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Land for Maine's Future Program

# Biennial Report

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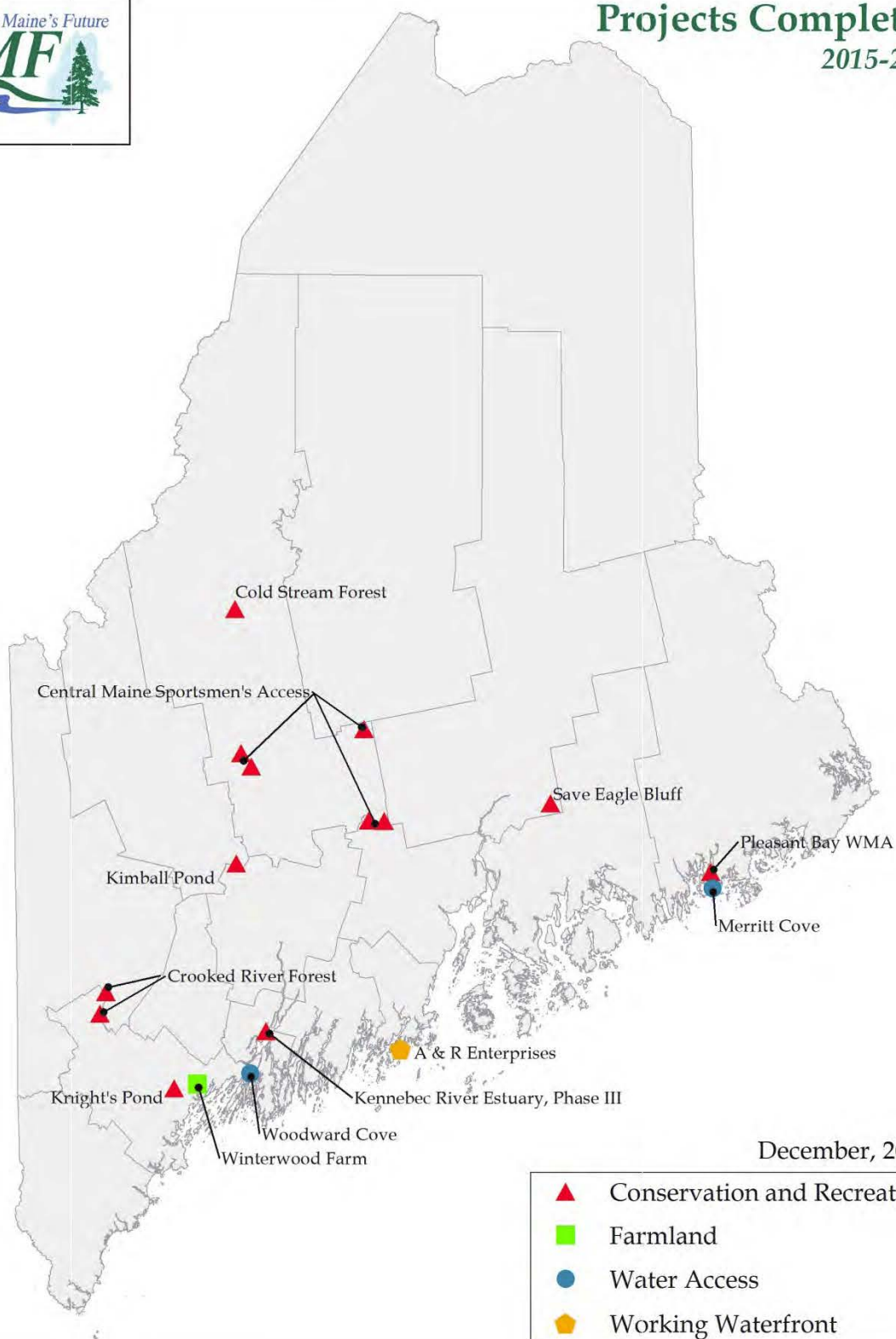
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## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Program Overview:

The Land for Maine's Future (LMF) Program was established in 1987 when Maine voters first approved a \$35 million bond to purchase lands of state significance for the continued availability of public access to diverse outdoor recreation opportunities and the protection of the scenic and natural environment for preserving the State's high quality of life. The goal of the program is defined in the enabling statute:

*"The Legislature declares that the future social and economic well-being of the citizens of this state depends upon maintaining the quality and availability of natural areas for recreation, hunting and fishing, conservation, wildlife habitat, vital ecologic functions and scenic beauty and that the state, as the public's trustee, has a responsibility and a duty to pursue an aggressive and coordinated policy to assure that this Maine heritage is passed on to future generations." (5 M.R.S.A. sec. 6200)*

The LMF Program has evolved in a number of ways over the last thirty years. Despite the changes, the LMF Program continues to fund properties that provide high value wildlife and fisheries habitat, key access points to Maine waters and ensures that land is available for traditional recreational activities. The LMF Program also includes partnerships that provide an array of working landscapes which are part of Maine's rural economy. Farmland preservation projects support farmer and community efforts to keep land in production. Working forest conservation easements are part of Maine's wood supply for the forest products industries. The working waterfront access protection program makes key points of access along Maine's coast available to our commercial fisheries industry.

The LMF Program serves the state and Maine citizens in numerous ways, including:

- Improves public access to land and water for traditional recreation activities
- Assists communities with investments in town owned forests, parks and water access sites
- Supports tourism opportunities with pedestrian and motorized trail networks and access to some of Maine's most scenic locations
- Provides working lands to support marine fisheries, forestry and agricultural industries

The LMF Program consistently delivers the people of Maine a high quality resource for an exceptional value. With a rigorous application and review process, and strict due diligence and closing procedures, the Program ensures public access is guaranteed, traditional uses such as hunting, fishing and trapping are allowed and that the future use and management of the property is consistent with each properties multiple resource values.

The LMF Program is administratively located in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, Forestry's Bureau of Resource Information and Land Management. The staff is located in the Elkins Building, 19 Elkins Lane, Augusta.

Information about the LMF programs can be found on the DACF website at [www.maine.gov/dacf/lmf](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/lmf).

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## OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED THIS BIENNIUM

In the biennium, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016, 12 LMF funded projects completed the rigorous LMF review process with a successful closing. These 12 projects are spread across 9 counties. A summary is attached for each project completed during the biennium. See pgs. 13 – 28

The LMF program investment in these projects was just over \$4.4 million, which generated over \$11 million in matching funds, representing \$2.50 in matching funds for every LMF dollar spent. The matching contributions were provided by generous bargain sale donations from private landowners and the fund raising efforts of cooperating agencies, conservation partners and municipalities.

These projects include ten fee acquisitions and two conservation easements where the lands remain in private ownership with permanent land conservation agreements. Of these two conservation easements, one is a farmland project, covering 38.5 acres, and the other a Working Waterfront Access Protection Program project which supports access to Maine's working coastal waterfronts to ensure access for marine based industries. The remaining ten fee acquisition projects undertaken in this biennium represent a variety of projects including working forestlands, locally and regionally important community recreation sites, deer wintering and brook trout habitat and water access sites.

In all, the projects protect and provide access to an additional 43 miles of shorefront and riparian habitats along the coast as well as on lakes and rivers throughout the state. Encompassing 12,835 acres of forest, farm, recreation, wildlife habitat and other special areas, these projects are managed by state agencies, municipalities and private conservation organizations, in cooperation with the LMF program.

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## II. LMF PROJECT DETAILS 2015-2016

A summary is attached for each project completed during the biennium. See pgs. 13 – 28.

Projects are defined in the following categories specified in statute, bond language, and LMF Board initiatives.

<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Acres</u>
• Conservation and Recreation	8	12,762.34
• Farmland Preservation ( <i>All farmland projects were farmland easements</i> )	1	38.5
• Public Access to Water Ways	2	33.8
• Working Waterfront Access	1	0.4

Additional information can be found in the following locations

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| 1. <u>Biennial Project Summary Descriptions</u>  | See pgs. 13 - 28 |
| 2. <u>Projects Closed by County</u>              | See Appendix 1   |
| 3. <u>Cumulative Summary of all LMF Projects</u> | See Appendix 6   |



### III. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

#### BOARD MISSION AND MEMBERSHIP

The Land for Maine's Future Program is comprised of the Land for Maine's Future's Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund. The LMF Board's primary responsibility is to administer these funds in accordance with statutory and bond requirements. The Board also administers the Working Waterfront Access Protection Program jointly with the Department of Marine Resources and at times is directed by the legislature to oversee other funds such as the Sears Island Consent Decree Funds and Katahdin Lake Funds.

The LMF board meets regularly to provide policy direction, oversee the funds, and approves the land acquisition strategy under legislative authority (5 MRSA Section 6202). The board works with individuals, land trusts, municipalities, nonprofit conservation organizations, and federal and state agencies to identify special lands of statewide, regional and local significance to accomplish the LMF's statutory requirements.

#### BOARD COMPOSITION

The nine member board consists of six public citizens and three Commissioners from the Departments of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Marine Resources.

As specified in the authorizing legislation,

*"The 6 public members must be selected for their knowledge of the State's natural resources and landscape, and their demonstrated commitment to land conservation. Appointments must provide broad geographic representation." (5 M.R.S.A. sec. 6204)*

These members are appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and to confirmation by the Legislature. By statute, appointed board members are limited to serving two consecutive terms.

