hand-carry boat launch site, as well as, protection of these significant reversing tidal falls.

Title to the four-acre site is held by the Frenchman Bay Conservancy in partnership with the Department of Conservation who holds the conservation easement to guarantee public access and prohibit further development or subdivision of the property.

Tidal Falls - Town of Hancock

Cove

Falls Point

Sullivan Falls

Gravel Pits

Cem

Location Map

0 500 1000 1500
feet

SUMMARY OF THE TINKER ISLAND ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Department of Conservation, Friends of Acadia, Maine Island Trail Association, Acadia National Park, Blue Hill Heritage Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Coastal Island Conservation and Recreation Land of Regional Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 225 ac.

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase in fee simple, held by Maine Coast Heritage Trust with a Project Agreement with the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Tremont, Hancock County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Access by water at several beach sites

SELLERS: Henry McKenney Family Trust, McKenney Survivor's Trust

AGENCY SPONSOR: Department of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$975,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$825,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$600,000

OTHER COSTS - \$11,244

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$225,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$150,000

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$628,521

CLOSING DATE: September 18, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

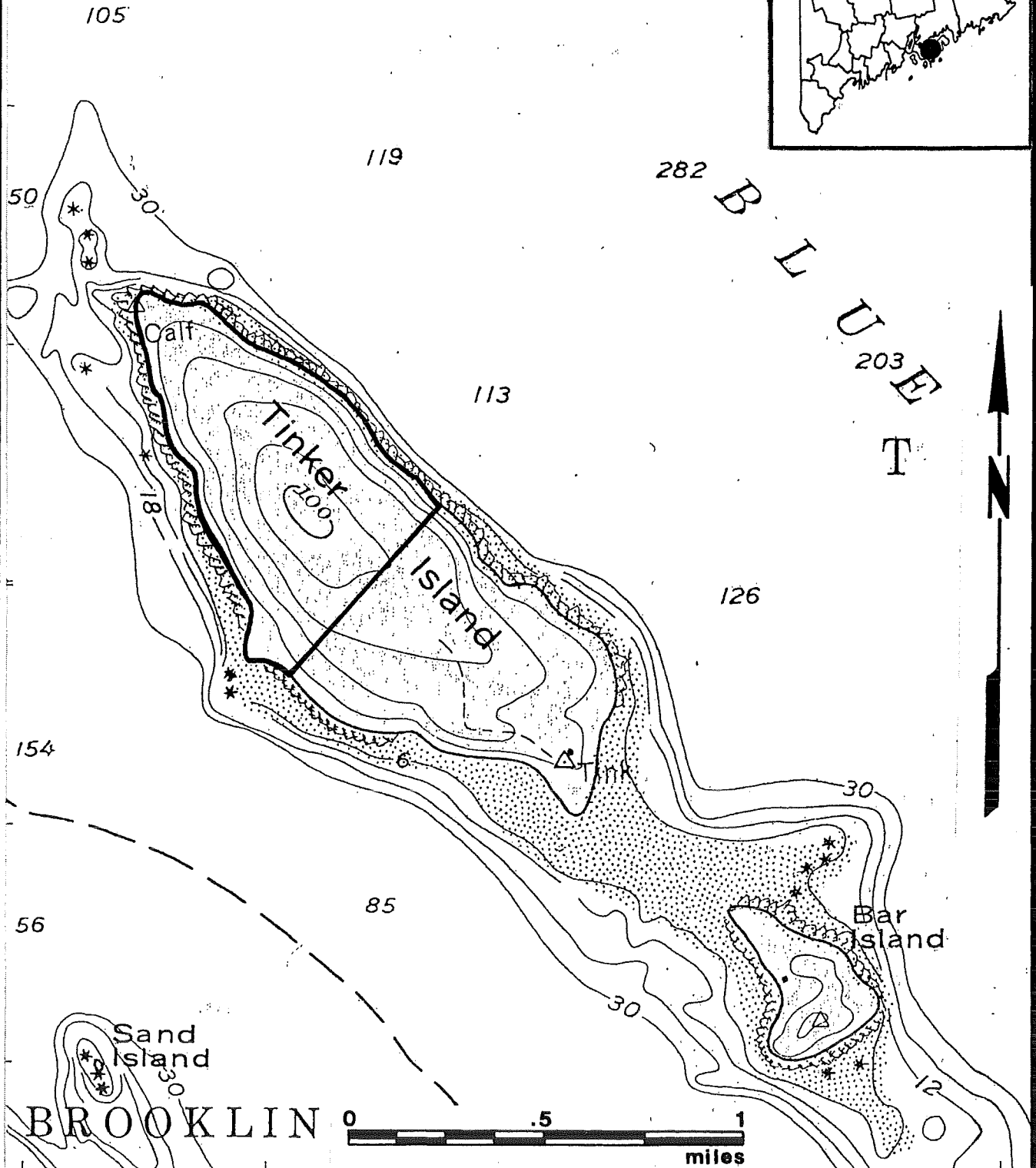
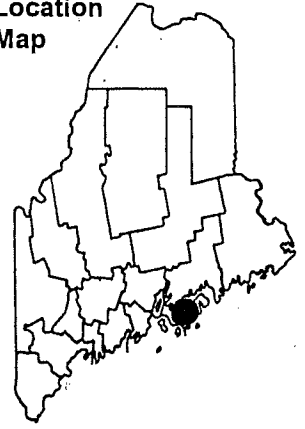
The Tinker Island acquisition is a conservation project of regional significance that protects and conserves undeveloped recreational lands on a major coastal island in Blue Hill Bay. This conservation project caps a 30 year effort to protect and preserve significant scenic, recreational, and wildlife habitats on islands and adjacent mainland areas in and around the bay. This purchase of the north half of the island provides protection for 225 acres of prime island resource and public recreational uses and to the donation of a conservation easement on the southern half of the island. The conservation vision of the MCHT for this island is to secure, manage and enhance the public's opportunity to use Tinker as a recreational destination while also ensuring permanent protection of its scenic and ecological values.