The following individuals served during the reporting period:

Member	Term
Benjamin R. Emory, Salisbury Cove**	11/14/2010 - 11/13/2014
Norman Gosline, Gardiner	06/03/2011 - 01/31/2015
William J. Vail, Saco; appointed Chair by the Governor 2012	04/04/2012 - 11/13/2015
James W. Gorman, Jr., Freeport	04/04/2012 - 01/31/2016
James Norris, Winthrop	03/12/2013 - 01/31/2016
Neil Piper, Gorham*	03/18/2014 - 11/16/2016
Harry Ricker, Turner	03/03/2016 - 1/31/2019
Lisa Turner, Freeport	04/21/2016 - 01/31/2020
Bradley Moll, Yarmouth	04/27/2016 - 01/31/2020
Fred Bucklin, Appleton	03/12/2016 - 11/13/2018
Robert Meyers, Bath	04/04/2016 - 11/13/2019
Vacant*	11/18/2014 - 01/31/2018

Patrick Keliher, Commissioner, Department of Marine Resources; appointed Chair by the Governor 2016

Walt Whitcomb, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

Chandler Woodcock, Commissioner, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

\*\*Mr. Ben Emory continued to serve on the LMF Board until he was replaced in March, 2016.

\*Mr. Neil Piper resigned from the Board effective November 16, 2016

## BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

Board responsibilities as specified in the authorizing legislation, 5 MRSA, Section 6206 include:

1. Complete an assessment of the State's public land acquisition needs and develop a strategy and guidelines, based on that assessment, for use in allocating the proceeds of the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund.
2. Receive and review funding requests from state agencies and cooperating entities for acquisition projects meeting state guidelines.
3. In accordance with the strategy and guidelines developed, authorize distribution of proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund for acquisitions of property or interests in property; and
4. 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.

## BOARD COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The following committees were in place during the reporting period:

- Appraisal Oversight Committee
- Scoring Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Proposal Selection and Review Process Work Group

All LMF sub-committees, work groups and board meetings are posted on the LMF website at [www.maine.gov/dacf/lmf](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/lmf). The Board and staff utilize several approaches to receive input from interested parties and the public. The Board places public notice of pending land acquisitions and invites public comment at all board meetings. Opportunities for public input were provided for all of the work groups. Information about the program is also available on the website and staff are available to meet with, or make presentations to, any interested groups and community organizations.

## BOARD AND PROGRAM INITIATIVES

In addition to working with agencies, partners and landowners on land conservation projects, the program undertook the following activities:

Government Evaluation Act Report – The Land for Maine's Future Program Government Evaluation Act Report pursuant to the Government Evaluation Act, 3 M.R.S.A. Chapter 35, was submitted to the Joint Standing committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on December 21, 2015. The report was undertaken as a collaborative effort of the Office of Policy and Management, LMF staff and the LMF Board.

As part of its involvement, the LMF Board, through multiple public meetings, identified three broad Emerging Issues:

1. Improving information technology – availability & distribution of data. What specific data is needed and what analysis tools? For what purpose and what audience?

2. Assessment of scoring & project evaluation – does it work? Does it emphasize current priorities?
3. Improve public awareness and use of public lands acquired with LMF money.

LMF staff and Board have begun to undertake several initiatives to address these issues. Below is a brief description of each these initiatives.

LMF Database Update – LMF staff, with technical assistance from the DACF, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning, spent considerable time during the biennium recovering and updating their project tracking database which had become inactive following the Program's move from the State Planning Office in 2012. The database tracks LMF funded projects, financial allocations and other data supplied in the biennial report.

Presentations - LMF staff made presentations at the Maine Land Trust Network conference in April 2015 and April 2016. The LMF Director was invited to present on the LMF program and LMF appraisal standards in August 2016 to the Maine Chapter of the Appraisal Institute.

#### Public Outreach

**LMF and Maine Trail Finder** – Maine Trail Finder is a free online resource for people-powered trails in the State of Maine. Using the Maine Trail Finder, users are able to search a growing database of four-season trails, browse interactive trail maps, trail descriptions, pictures, and trip reports. The Land for Maine's Future Program has partnered with Maine Trail Finder to develop a search function on their web and mobile phone applications for trails located on lands acquired with LMF funds. A total of 126 trails on their website occur on LMF funded properties. A link to trails found on LMF properties can be found on the LMF website.

**LMF and Bangor Daily News One Minute Hikes** – In partnership with Aislinn Sarnacki, Bangor Daily News outdoor reporter and blogger, we have developed an interactive map of nearly 40 LMF funded properties that have been featured in Aislinn Sarnacki's One Minute Hikes, along with a link to her description of the properties. The map and descriptions may be found on LMF's website.

**Documenting Impacts of LMF Working Waterfront Projects** – During this biennium LMF contracted services for the development of a collection of images and a series of articles depicting 8 working waterfront properties that have received funding from the Land for Maine's Future program. The intent of the project was to depict and describe the infrastructure necessary to maintain a working waterfront, and the various fishing industries, businesses, families and communities that benefit from the working waterfront investment. We anticipate posting the photos and stories to the LMF web page in 2017.

#### PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING

The LMF program is supported by staff located within the DACF's Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning. Staff oversee the call for proposals and project selection process and project management including all aspects of project development and negotiations as well as the review of all required due diligence documents, easement drafting and baseline evaluation, and other activities related to real estate transactions. Staff also oversees various post-closing activities, including the receipt of annual monitoring reports from cooperating entities. In addition, staff provides support to the board and its working committees, and generates legislatively required reports on the Board's behalf.

As part of the merger between the Department of Conservation and the Department of Agriculture the LMF Director position was re-established as a civil service, competitive position. Ms. Sarah Demers assumed this

role on February 16, 2015. LMF staff members are Mr. Tom Miragliuolo and Ms. R. Collin Therrien. In May 2016 LMF staff member Mr. Sam Morris retired from State Government service. This position was held vacant through 2016.

In 2013 the responsibility for hosting a Conservation Easement Registry (“CER”) was assigned to DACF, with staffing provided by LMF.<sup>1</sup> The holder of a conservation easement is required to establish an account in the CER and to establish a record in this registry for each of the conservation easements they hold and to update the record with any changes or amendments to the easements. Easement holders are also required to monitor their conservation easements at least once within a three-year period. The CER requirements established by the legislature are entirely separate from LMF’s annual reporting requirements for LMF funded acquisitions.

The CER is implemented as an on-line resource available for each account holder to maintain and to update their registry accounts and easement records directly<sup>2</sup> and configured to provide each registry account-holder with 24/7 access. The LMF staff annually issues advance notification through the DACF registry’s website, municipal, and land trust networks; issues direct reminders to all registry account-holders about DACF’s CER annual registration renewal process, provides technical assistance and monitors the account-holder registrations, responds to easement registry related data requests from CER accountholders, municipal officials, agencies, legal professionals, real estate professionals and, the public.

#### AGENCY AND NON-PROFIT SUPPORT

The Program relies extensively on various staff from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Marine Resources, State Historic Preservation Office, and numerous federal partner agencies for assistance in many aspects of its work. Legal counsel for conservation projects is provided through a cooperative agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT). The MDOT Legal Division provides title and legal research services. The Attorney General’s Office is the counsel for the Board’s functions, interpreting legal questions relating to LMF statutes, policies and process.

Non-profit land trusts, municipalities, and other cooperating entities (as defined in statute), as applicants, assist the program in the development of projects, working with landowners, completing important due diligence such as boundary surveys, title work and providing matching funds. These arrangements provide substantial leverage to the LMF funds and efforts of program staff.

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<sup>1</sup> With enactment of PL 2007, c.412, the Legislature passed L.D. 1737, which amended the laws governing conservation easements and established a conservation easement registry to track the existence of conservation easements throughout the state

<sup>2</sup> A CER account holder provides for each easement record in their CER account the Maine County Registry of Deeds book and page number reference assigned for each recorded conservation easement that it holds, name of the municipality and, approximate number of acres protected under each conservation easement record they hold and any changes or amendments to the easements, and to report the status of their monitoring of an easement.

#### IV. PROGRAM FUNDING

##### EXISTING BOND AUTHORITY

Funding for the program is drawn from the sale of bonds approved by Maine voters. Bonds are administered by the State Treasurer. DACF and NRSC financial staff monitors fund balances and coordinate with the State Treasurer.

Legislation authorizing the use of proceeds from LMF bonds specifies certain program objectives or requirements for use of the funds, such as for working water front protection projects, farmland preservation, or protection of winter habitat areas for white-tailed deer (“deer yards”).

##### CURRENT FUNDING STATUS

###### **Funds Available 12/31/2014**

<u>Public Law</u>	<u>Year Authorized</u>	<u>Funds Available</u>	<u>Bonds to be Sold</u>
2007, Ch. 39	2008	\$1,171,501	\$0
2009, Ch. 645	2010	\$1,076,266	\$6,470,000
2011, Ch. 696	2012	\$0	\$5,000,000
	<i>Total:</i>	<u>\$2,247,767</u>	<u>\$11,470,000</u>

###### **Funds Available 12/31/2016**

<u>Public Law</u>	<u>Year Authorized</u>	<u>Funds Available</u>	<u>Bonds to be Sold</u>
2007, Ch. 39	2008	\$7,568	\$0
2009, Ch. 645	2010	\$4,470,238	\$1,250,000
2011, Ch. 696	2012	\$500,000	\$3,000,000
	<i>Total:</i>	<u>\$4,977,806</u>	<u>\$4,250,000</u>

*Note:* See Appendix 2 for list of bonds and the purposes for which they can be used.

##### OTHER PROGRAMS SUPPORTED OR ASSISTED BY LMF

Due to its expertise in matters related to land conservation and real estate, the Land for Maine’s Future Board has been called on to oversee funds and procedures for a small number of other public purposes.

###### Sears Island Consent Decree Fund

In 1996, the Maine Dept. of Transportation was sued by the U.S. EPA and others for filling wetlands on Sears Island in Searsport. The parties negotiated a consent decree to settle the lawsuit. The consent decree included a Supplemental Environmental Project under which funds were transferred from MDOT to the Land for Maine’s Future’s oversight and administration.

These funds must be used for the sole purpose of acquiring properties identified within the Ducktrap River watershed, in order to protect in perpetuity the valuable freshwater wetlands and uplands that support Atlantic salmon habitat. The consent decree identified specific parcels in the Ducktrap watershed for acquisition and conservation. In 2014, 121 acres were acquired in the town of Lincolnville. These are the final parcels identified in the Consent Decree to be purchased.

To date, Sears Island Consent Decree funds have been used to acquire nine parcels encompassing over 394 acres and 17,622 feet of shore front on the Ducktrap River. The cash balance in the account as of December 31, 2016 was approximately \$147,987.50. There are no outstanding expenditures.

### Katahdin Lake Fund

The Legislature created the Katahdin Lake Fund by PL 2005, Resolves 197 in 2006 from proceeds from the sale of public lots in Aroostook, Washington, and Franklin counties. The legislative Resolve authorizing the sale requires the Department of Conservation (now DACF) to use the proceeds to acquire conservation land in the counties where parcels were sold and with similar conservation, habitat, and wildlife values to the parcels sold. Currently, all of the funds in Franklin County have been expended and \$72,000 remains for Washington County. During the biennium, the Monument Brook project, approved by the LMF Board in 2012, closed expending nearly the full amount of the remaining \$2.1 million fund balance for Aroostook county projects.

The Monument Brook project, totaling 5,992-acres in Orient, is part of a larger conservation project called the East Grand Watershed Initiative. It is a managed forest track with 3.4 miles of shoreline on Monument Brook which forms the border with Canada. The lands are to be managed for timber harvesting, recreation and wildlife management. These lands add to a large, forested landscape that is international in scope. The lands have extensive vehicular, motorized recreational, water and pedestrian access for hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. It has extensive state-mapped wetlands including 1,752 acres of deer wintering area, and habitat for several state-listed, rare and endangered birds. There are also three documented Native American archaeological sites and an historic Native American canoe route connecting three major watersheds on the property.

### Conservation Easement Registry

While the Conservation Easement Registry is not part of the LMF program, it is assigned to LMF for administrative purposes. Conservation easements are a common tool used to protect Maine's special character including fish and wildlife habitat, farms, working forests, other natural resources, scenery, and outdoor recreation opportunities.

The Conservation Easement Registry is implemented as an on-line resource for account holders to record each of the easements and any changes or amendments to the easements they hold and to report their easement monitoring. The Department is required to notify the Attorney General of "any failure of a holder disclosed by the filing or otherwise known to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry"<sup>3</sup>

Under the law, a holder of a conservation easement is required to establish an account in the Conservation Easement Registry (CER) and annually report: the book and page number at the registry of deeds for each conservation easement that it holds, the municipality and approximate number of acres protected under each conservation easement and such other information as the DCF determines necessary.<sup>4</sup> Holders are also required to monitor their conservation easements at least once within a three-year period. The CER requirements established by the legislature are entirely separate from LMF's annual reporting requirements for LMF funded acquisitions.

Each annual filing must be accompanied by \$30.00 to help cover administrative costs of the registry. Since 2009, the Conservation Easement Registry has cost LMF over \$37,000. Revenues from registration fees have amounted to just over \$20,000.<sup>5</sup> The revenues generated from this fee do not cover the expenses incurred by LMF to operate and maintain the CER, and the Legislature has not provided any additional funding to cover the costs. The shortfall is taken from a fund that was established through the former MBNA credit card

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<sup>3</sup> 33 MRSA §479-C

<sup>4</sup> 33 MRSA §479-C

<sup>5</sup> As of October 21, 2015

affinity program. The revenues in this program were generated on a portion of the administrative fee on each card transaction (0.5% of the transaction amount) and were used primarily to support LMF administrative and staff expenses, however, the fund is almost exhausted.

A review of the Conservation Easement Registry shows that in 2013 and 2014, the two most recent years for which we have complete data, 90% of registrants are annually renewing their accounts. Because reporting on easement monitoring is required every three years, we assume that the other 10% is renewing their accounts on that time frame. Generally speaking, the number of CER registrants has been stable over the past 5-6 years. It is anticipated that the number of registrants may slowly decline over time as multiple smaller land trusts merge into a single regional land trust and because of non-compliance.

### Publications

LMF provides three substantive publications: (1) the LMF Proposal Workbook (2) the biennial report, and (3) the GEA report.

When funding is available, LMF publishes an LMF Proposal Workbook, which provides guidance to applicants for preparing and submitting proposals. The Workbook also details the due diligence requirements to be completed by applicants and agencies for all projects.

A program description is provided each year in the Maine State Government Annual Report.

All LMF publications may be found on the LMF website: <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/lmf/>

# Project Summaries

January 2015 - December 2016

## **Conservation & Recreation Projects:**

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## PROJECT SUMMARY: Central Maine Sportsman's Access

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, The Trust for Public Land

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation State-wide

**LOCATION:** Burnham, Waldo County, Detroit, Embden, Ripley, Somerset County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 2,729.2 acres

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee ownership by ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

### **PUBLIC ACCESS:**

**Sebasticook Woodlands, Burnham:** From Burnham ME 100/ME 11 head east on Troy Road for 2 miles. Turn left onto Mt Road for 2.9 miles. Turn right onto access road.

**Carlton Stream Wildlife Management Area, Detroit:** From Detroit head southeast on ME 220 S for 2.9 miles. Turn left onto access road.

**Cambridge Wildlife Management Area, Cambridge:** From Cambridge at the intersection on ME 150 and ME 152, head northwest on ME 150 N and take a quick right onto Dexter Road and continue for 5.2 miles. The site will be on your right.

**Fahi Pond WMA – Sandy Pond compartment:** The Sandy Pond property abuts both the Across Town Road and Fahi Pond Road in Embden. Access is by foot only until an access road is built.

**Fahi Pond WMA - Hancock Pond compartment:** From the intersection with the Across Town Road in Embden, travel approximately 4 miles north on the Embden Pond Road. Turn left onto the access road to the top of the hill.

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$1,896,000

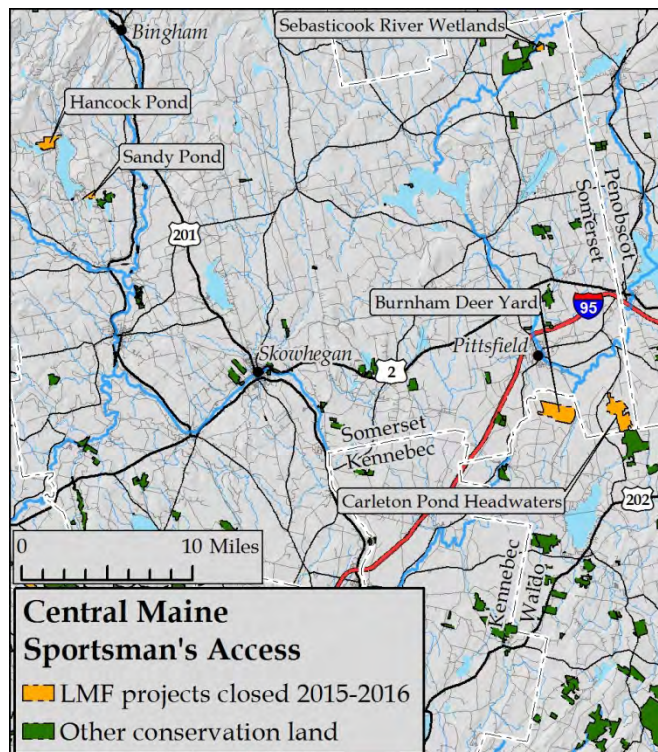
**CLOSING DATE:** 12/21/2015

**LMF BOND FUNDS:** \$500,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$1,396,000

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The central interior region of Maine sees some of the highest use by sportsmen. Each of the five parcels protected contain unique characteristics, but are all essential to increasing public access and sporting opportunities in the region. With this project, public access is expanded by more than 2,700 acres and productivity of important hunting and fishing grounds is ensured. The habitats that are protected include significant deer wintering areas, inland waterfowl and wading bird areas, and over 4,000 feet of undeveloped pond shoreline. This area provides the public with a variety of recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, wildlife photography and kayaking and canoeing.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Cold Stream Forest

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Trout Unlimited

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation State-wide

**LOCATION:** Johnson Mountain Twp, Somerset County, West Forks Plt, Somerset County

**PROJECT AREA:** 8,153 acres

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee ownership by ME Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** From The Forks, where US 201 intersects with Lake Moxie Road, head northwest on US 201 for 2.5 miles. Turn right onto unnamed road and continue for 0.9 miles. Turn right onto access road.