The property is owned and managed by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust in cooperation with the Department of Conservation, the Maine Island Trails, and others to maintain and enhance its scenic qualities and natural values, while accommodating traditional established recreational uses.

Tinker Island

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Location
Map



SUMMARY OF THE WHALEBOAT ISLAND ACQUISITION

CONSERVATION PARTNER: Maine Coast Heritage Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Coastal Island Conservation and Recreation of Regional Significance

PROJECT ACREAGE: 125 acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Purchase remaining development rights of a conservation easement, held by Maine Coast Heritage Trust with a Project Agreement with the Dept of Conservation

LOCATION: Harpswell, Cumberland County

PUBLIC ACCESS: Reached from S. Harpswell and island landing on small beaches.

SELLERS: John and David Etnier

AGENCY SPONSOR: Dept of Conservation

APPRAISED VALUE: \$565,000

FINAL PURCHASE PRICE: \$770,000

BOND FUNDS:

LAND COSTS - \$200,000

OTHER COSTS - \$12,228

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS -

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

CASH - \$570,000

BARGAIN SALE VALUE - \$45,000

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$6,208

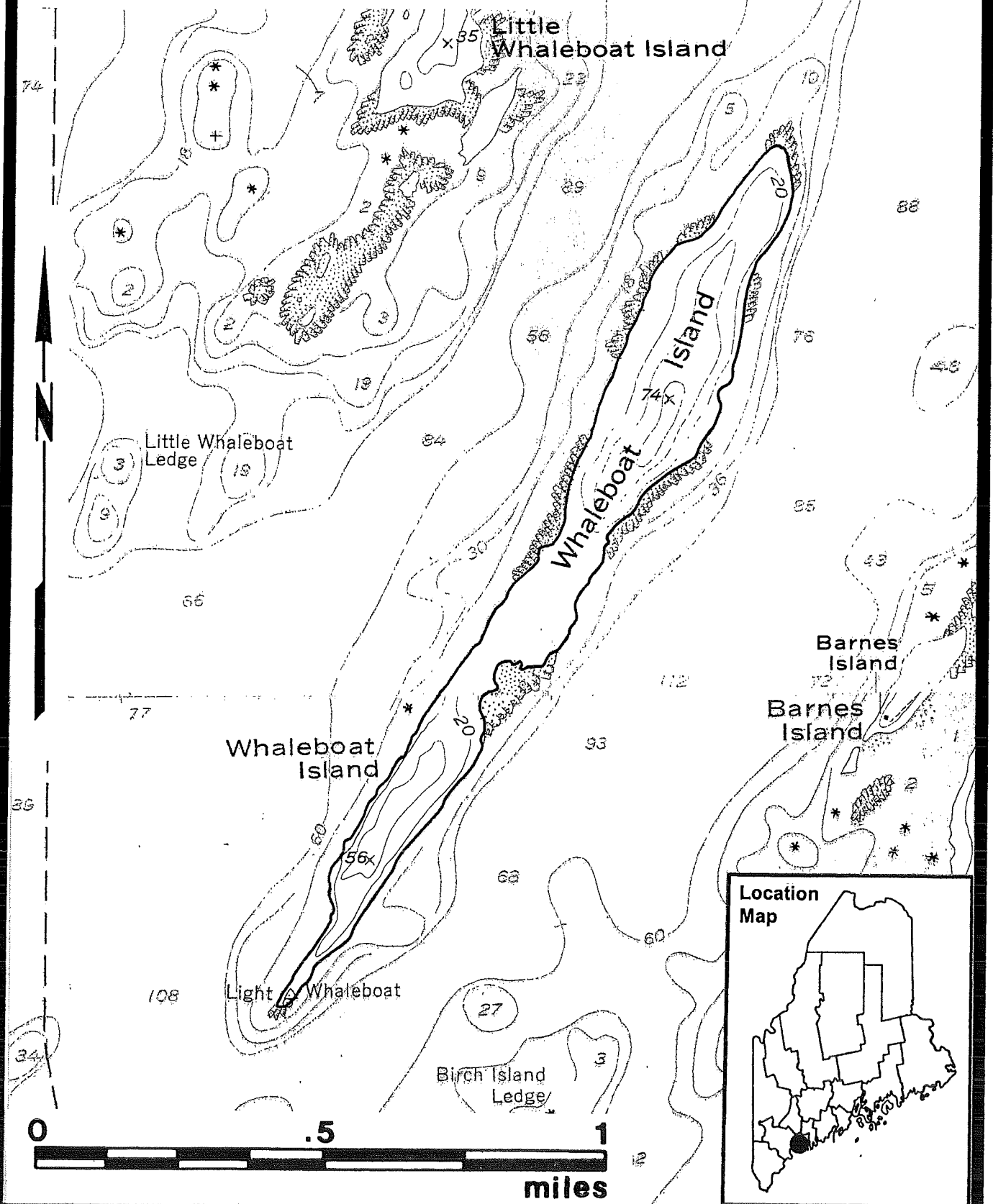
CLOSING DATE: December 18, 2002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Whaleboat Island acquisition is a conservation project of regional significance that protects the natural and recreational values of a visually prominent island in Casco Bay in Southern Maine. Whaleboat Island is a completely natural and undeveloped coastal island situated approximately one half mile off shore from Harpswell in upper Casco Bay. The long length and shape of the island, which gives the island its name, creates a highly scenic and striking appearance from Harpswell Neck, the surrounding islands and for boaters on the water. The island's rocky shoreline is occasionally broken by small pocket beaches, which provide opportunities for shore access. The island features dense red spruce woods, wetlands, meadows, inter-tidal areas, and exposed ledges; each type providing valuable wildlife habitat.