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** ME Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$1,500,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 3/25/2016

**LMF BOND FUNDS:** \$1,500,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$5,840,000

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Cold Stream Forest is an 8,153 acre tract of high value forest lands and riparian habitat near route 201 and The Forks. It's an actively harvested commercial forest that contains nine undeveloped ponds and 30 miles of streams providing exemplary wild native brook trout habitat; critical habitat for the federally threatened Canada Lynx; and more than 3,000 acres of deer wintering areas. This land protects more intact wild brook trout pond populations than exist in Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire combined. The Cold Stream Forest is nationally significant, ranked #3 in the country for the U.S. Forest Service's 2014 Forest Legacy Program. It also protects eight miles of Interconnected Trail System (ITS) trails and more than 38 miles of undeveloped stream and pond shorelines.

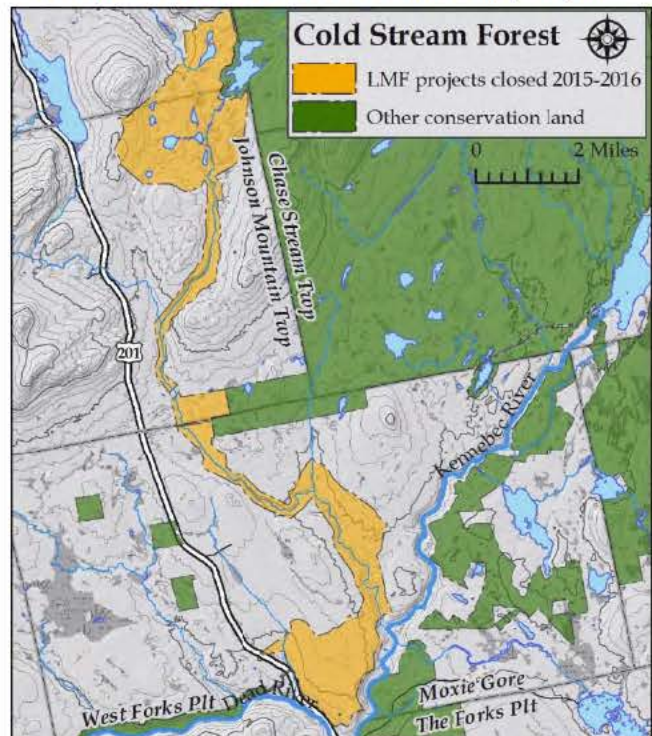


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## PROJECT SUMMARY: Crooked River Forest

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Loon Echo Land Trust, Western Foothills Land Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Regional

**LOCATION:** Harrison, Cumberland County, Otisfield, Oxford County

**PROJECT ACRES:** 729 acres

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee ownership by Western Foothills Land Trust held under an LMF Project Agreement with ME Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

### PUBLIC ACCESS:

**Interval Parcel, Harrison:** Access provided with a 50' ROW extending from the south side of Scribners Mill Rd., a public road.

**Twin Bridges Parcel, Otisfield:** Access provided from Rt 117 in Otisfield just east of the Crooked River crossing at Twin bridge.

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$1,112,000

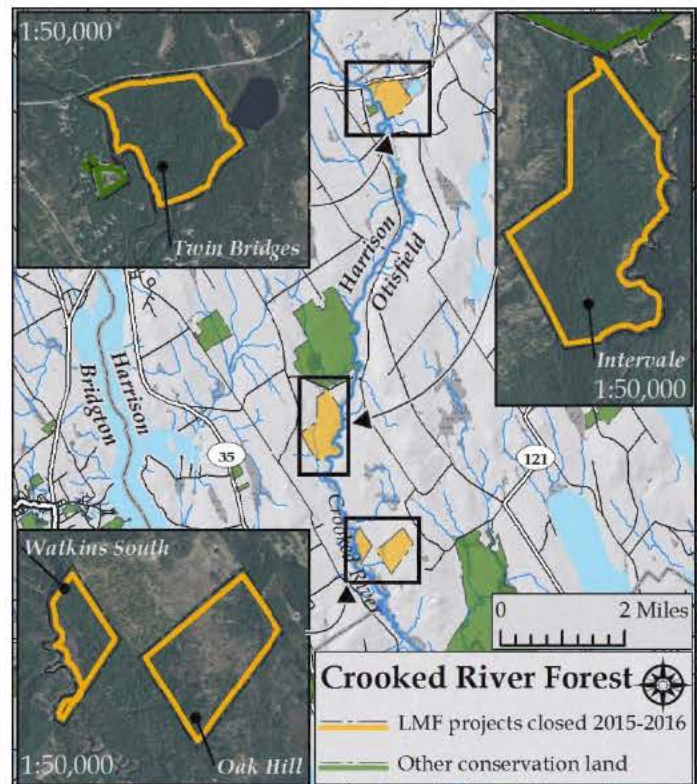
**CLOSING DATE:** 2/11/2016

**LMF BOND FUNDS:** \$400,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$712,000

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Crooked River Forests provides a natural, intact riparian corridor that extends from Sebago Lake to the White Mountain National Forest in one of the most rapidly developing parts of Maine. By conserving the forests along the Crooked River, natural filters and buffers safeguard water quality. The river hosts high quality sand and gravel aquifers and is the largest tributary with 40% inflow to the Sebago Lake, the public drinking water supply for 11 communities and 200,000 residents in greater Portland.

The river is home to one of four native populations of landlocked salmon in Maine. The river system and forested valley offers critical connectivity for a variety of wildlife species and high quality habitat for native salmon and trout fisheries. Recreational areas guarantee public access for fishing and canoeing on the river and walking, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and snowmobiling in the forest interior.



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Kennebec River Estuary Phase II - Fawcett Parcel

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation State-wide

**LOCATION:** Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 118 acres (397 acres)\*

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee ownership by ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** The Fawcett Parcel is located on the Pork Point Road in Bowdoinham, approximately 1 mile from the intersection of Rt. 24.

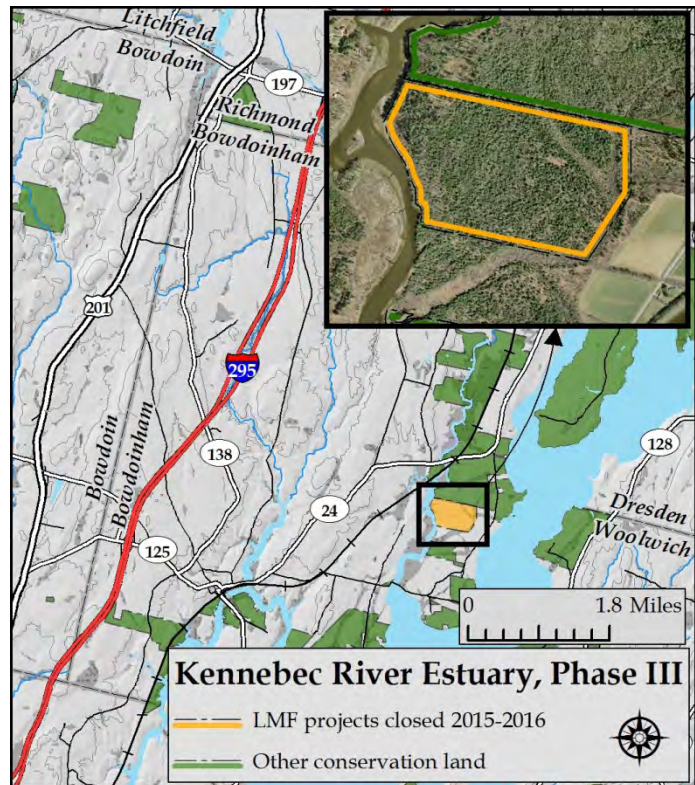
**SPONSORING AGENCY:** ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$152,000 (\$619,000)\*    **CLOSING DATE:** 1/21/2016

**LMF BOND FUNDS:** \$134,750 (\$334,750)\*    **MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$28,396 (\$339,330)\*

\*Additional parcels in this project were closed in the prior biennium

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Fawcett parcel is 118 acres of forested land which includes 2,000 feet of frontage on the Abbagadasset River. The parcel is adjacent to Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's existing Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Management Area to the north. The northern portion of the property along the river is freshwater tidal marsh and includes tidal wading bird and waterfowl habitat. The forested riparian buffer protects these sensitive resources. This parcel is part of the Kennebec River Estuary watershed, where 20% of the state's tidal marshes and 97% of the state's freshwater tidal marshes are found. The diversity and unusually rich suite of rare, threatened and endangered species makes it one of Maine's most significant and unique natural areas. The protected lands provide recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, trapping, birding, hiking and boating.





## PROJECT SUMMARY: Kennebec Highlands- Kimball Pond- Expansion

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, ME Department of Agriculture, Conservation, Forestry - Bureau of Parks and Lands

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational lands and Regional Significance

**LOCATION:** New Sharon, Franklin County

**PROJECT ACRES:** 278.0± acres

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee acquisition by Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance held under an LMF Project Agreement with ME Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry-Bureau of Parks and Lands

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** From New Sharon, head southeast on US 2 S for 2 miles and turn right onto ME 134 S. Take a quick left onto Kimball Pond Road (not maintained for winter use) for 3.9 miles. Property is on left.

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$263,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 4/7/2016

**LMF BOND FUNDS:** \$90,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$185,960.00

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The undeveloped, property supports wildlife habitat, abuts the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry- BPL, Kennebec Highlands Public Reserved Lands Unit (6,500 acres), and improves connections to the established public trail systems within the Kennebec Highlands Unit, a popular destination for hiking, biking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and cross country skiing.

This acquisition creates a guaranteed public access point from the Kimball Pond Rd to the western side of the Kennebec Highlands Unit.

Project property offers good landscape views, includes frontage for water access to Kimball Pond, a popular brook trout fishery, and proximity to several beaver flowages with open water. The northern portion of the Kimball Pond property includes very steep slopes, a primary tributary stream and wetland. The property will be managed for wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation.

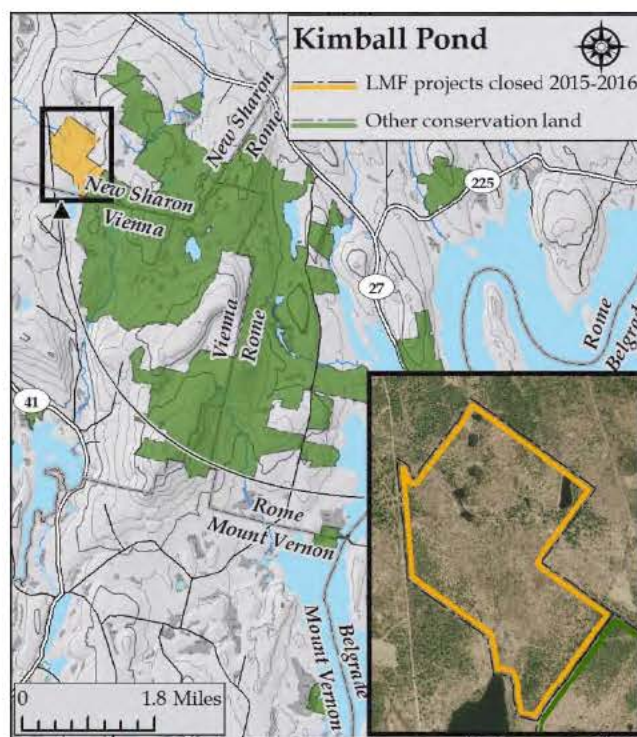


Photo credit: Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Knight's Pond

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Royal River Conservation Trust, Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust, The Trust for Public Land, Town of Cumberland, Town of North Yarmouth

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Regional

**LOCATION:** Cumberland and North Yarmouth, Cumberland County

**PROJECT ACRES:** 214.5 acres

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee acquisition by Cumberland and North Yarmouth municipalities, held under an LMF Project Agreement with ME Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry - Bureau of Parks and Lands and encumbered by a conservation easement held by Royal River Conservation Trust and Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust.

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** From Cumberland, head north on Main Street (ME 9) toward Osgood Drive for 1 mile. Turn left onto Greely Road Extension and continue for 1.2 miles to access the Pond or 1.5 miles to access the base of Blueberry Hill.

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** ME Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$860,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 10/18/2016

**LMF BOND FUNDS:** \$225,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$635,000

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Knight's Pond is a natural treasure for many surrounding communities. It's the largest undeveloped property in Cumberland and contains a pond, forested uplands, ridgeline views of Casco Bay, a network of connecting trails, unique natural community types and critical wildlife habitat. It is a keystone parcel in a multi-town recreational and conservation corridor. Located less than 12 miles from downtown Portland and less than one mile from the Cumberland and North Yarmouth town centers, Knight's Pond is a magnificent natural area in an increasingly urbanized setting. The established trail network serves not only a destination place for hikers, mountain bikers, snowmobilers, cross country skiers and snowshoers but also as a connection to a larger trail network.

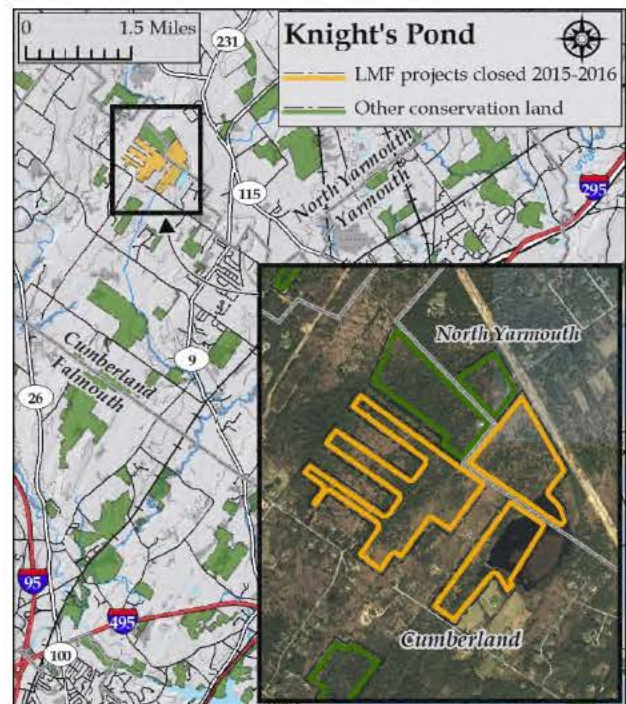


Photo credit:  
Chebeague and  
Cumberland Land Trust





**PROJECT SUMMARY: PLEASANT BAY WILDLIFE MGT AREA**  
**Big Dick North parcel, Ports Harbor North parcel, Ports Harbor South parcel**

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Lands Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Functions, Statewide Significance

**LOCATION:** Addison, Washington County

**PROJECT ACRES:** 335± acres

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Big Dick North parcel, Ports Harbor North parcel: Fee acquisition by ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Ports Harbor South parcel: Fee acquisition by Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation under Project Agreement with ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Access to all three parcels provided from local road, East Side Road, Addison, ME.

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$1,146,750

**CLOSING DATE:** Big Dick North parcel: 3/3/2016

Ports Harbor North, Ports Harbor South parcels: 12/6/2016

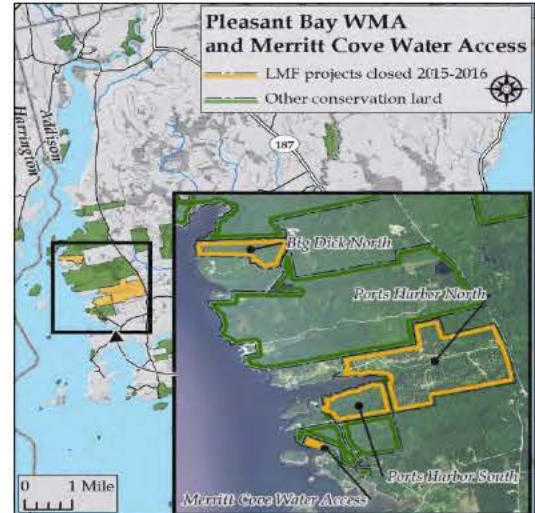
**LMF BOND FUNDS:** \$885,700

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$902,792.00 (includes USFWS National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant plus Bargain Sale value)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** ME DIFW's establishment of the Pleasant Bay Wildlife Management Area ("WMA") has been a multi-parcel effort for conservation of significant coastal habitat, recreational lands, provide public access to water and scenic viewing in an area from Ports Harbor and Greater Pleasant Bay.

With acquisition completed for these three (3) parcels: Big Dick North (51.5± acres, with 870' shoreline), Ports Harbor North (233± acres with 2,065' of tidal shoreline), and Ports Harbor South (50.5± acres, with 2,570' of tidal shoreline), this WMA provides benefits for coastal wildlife habitat, recreation land, and economic benefits to the community. The Big Dick North parcel features bold, nearly vertical granite cliffs, 150 feet high in places. These cliffs are Peregrine Falcon nesting sites.

Ports Harbor North and South parcels provide habitat for deer and opportunity for upland bird hunting, bird watching, cross-country skiing, wildlife photography, hiking, fishing, snowshoeing, water access. MDIFW also owns and manages the abutting lands along the northern boundaries of Big Dick North parcel and Ports Harbor North parcel and along the southern boundary of Ports Harbor South parcel.



Big Dick North parcel  
Photo credit: ME Department, Inland Fisheries & Wildlife



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Save Eagle Bluff

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Access Fund, Forest Society of Maine, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Town of Clifton

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Recreational Regional

**LOCATION:** Clifton, Penobscot County

**PROJECT ACRES:** 165 acres

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee acquisition by Clifton Climbers Alliance held under an LMF Project Agreement with ME Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry – Bureau of Parks and Lands

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Access is provided from Rt. 180 in Clifton

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** ME Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$132,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 1/12/2016

**LMF BOND FUNDS:** \$61,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$71,000

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Eagle Bluff has been referred to as the “crown jewel” of Maine rock climbing destinations by Climbing Magazine. It is a key climbing resource for climbers throughout Maine with over 130 established rock climbing routes and features for both beginners and experts. Eagle Bluff has been the premier site for recreational climbers, guides, instructional schools, boulderers, hikers and nature lovers for over 50 years. One of the special characteristics of Eagle Bluff is a large section of cliff known as the "Practice Wall," which has a wide, flat base and easy access to multiple anchor set-ups. This area makes Eagle Bluff a perfect destination to introduce rock climbing to new climbers and is the reason many local guides, schools, and camps use it for outdoor recreation. The property offers many recreational opportunities in addition to climbing such as hiking, picnicking, snowshoeing, hunting and trapping. Large, glacial erratic boulders can be spotted throughout the property; the majority are located to the south of the bluff face. There are also beautiful vistas from the bluff's peak as well as undeveloped hillside, streams, ponds and marshes to explore.