The island is owned and managed by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust in partnership with the Department of Conservation. The island is open to the public for nature appreciation and day use. The island will remain in a scenic, wild, natural state to provide wildlife habitat and to maintain its natural character.

Whaleboat Island



Appendix One - Legislation

PUBLIC LAWS OF MAINE Second Regular Session of the 119th

CHAPTER 603 H.P. 1891 - L.D. 2629

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Relating to Review of the Department of Conservation Under the State Government Evaluation Act

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 127, Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Baxter State Park Authority in ~~1997~~ 2003;
- (2) Department of Conservation in ~~1997~~ 2005;
- (3) Blueberry Advisory Committee in ~~1999~~ 2005;
- (4) Board of Pesticides Control in ~~1999~~ 2005;
- (5) Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine in ~~1999~~ 2005;
- (6) Seed Potato Board in ~~1999~~ 2005;
- (7) Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council in 2001;
- (8) Maine Dairy Promotions Board in 2001;
- (9) Maine Milk Commission in 2001;
- (10) State Harness Racing Commission in 2001;
- (11) Maine Agricultural Bargaining Board in 2003;
- (12) Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in 2003; ~~and~~
- (13) State Soil and Water Conservation Commission in 2003; ~~and~~
- (14) Land for Maine's Future Board in 2001.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶M, as amended by PL 1999, c. 415, §1, is further amended to read:

M. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Capitol Planning Commission in 1997;
- (2) State Civil Service Appeals Board in 1999;
- (3) State Claims Commission in 1999;
- (4) Maine Municipal Bond Bank in 2001;
- (5) Office of Treasurer of State in 2001;
- (6) Department of Administrative and Financial Services, except for the Bureau of Revenue Services in 2003;
- (7) Department of the Secretary of State, except for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, in 2003; and
- (9) State Planning Office, except for the Land for Maine's Future Board, in 2001.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §6204, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §6, is further amended to read:

2. Appointments. The 6 private citizens are appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over ~~natural resources~~ matters pertaining to state parks and public lands and to confirmation by the Legislature.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §6206, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §8, is further amended to read:

E. On January 1, 1995 and on January 1st every 2 years thereafter, report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over ~~natural resources~~ matters pertaining to state parks and public lands on expenditures from the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund and revisions to the strategies and guidelines.