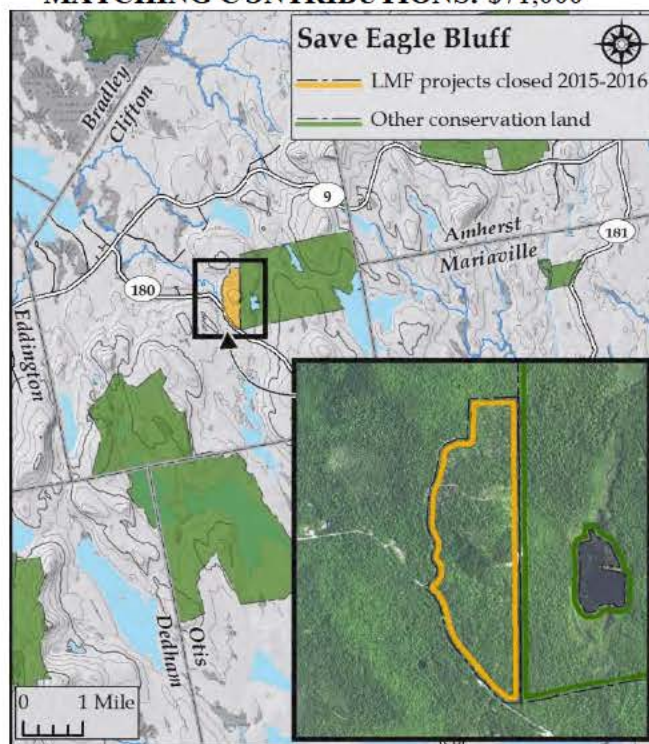


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## **Farmland Protection Projects:**

Winterwood Farm

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## PROJECT SUMMARY: Winterwood Farm

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Freeport Conservation Trust

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Farmland and Open Space

**LOCATION:** Freeport, Cumberland County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 38.5 acres

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Farmland easement acquired by Freeport Conservation Trust held under an LMF Project Agreement with ME Department Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Permission by landowner

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** ME Department Agriculture, Conservation, Forestry

**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$283,937

**CLOSING DATE:** 7/20/2016

**LMF BOND FUNDS:** \$105,000

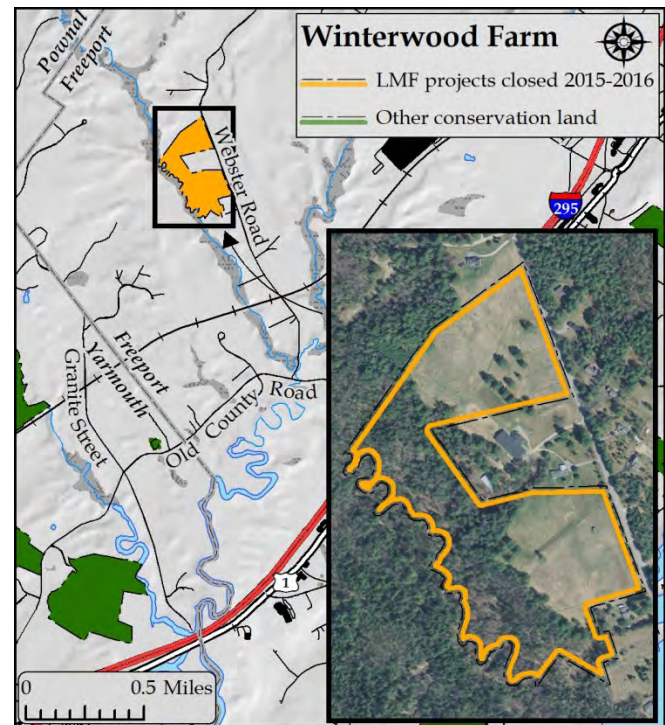
**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$178,937

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Land conservation of Winterwood Farm secures opportunity for this working farmland (~38.5 acres) to continue supporting agricultural use. According to the USDA Cumberland County soil mapping of this agricultural property, 65% of the farm's soils are classified as (USDA) Prime or of Statewide significance. A portion of aquifer that provides 90% of Freeport's public water supply underlies the farm. The farm's wooded portion slopes down to Harvey Brook, filtering runoff before it reaches this tributary of Casco Bay.

The project property's 38.5± acres are protected under an agricultural conservation easement, with an indivisible 7.6 ± acres "Homestead Area/Grantor's Lot" that cannot be severed in ownership from the "Protected Property" but retained for residence & farm buildings.

These conserved farmlands are capable of supporting more diversified active farming opportunity for the next generation of farmers in Freeport, coastal Cumberland County, and southern Maine. The project property's physical location in Freeport and within proximity to major transportation routes, provides access to markets of greater Portland and southern Maine.



View across open Pastures at Winterwood Farm

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## **Water Access Projects:**

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## PROJECT SUMMARY: Merritt Cove

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation, US Fish and Wildlife Service Region 5

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Water Access

**LOCATION:** Addison, Washington County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 8.8 acres

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee acquisition by Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation held under an LMF Project Agreement with ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Parking area located at the end of Marsh Harbor Road in Addison

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** ME Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$450,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 9/21/2016

**LMF BOND FUNDS:** \$194,500

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$301,900

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Merritt Cove Water Access project assisted with Pleasant River Wildlife Foundations fee acquisition of 8.8 acres of land and 1,330' of ocean frontage in Addison. This property is now open to the public and is being managed for traditional low impact outdoor activities including hiking, nature observation, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, fishing, the launching of hand-carry boats, hunting, and trapping, all subject to applicable state, local, and federal laws and regulations.

The property abuts conservation land on the east and north. There is a parking area with several trails including an easily accessible hand carry boat launch.



Photo provided by Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation



## **PROJECT SUMMARY: Woodward Cove Park Water Access**

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Town of Brunswick, US Fish & Wildlife Service

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Water Access Lands, Water Access

**LOCATION:** Brunswick, Cumberland County

**PROJECT ACREAGE:** 25± acres (17.8 acres above Highest Annual Tide and an additional 7 acres of intertidal wetlands), with approximately 1,500 lineal feet of tidal frontage on Woodward Cove

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Fee simple acquisition by Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust under Project Agreement with Maine Department Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Easterly side of Gurnet Road, (State Route 24), Brunswick, Maine

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** ME Department Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$125,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 12/23/2016

**LMF BOND FUNDS:** \$57,000

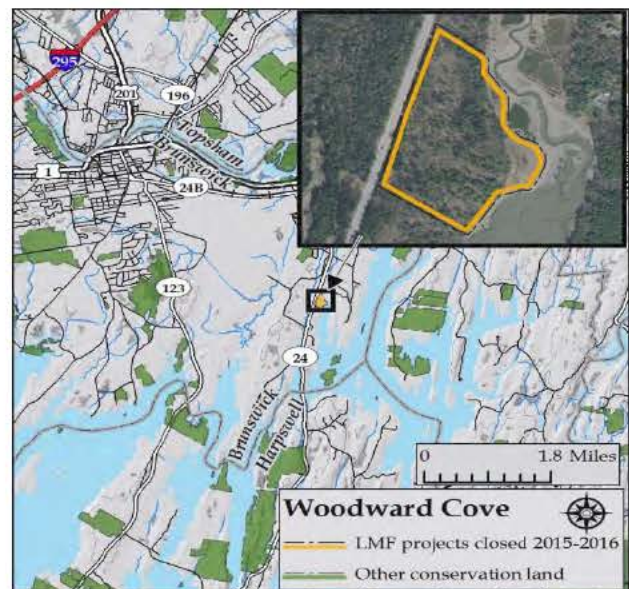
**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$75,029

(includes funding from the USFWS North American Wetlands Conservation Council)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The undeveloped project property is located along a portion of Brunswick's shoreline that offers the least opportunity for public access. It has been a local priority to complete acquisition of this property and secure access to the mudflats for local shellfish and baitworm harvesters. Located at the head of Woodward Cove on the New Meadows River arm of Casco Bay, this local resource is dependent on long-term water quality and the health of the marsh. The salt-hay saltmarsh community is the third largest in Brunswick as mapped by the Maine Natural Areas Program.

The site includes an off-street gravel parking area along Route 24 that safely accommodates vehicle traffic. The northern portion of the shoreline provides the public with continued walk-in access for outdoor recreational activities including birding and waterfowl hunting.

The Woodward Cove parcel will provide public access to the shore for clammers, wormers, hunters, and hikers to the flats and waters of Woodward Cove, traditional outdoor recreation, and water access for land-carry boats to the waters of Woodward Cove.



View of tidal bay from gravel parking area along southerly portion of property

Photo credit: Brunswick Topsham Land Trust

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## **Working Waterfront Projects:**

A & R Enterprises

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## PROJECT SUMMARY: A & R Enterprises (Millers Wharf)

**CONSERVATION PARTNERS:** Coastal Enterprises, Inc.

**LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE:** Working Waterfront Access Protection

**LOCATION:** Saint George, Knox County

**PROJECT ACRES:** 0.34

**PROJECT DESIGN:** Working waterfront easement held by Department of Marine Resources, Fee held by A&R Enterprises, LLC.

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Permission by landowner

**SPONSORING AGENCY:** ME Department of Marine Resources

**PURCHASE PRICE:** \$250,000

**CLOSING DATE:** 4/8/2016

**LMFB AND FUNDS:** \$250,000

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$760,900

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Situated in the village of Tenants Harbor, Millers Wharf is located on the northern shore of the well-protected inner Tenants Harbor. The uses of the property include a fish market, seasonal restaurant, fuel sales, mooring and docking; rentals and a loading dock for commercial fisheries in the area. It serves as a destination via recreational boats and foot traffic since it is within walking distance of the village. There is a public boat launch 150 feet to the west and a pier and hotel directly to the east. The property has approximately 230 feet of deep water frontage, a 10,000 square foot wharf with a ramp and two floats and four haul outs each with a hydraulic winch. Millers Wharf is the harbor's last remaining locally owned commercial dock and has been in the Miller family for decades.



Photo credits: Coastal Enterprises, Inc.

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# **Appendix 1** **Project Summaries by County** **January 2015 - December 2016**

<b>Projects Closed by County</b>	<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>LMF Funding</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>LMF Bond</b>
<b>Cumberland</b>					
Woodward Cove Park	Water Access	25.0	\$57,000	\$75,029	LMF 2009 PL C 645
Winterwood Farm	Farmland Protection	38.5	\$105,000	\$178,937	Farm 2009 PL C 645
Knight's Pond	Conservation & Recreation	214.5	\$225,000	\$635,000	LMF 2009 PL C 645
Crooked River Forest	Conservation & Recreation	296.0	\$178,000	\$317,000	LMF 2009 PL C 645
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>574.0</b>	<b>\$565,000</b>	<b>\$1,205,966</b>	
<b>Franklin</b>					
Kimball Pond	Conservation & Recreation	278.0	\$90,000	\$185,960	LMF 2007 PL C 39
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>278.0</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$185,960</b>	
<b>Knox</b>					
A & R Enterprises	Working Waterfront	0.4	\$250,000	\$760,900	WF 2009 PL C 645
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$760,900</b>	
<b>Oxford</b>					
Crooked River Forest	Conservation & Recreation	433.0	\$222,000	\$395,000	LMF 2009 PL C 645
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>433.0</b>	<b>\$222,000</b>	<b>\$395,000</b>	
<b>Penobscot</b>					
Save Eagle Bluff	Conservation & Recreation	165.0	\$61,000	\$71,000	LMF 2007 PL C 39
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>\$61,000</b>	<b>\$71,000</b>	
<b>Sagadahoc</b>					
Kennebec River Estuary, Phase II – Fawcett Parcel	Conservation & Recreation	118.0	\$134,750	\$28,396	LMF 2007 PL C 39
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>118.0</b>	<b>\$134,750</b>	<b>\$28,396<sup>6</sup></b>	

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<sup>6</sup> Kennebec Estuary Ph II: Additional parcels comprising a total of 397± acres in this project were closed and LMF reported in the prior biennium. For the previously completed land acquisitions, LMF funding amount contributed was \$334,750 and these funds were matched with \$339,330.

# Appendix 1

## Project Summaries by County

### January 2015 - December 2016

<b>Projects Closed by County</b>	<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>LMF Funding</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>LMF Bond</b>
<b>Somerset</b>					
Cold Stream Forest	Conservation & Recreation	8,159.0	\$1,500,000	\$5,840,000	LMF 2011 PL C696
Central Maine Sportsman's Access	Conservation & Recreation	1,669.84	\$325,000	\$986,000	LMF 2007 PL C 39
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>9,828.84</b>	<b>\$1,825,000</b>	<b>\$6,826,000</b>	
<b>Waldo</b>					
Central Maine Sportsman's Access	Conservation & Recreation	1,094	\$175,000	\$410,000	LMF 2007 PL C 39
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>	<b>\$410,000</b>	
<b>Washington</b>					
Merritt Cove	Water Access	8.8	\$194,500	\$301,900	LMF 2009 PL C 645
Pleasant Bay WMA	Conservation & Recreation	335.0	\$885,700	\$902,792	LMF 2007 PL C 39, LMF 2009 PL C 645
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>343.8</b>	<b>\$1,080,200</b>	<b>\$1,204,692</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,835.04 acres</b>	<b>\$4,402,950</b>	<b>\$11,087,914</b>	

## Appendix 2

### Bond Funds Available During the Biennium

<i>BOND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>	<i>Available Balance 12/31/2016</i>
PL 2007 Chapter 39 Part E Voter approved 11/6/2007	<b>\$17,000,000</b>	The proceeds must be expended for the acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, farmland preservation in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 353 and working waterfront preservation, including all costs associated with such acquisitions, except that use of the proceeds is subject to certain requirements. The bond funds must be matched with at least \$8,500,000 in public and private contributions.	
Minimum amounts specified in the statute.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proceeds are available for acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, and wildlife and fish habitat.</li> <li>Of the proceeds available , <b>\$1,700,000 must be made available to acquire Public Access to Maine Waters</b> in accordance with Title 5, Sec. 6203-A.</li> <li>Of the proceeds available <b>\$1,700,000 must be made available to protect farmland</b> in accordance with Title 5, Section 6207.</li> <li>Of the proceeds available <b>\$3,000,000 must be made available to protect working waterfront properties</b> in accordance with PL 2005, Chapter 462, Part B, Section 6.</li> </ul>	\$ 7,568  0  0  0
<i>BOND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>	<i>Available Balance 12/31/2016</i>
PL 2009 Chapter 414 Part E as Amended by Chapter 645, Part J Voter approved 11/2/2010	<b>\$9,250,000</b>	The proceeds must be expended for the acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, farmland preservation in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 353 and working waterfront preservation, including all costs associated with such acquisitions, except that use of the proceeds of these bonds is subject to conditions and requirements. The bond funds expended for conservation, recreation, farmland and water access must be matched with at least \$6,500,000 in public and private contributions	
Minimum amounts specified in the statute.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proceeds of \$6,500,000 are available for acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, including hunting and fishing.</li> <li>Of the proceeds available, <b>\$1,000,000 must be made available to protect farmland</b> in accordance with Title 5, Section 6207</li> <li>Of the proceeds available, <b>\$1,750,000 must be made available to protect working waterfront properties</b> in accordance with PL 2005, Chapter 462, Part B, Section 6</li> </ul>	\$3,806,387  \$386,613  \$277,238

<i>BOND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>	<i>Available Balance 12/31/2016<sup>7</sup></i>
PL 2011 Chapter 696 Voter approved 11/6/2012	\$5,000,000	The proceeds must be expended for the acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, farmland preservation in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 353 and working waterfront preservation in accordance with the terms of PL 2005, chapter 462, Part B, Sec. 6, including all costs associated with such acquisitions, <b>except that use of the proceeds is subject to following conditions</b> and requirements. The funds are to be expended for conservation, water access, wildlife habitat (including deer wintering areas) or fish habitat, outdoor recreation (including hunting and fishing), and preservation of farmland and working waterfronts, subject to a number of conditions and requirements and must be matched with at least \$5,000,000 in public and private contributions.	\$500,000
Minimum amounts specified in the statute.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bond proceeds of \$5,000,000 are available for acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, including hunting, fishing and farmland preservation.<sup>8</sup> The Act specifies that <b>projects that conserve and protect deer wintering areas are to be given priority</b> in the scoring of applications submitted to the Board. It also directs the Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation &amp; Forestry and the Dept. of Inland Fisheries &amp; Wildlife to be proactive in pursuing conservation of priority <b>deer wintering areas.</b><sup>9</sup> Land and easements purchased by the State for wildlife or fish habitat protection must be managed using protocols provided by the DIFW.</li> </ul>	\$0.00
PL 2011, Chapter 696, Sec. 6 Voter approved 11/6/2012		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Of the bond proceeds allocated to the LMF Board, <i>any grants awarded for working waterfront projects</i> must be made in accordance with PL 2005, Chapter 462, Part B.<sup>10</sup> Each grant must be matched, dollar for dollar, by the organizations or local governments receiving the award and are subject to a condition that the property not be used, altered or developed in a manner that precludes its use by commercial fisheries businesses. The state must retain a permanent right of first refusal on any waterfront property acquired with bond proceeds, or is protected by an easement acquired with bond proceeds.</li> </ul>	

<sup>7</sup> Amounts as of December 31, 2016

<sup>8</sup> Sale of bond funds for conservation & recreation, water access, farmland preservation is pending.

<sup>9</sup> Deer Wintering Areas (emphasis added) - defined as areas containing at least 500 acres of land (including the acreage of any contiguous land that is already conserved) that have been used by deer at some point since 1950 and are capable of sheltering deer as of the effective date of this Act or within 20 years.

<sup>10</sup> This pilot program has since been established in statute as the Maine Working Waterfront Access Protection Program. See Public Laws of 2011, Chapter 266, part B and language in Title 5 Chapter 353 (Land for Maine's Future statute) and in Title 12 (Dept. of Marine Resources statute).

## **Appendix 3**

### **Program Partners During Biennium**

The work of these partners and the matching funds they bring exceeds the expenditures by the state, making this Program among state programs providing the greatest return on investment. There are many other partners, whose work increases LMF results and success. The list below is comprised of just those partners who had projects completed (closed purchases) during 2015-2016.