Effective August 11, 2000, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 731

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001

PART H (only)

Sec. H-1. 5 MRSA §6211, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1995, c. 516, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Distribution of proceeds. Funds received by the Land for Maine's Future Board under the agreement with the financial institution, credit union or other credit card issuer must be deposited in a separate, interest-bearing account within the Land for Maine's Future Fund. The account must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the account become part of the assets of the account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year must be carried forward to the next fiscal year. Notwithstanding section 6203, subsection 3, the board may expend funds deposited in the account pursuant to this section to cover administrative costs and for staff support and consulting services, as determined necessary by the board to carry out its duties under this chapter.

**CHAPTER 769
S.P. 982 - L.D. 2532**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Need for
an Agricultural Vitality Zone Program**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §6203, sub-§3, ¶¶A and B, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §4, are further amended to read:

A. Acquire property or an interest in property that is determined by the board to be of state significance under the guidelines of this chapter; ~~and~~

B. Fund minor capital improvements on lands acquired by proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund to improve accessibility, as long as these improvements do not exceed 5% of the appraised value of the acquired property; and

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §6203, sub-§3, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. When interest in farmland is acquired, fund the development of a business plan and capital improvements to provide for the land's continuing use as a working farm, as long as these improvements do not exceed 5% of the appraised value of the acquired property.

[other sections not relevant to LMF not shown]

RESOLVES
Second Regular Session of the 119th

CHAPTER 102
S.P. 1040 - L.D. 2622

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Allow a Well and Waterline Easement

Preamble. The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife holds a conservation easement on a parcel of land adjacent to the Rangeley River in Rangeley; and

Whereas, the conservation easement was acquired from the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust with funds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund; and

Whereas, the Department of Environmental Protection desires to install a well on the parcel, said well to serve as a replacement water supply for several area residents whose existing water supplies have been contaminated by oil; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Authority to convey easement. Resolved: That, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 6209, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is authorized to enter into an amendment of the conservation easement that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife holds in the Rangeley River conservation corridor and that was acquired with funds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund. The purpose of the amendment must be to allow a well and waterline easement to be granted by the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust in order to provide potable water to residences and businesses served by wells that either are contaminated or in danger of becoming contaminated by oil that leaked from underground storage tanks in Oquossoc Village.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective April 7, 2000.

PUBLIC LAWS OF MAINE
First Regular Session of the 120th

CHAPTER 466
H.P. 1353 - L.D. 1810

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Committee to Study Access to Private
and Public Lands in Maine**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §6206, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1999, c. 603, §4, is further amended to read:

E. On January 1, ~~1995 and on January 1st every 2 years thereafter~~ 1st of every odd-numbered year, report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over matters pertaining to state parks and public lands on expenditures from the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund and revisions to the strategies and guidelines. This report must include a description of access to land and interest in land acquired during the report period. If an acquisition has been made that does not include guaranteed public vehicular access to the land acquired, the board must provide justification for that acquisition and a plan for continuing efforts to acquire guaranteed public access to the land.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §6207, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §10, is further amended to read:

3. Priorities. Whenever possible, the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund must be used for land acquisition projects when matching funds are available from cooperating entities, provided that the proposed acquisition meets all other criteria set forth in this chapter. For acquisitions funded by the Land for Maine's Future Fund, the board shall give priority to projects that conserve lands with multiple outstanding resource or recreation values or a single exceptional value, provide geographic representation and build upon or connect existing holdings.

When acquiring land or interest in land, the board shall examine public vehicular access rights to the land and, whenever possible and appropriate, acquire guaranteed public vehicular access as part of the acquisition.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §1812, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678, §13, is amended to read:

With the consent of the Governor and the commissioner, the director may acquire on behalf of the State land or any interests in land within this State, with or without improvements, by purchase, gift or eminent domain for purposes of holding and managing the same as parks or historic sites. When acquiring land or interest in land, the director shall examine options for

obtaining public vehicular access rights to the land. If an acquisition is made that does not include guaranteed public vehicular access, the director shall describe the acquisition in the report required under section 1817 and the justification for that acquisition. The right of eminent domain may not be exercised to take any area or areas for any one park that singly or collectively exceed 200 acres, nor may it be exercised to take any developed or undeveloped mill site or water power privilege in whole or in part or any land used or useful in connection therewith or any land being used for an industrial enterprise.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §1817, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. Beginning January 1, 2003 and every 5 years thereafter, the director shall submit a state comprehensive outdoor recreation plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state parks and public lands matters, referred in this subsection as the "committee of legislative oversight." The plan submitted by the bureau for review and approval by the National Park Service to establish the bureau's eligibility for funding from the land and water conservation fund under 16 United States Code, Section 4601-11 meets the requirements of this subsection. If federal funding is not available for updating the state plan, the bureau may make a written request to the committee of legislative oversight for an extension for submitting the plan. Upon receiving an extension request, the committee of legislative oversight shall discuss the advisability of an extension and the availability of state funds for preparation of the update. The committee may authorize an extension by writing to the director and stating the year by which an update must be received. A copy of the written extension must be filed by the committee with the Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §1836, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678, §13, is amended to read:

1. Authority to acquire lands. The bureau with the consent of the Governor and the commissioner may acquire lands or interests in lands on behalf of the State to be managed as nonreserved public lands. When acquiring land or interest in land, the bureau shall examine options for obtaining public vehicular access rights to the land. If an acquisition is made that does not include guaranteed public vehicular access, the bureau shall describe the acquisition in its annual report submitted pursuant to section 1839 and the justification for that acquisition. The bureau shall deliver to the State Archives within a reasonable period of time after their creation or acquisition the originals of all deeds, planbooks and surveyors' field and chainage notes, and any other materials the preservation of which it considers necessary, relating to the ownership, location and management of nonreserved public lands described in this subchapter.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §1850, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678, §13, is amended to read:

1. Authority to acquire lands. With the consent of the Governor and the commissioner, the bureau may acquire lands or interests in lands on behalf of the State to be managed as public reserved lands. When acquiring land or interest in land, the bureau shall examine options for obtaining public vehicular access rights to the land. If an acquisition is made that does not include guaranteed public vehicular access, the bureau shall describe the acquisition in its annual report submitted pursuant to section 1853 and the justification for that acquisition. The bureau shall deliver to the State Archives within a reasonable period of time after their creation or

acquisition the originals of all deeds, planbooks and surveyors' field and chainage notes, and any other materials the preservation of which it considers necessary, relating to the ownership, location and management of public reserved lands described in this subchapter.

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §1893-A is enacted to read:

§1893-A. Recreational management areas

1. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Excavation" means an excavation for borrow, topsoil, clay or silt, whether alone or in combination.

B. "Recreational management area" means an area formerly used for excavation on which trails that have been designed for all-terrain vehicle use are developed and on which recreational use by the public is allowed.

2. Development of recreational management areas. An owner or operator of an excavation site proposing to develop a recreational management area and requesting a variance from reclamation standards under Title 38, section 490-E shall request the assistance of the division.

Upon receipt of a request for assistance, the division shall assess the affected land for suitability for an all-terrain vehicle trail system. The division shall advise the landowner of funding, technical assistance and other assistance available through the ATV Recreation Management Fund established in section 7854, subsection 4, paragraph B. When an initial assessment of the affected land indicates the area is appropriate for an all-terrain vehicle trail system, the division may assist the owner or operator in developing a plan and completing a variance application.

Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §7652, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493, §49, is further amended to read:

A. The commissioner may acquire in the name of the State, by gift, bequest or otherwise, real and personal property for the location, construction and convenient operation of a wildlife management area or public access sites to inland or coastal waters. When acquiring land or interest in land, the commissioner shall examine options for obtaining public vehicular access rights to the land. If an acquisition is made that does not include guaranteed public vehicular access, the commissioner shall describe the acquisition in the annual report submitted pursuant to section 7034, subsection 11 and the justification for that acquisition.

Sec. 9. 38 MRSA §490-D, sub-§14, as amended by PL 1995, c. 700, §24, is further amended by amending the first paragraph to read:

14. Reclamation. ~~The~~ Except as provided in subsection 15, the affected land must be restored to a condition that is similar to or compatible with the conditions that existed before excavation. Reclamation should be conducted in accordance with the department's best management practices for erosion and sediment control, and must include:

Sec. 10. 38 MRSA §490-D, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

15. Recreational management areas. An owner or operator may request a variance to develop a recreational management area on the affected land as an alternative to reclamation in accordance with subsection 14. The department may grant a variance under section 490-E if the Off-road Recreational Vehicle Division determines the site is suitable under Title 12, section 1893-A.

Sec. 11. 38 MRSA §490-E, as amended by PL 1995, c. 700, §25, is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

When an owner applies for a variance to allow an excavation to be reclaimed as a pond of at least 10 acres but less than 30 acres in size, the department may require public access as a condition for granting the variance. When an owner applies for a variance to allow an excavation to be reclaimed as a pond of 30 acres or greater in size, the department may grant the variance only if the owner demonstrates that public access to the pond is ensured. The requirement for public access may be met by existing public rights or by granting an easement or other right including a right to travel a reasonable distance by foot to a designated area of the shoreline.