#### **Federal agencies and programs**

USDA Farm and Ranchland Protection Program\*

USDA Forest Service, Forest Legacy Program

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

US Fish and Wildlife Service, North American Wetlands Conservation Act

US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program

#### **State agencies and programs**

Department of Administration and Financial Services, Natural Resources Service Center

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Department of Marine Resources

Department of Transportation

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

Office of Attorney General

Office of State Treasurer

#### **Municipalities**

Town of Brunswick

Town of Clifton

Town of Cumberland

Town of North Yarmouth

#### **Conservation organizations**

Belgrade Region Conservation Alliance

Brunswick Topsham Land Trust

Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust

Clifton Climbers Alliance

Coastal Enterprises, Inc

Forest Society of Maine

Freeport Conservation Trust

Loon Echo Land Trust

Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Maine Council, Trout Unlimited

Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation

Royal River Conservation Trust

Sportsman's Alliance of Maine

Trout Unlimited

Trust for Public Land

Western Foot Hills Land Trust

*\*Note: Some farmland protection projects include matching funds from USDA farmland protection program. USDA requires the following statement in all publications related to its program:*

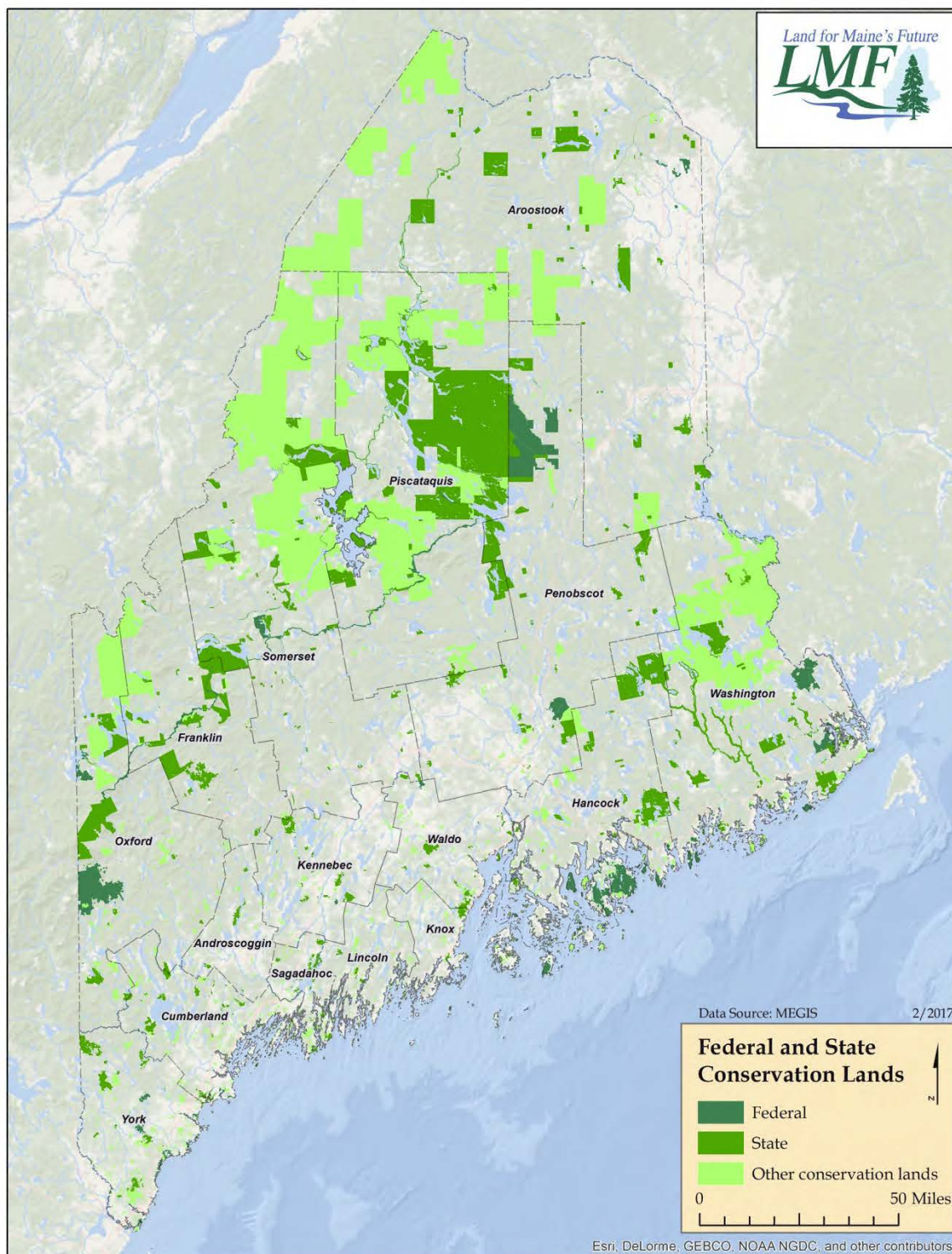
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# Appendix 4

## Maine Conservation Lands

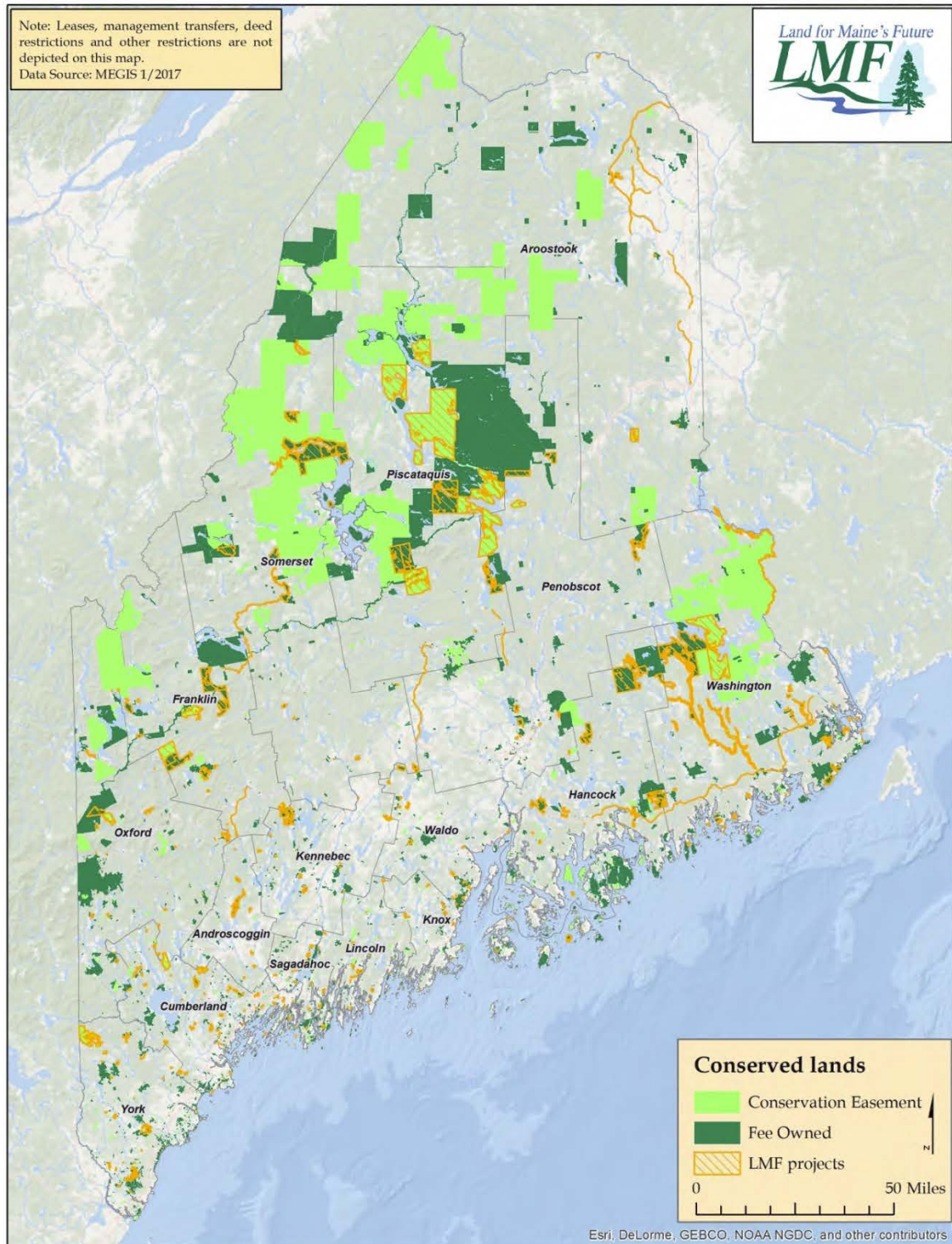
### Federal, State, Other ownership





## Appendix 5

### Maine Conservation Lands Fee and Easement Lands



## Appendix 6

### Cumulative Summary of Completed LMF Projects by County

	Conservation and Recreation		Water Access		Farmland		Working Waterfront		TOTAL	
	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres
Androscoggin	7	2,927	3	32	5	679	0	0	15	3,638
Aroostook	8	6,668	2	12	0	0	0	0	10	6,680
Cumberland	32	7,886	7	334	11	3,550	3	3	53	11,774
Franklin	11	40,323	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	40,324
Hancock	14	47,175	7	36	3	409	1	1	25	47,620
Kennebec	5	7,529	4	40	5	1,184	0	0	14	8,752
Knox	9	669	0	0	2	242	9	6	20	917
Lincoln	11	1,304	2	7	1	92	5	27	19	1,430
Oxford	15	11,260	7	236	0	0	0	0	22	11,496
Penobscot	12	17,072	4	8	0	0	0	0	16	17,079
Piscataquis	8	271,290	3	57	0	0	0	0	11	271,347
Sagadahoc	8	2,728	1	4	4	560	0	0	13	3,292
Somerset	6	73,743.9	4	168	0	0	0	0	10	73,911.9
Waldo	8	2,276.8	2	2	5	818	0	0	15	3,097
Washington	32	84,247	9	58	1	1,523	5	4	48	85,832
York	24	14,318	0	0	4	699	1	1	29	15,017
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>591,138</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>9,755</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>601,929</b>

\* There are instances where project acreages extend across county lines. In such cases, the summary table above counts the project as being in the county that contains the majority of the project's acreage.

\*Table does not include active projects with proposed closing dates after December 31, 2016.