Effective September 21, 2001, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 548

H.P. 1650 - L.D. 2156

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Relating to Review of the Land for Maine's Future Board Under the Government Evaluation Act

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 603, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Baxter State Park Authority in 2003;
- (2) Department of Conservation in 2005;
- (3) Blueberry Advisory Committee in 2005;
- (4) Board of Pesticides Control in 2005;
- (5) Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine in 2005;
- (6) Seed Potato Board in 2005;
- (7) Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council in ~~2004~~ 2007;
- (8) Maine Dairy Promotions Board in ~~2004~~ 2007;
- (9) Maine Milk Commission in ~~2004~~ 2007;
- (10) State Harness Racing Commission in ~~2004~~ 2007;
- (11) Maine Agricultural Bargaining Board in 2003;

- (12) Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in 2003;
- (13) State Soil and Water Conservation Commission in 2003; and
- (14) Land for Maine's Future Board in ~~2004~~ 2007.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §6206, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2001, c. 466, §1, is further amended to read:

E. On January 1st of every odd-numbered year, report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over matters pertaining to state parks and public lands on expenditures from the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund and revisions to the strategies and guidelines. This report must include a description of access to land and interest in land acquired during the report period. If an acquisition has been made that does not include guaranteed public vehicular access to the land acquired, the board must provide justification for that acquisition and a plan for continuing efforts to acquire guaranteed public access to the land. This report must include a summary of the board's experience during the reporting period with projects funded pursuant to section 6203 or 6203-A and in which the land or interest in land is acquired by a cooperating entity.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §19, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 415, §2, is amended to read:

§19. Holding of real estate

The commissioner may accept, hold, administer ~~and~~, retain and dispose of interests in real estate in order to further the purposes of this Title.

Effective July 25, 2002, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 564
H.P. 1594 - L.D. 2097**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Committee to Study Access to Private
and Public Lands in Maine**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §6207, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Estimation of monitoring and management costs. Prior to final approval of a project under this chapter, a person submitting a proposal to acquire property or an interest in property with funding from the Land for Maine's Future Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund shall provide:

A. A description of the management envisioned for the property for the first 10 years following acquisition. When the application proposes acquiring an interest in property, the application must provide a description of the anticipated management responsibilities retained by the landowner and those to be assumed by the State or a cooperating entity;

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B. Preliminary estimates of the costs to the State or a cooperating entity of managing the land for the uses proposed in the application; and

C. Preliminary estimates of the costs associated with monitoring compliance with an easement when an interest in land is acquired.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8879, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Report on changes in ownership of forest land. Using information received under Title 36, section 581-E, the director shall monitor changes in ownership of parcels of forest land that are 1,000 acres or greater in area within the municipalities of the State and classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law. Using information received under Title 36, sections 581-E and 581-F, the director shall monitor the number of parcels classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law and the distribution of parcels by size. The biennial report must include information on the number of parcels, classified by size categories, for the organized and unorganized territories of the State. The information must be presented in a manner that facilitates comparison from year to year.

In assessing changes in forest land ownership, the director shall also consider information reported pursuant to Title 36, sections 305 and 2728. The director shall provide a summary of changes in ownership of forest land in the biennial report.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §305, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 620, §10, is amended to read:

5. Rules and regulations. Promulgate, after appropriate notice and hearing, all rules and regulations necessary to carry into effect any of its duties and responsibilities; and

Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §305, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Report on changes in land ownership. On or before September 1st of each year, report to the Commissioner of Conservation, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Director of the State Planning Office within the Executive Department and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public lands on the transfer in ownership of parcels of land 10,000 acres or greater within the unorganized territory of the State. Using information maintained by the State Tax Assessor under section 1602 and section 4641-D, the bureau shall provide information for each transfer that includes:

A. Name of the seller;

B. Name of the buyer;

C. Number of acres transferred;

D. Classification of land;

E. Location by township and county;

F. Sale price; and

G. A brief description of the property.

Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §581-F is enacted to read:

§581-F. Report to the Bureau of Forestry on land in unorganized territory

On or before September 1st of each year, the State Tax Assessor shall provide to the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry information on land within the unorganized territory taxed according to this subchapter. The information must include the number of parcels enrolled, classified by parcel size categories. The State Tax Assessor shall consult with the Director of the Bureau of Forestry in determining the parcel size categories and shall provide the information in a consistent format to facilitate comparison from year to year.

Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §2728 is enacted to read:

§2728. Report on ownership of commercial forest land by size of ownership

On or before September 1st of each year, the State Tax Assessor shall provide the Director of the Bureau of Forestry within the Department of Conservation with information on the number of landowners filing tax returns in accordance with this chapter, including a breakdown of the number of landowners by acreage categories. The State Tax Assessor shall consult with the Director of the Bureau of Forestry in determining the acreage categories and shall provide the information in a consistent format to facilitate comparison from year to year.

Effective July 25, 2002, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 559

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003

PART W

Sec. W-1. Land for Maine's Future Fund account; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$325,000 of unencumbered balance forward in fiscal year 2001-02 in the Land for Maine's Future Fund, General Fund account in the Executive Department lapses to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

RESOLVES OF MAINE
Second Regular Session of the 120th

CHAPTER 75
H.P. 1455 - L.D. 1952

**Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the
Department of Conservation to Convey a Crossing Easement**

Preamble. The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

Sec. 1. Authority to convey easement. Resolved: That, under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 6209, subsection 6 and Title 12, section 598-A, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation is authorized to convey for fair market value as determined by an independent appraiser to Irving Woodlands, LLC, a permanent easement in the Town of Van Buren to cross an abandoned railroad right-of-way acquired by the bureau with funds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund and managed as a public, multiple-use trail.

Effective July 25, 2002, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 116
H.P. 1593 - L.D. 2096

**Resolve, to Promote the Interests of the People of Maine when Public Funds are Used to
Acquire Conservation Easements**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the State Planning Office in the fall of 2001 convened a working group with duties that closely approximate the responsibilities envisioned in this resolve; and

Whereas, this group has engaged the services of a consulting attorney and is close to finalizing its guidelines for easements; and

Whereas, membership of the working group approximates that of the working group envisioned in this resolve with the exception of a Legislator; and

Whereas, participation by a Legislator in the final meetings of the working group is essential to assure that the intent of this resolve has been adequately addressed; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Participation in working group. Resolved: That the Director of the State Planning Office, within the Executive Department, expeditiously shall conclude the deliberations of the working group convened by the director to develop a set of principles to be addressed when any agency of the State is considering a conservation easement to be acquired in whole or in part with state funding. The Speaker of the House shall appoint one Legislator who served on the Committee to Study Access to Private and Public Lands in Maine established by Joint Study Order 2001, H.P. 1387 to participate in the working group; and be it further

Sec. 2. Process to be developed by working group. Resolved: That the working group described in section 1 shall continue its efforts to develop a process to be used by state agencies involved in negotiating any conservation easement to be acquired with state funds. The process must include provisions for:

1. Legal review by the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee; and
2. Public comment on a proposed easement. The working group shall identify a process for the release of information to the public, including a description of the proposed project, a summary of provisions to be included in the easement, a draft of the proposed easement and public notice with an address and deadline for submitting comments on the proposed easement. The working group shall develop guidelines for holding public meetings on projects as part of the process. In developing this process, the working group shall make recommendations regarding the protection of information to preserve the State's negotiating position; and be it further

Sec. 3. Criteria for easements to be developed by working group. Resolved: That the working group described in section 1 shall continue and finalize its work on developing criteria for acquiring public access rights when acquiring interest in a property using state funds. For easements in which the right to harvest timber is retained by the landowner, the criteria must include, at a minimum, the right of the public to use the property for traditional, nonmotorized recreation including fishing, hiking, hunting, snowshoeing and nature observation.

The working group shall continue and finalize its work on developing model language to be used for negotiating a major conservation easement when state funds are used to acquire the easement. When the right to harvest timber is retained by the landowner, the model language must provide that the forest be managed to maintain the property's potential to provide fiber and timber and that forest management operations on the land use best management practices. The working group shall finalize guidelines being developed for evaluating the advisability and cost of including additional enforceable conditions to ensure sustainable forest management. These guidelines must also provide definitions and specify measures for monitoring compliance; and be it further

Sec. 4. Notices and report. Resolved: That the Director of the State Planning Office, within the Executive Department, shall provide members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry with notices of all remaining meetings of the working

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group. No later than January 15, 2003, the director shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public lands matters with a summary of the group's activities and the guidelines and processes established in accordance with this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 5. Funding. Resolved: That notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 6203, the State Controller shall transfer \$470 from the Land for Maine's Future Fund to the Legislature to fund the Legislator who participates in the working group. These funds must be used for all costs incurred to pay the per diem and expenses of the Legislator who participates in the working group; and be it further

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Legislature

Initiative: Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of one Legislator who served on the Committee to Study Access to Private and Public Lands in Maine to participate in a working group.

Other Special Revenue Funds	2001-02	2002-03
Personal Services	\$0	\$220
All Other	0	250

Total	\$0	\$470
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LEGISLATURE

DEPARTMENT TOTAL

2001-02 2002-03

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$470
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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective April 11, 2002.

PRIVATE & SPECIAL LAWS OF MAINE
Second Regular Session of the 120th

CHAPTER 74
S.P. 463 - L.D. 1516

An Act to Support Family Farms

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF
Division of Market and Production Development**

Initiative: Provides funds for one additional 25-hours-per-week Senior Planner position to provide financial and estate planning to farmers, to provide outreach and assistance concerning land management and limited development planning in order to bring agricultural projects before the Land for Maine's Future Board and to conduct research and data collection in order to establish a base line of information about farmland values for guidelines for assessors to use in the farm and open space tax program.

General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
Positions - Legislative Count	(0,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$0	\$38,379
All Other	0	1,250
Capital Expenditures	0	3,500

Total	\$0	\$43,129
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Office of the Commissioner

Initiative: Provides funds to be used for dues associated with membership in the Northeastern States Association for Agricultural Stewardship.

General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
All Other	\$0	\$20,000

**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2001-02	2002-03
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$63,129

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$63,129
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Effective July 25, 2002, unless otherwise indicated.

PUBLIC LAWS OF MAINE
First Special Session of the 120th

Chapter 714

**An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the
Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law
Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year
Ending June 30, 2003**

PART L

Sec. L-1. Land for Maine's Future Fund account: lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$59,261 of unencumbered balance forward in fiscal year 2002-03 in the Land for Maine's Future General Fund account in the Executive Department lapses to the General Fund in fiscal year 2002-03.

Sec. L-2. Transfer of funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$42,093 from the Weatherization and Repair Other Special Revenue funds program in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Sec. L-3. Transfer of funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$91,018 from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Other Special Revenue funds program in the Executive Department to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2003.

Appendix Two - Financial

LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE FINANCIAL REPORT

Land for Maine's Future Program

Summary of Expenditures

January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002

Bond Funds

Cash Balance	
January 1,2000	\$ 225,639.00
Expenses 1/1/2000 - 12/31/2002	\$ 9,694,783.00
December 31,2002	\$ 5,263,642.00

Expenses

	2001	2002	Total
Acquisitions	3,417,357.00	5,972,801.00	\$ 9,390,158.00
Closing Costs, Access Improvements	56,050.00	248,575.00	\$ 304,625.00
	<u>\$ 3,473,407.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,221,376.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,694,783.00</u>

\$3 Million General Fund

Allocation	
31-Dec-00	\$ 1,446,915.00
Expenses 1/1/01 - 12/31/02	\$ 1,015,213.00
Decmber 31, 2002	\$ 47,424.11

Curtailment Reduction	\$ 325,000.00
	\$ 59,261.00

Expenses

	2001	2002	Total
Acquisitions	895,978.00		\$ 895,978.00
Closing Costs, Access Improvements	81,667.00	37,568.00	\$ 119,235.00
	<u>\$ 977,645.00</u>	<u>\$ 37,568.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,015,213.00</u>

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General Fund Expenditures**

FY 2001			FY 2002		
Object #	Description	Amount	Object #	Description	Amount
4173	State Training	\$ 55.00	4099	Contractual	\$ 1,200.00
4270	In-State Travel	\$ 1,378.00	4173	State Training	\$ 92.86
4607	Room Rental	\$ 400.85	4270	In-State Travel	\$ 161.00
4672	Misc. Rental	\$ 968.84	4381	Out of State Travel	\$ 116.25
4901	Parcel Post	\$ 147.14	4607	Room Rental	\$ 70.00
4906	Postal setup Fee	\$ 5.76	4672	Misc. Rental	\$ 645.31
4909	Courier	\$ 689.43	4901	Parcel Post	\$ 123.50
4911	Meter Postage	\$ 2,745.28	4906	Postal Setup Fee	\$ 2.64
4913	Intergovernment Service	\$ 454.83	4909	Courier	\$ 599.46
4916	Conference Charges	\$ 1,705.00	4911	Meter Postage	\$ 754.54
4929	Printing/Binding	\$ 3,764.61	4913	Intragovernment Service	\$ 260.97
4938	Photocopying	\$ 85.92	4916	Conference Charges	\$ 2,310.73
4939	State Printing	\$ 2,827.13	4934	Film Developing	\$ 25.50
4946	Advertising	\$ 2,190.62	4938	Photocopying	\$ 32.20
4946	Notices		4939	State Printing	\$ 1,869.79
4970	Other than	\$ 60.84	4946	Advertising	\$ 6,004.31
4970	State Mileage		4946	Notices	
5001	Registration Fee Non-State	\$ 300.00	4946		\$ 160.92
5002	Registration Fee State	\$ 140.00	5602	Office Supplies	\$ 320.06
5150	Food	\$ 86.06	5627	Book Purchase	\$ 29.00
5304	Phone Service	\$ 843.78	5636	Misc. Supplies	\$ 109.78
5602	Office Supplies	\$ 334.31		Salary	\$59,750.53
5627	Book Purchase	\$ 18.00		Fringe	\$24,997.95
5636	Misc. Supplies	\$ 162.31			
5650	Misc. Minor Equipment	\$ 110.96			
	Salary	\$49,633.78			
	Fringe	\$21,953.27			
	Total GF Expenses	\$91,061.73		Total GF Expenses	\$99,637.30