Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program
Annual Report – January 1, 2010-December 31, 2010

1. INTRODUCTION

In 2007, the State of Maine developed an In Lieu Fee Compensation Program to augment its regulatory program, and created the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program (MNRCP) to allocate the funds collected for compensatory mitigation projects. An agreement for services between the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) was signed on October 3, 2007 outlining TNC's responsibility to administer MNRCP. A Memorandum of Agreement between the New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps"), the DEP, and TNC was signed on January 31, 2008. This report outlines the MNRCP activities from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

Mitigating adverse environmental impacts is an integral part of the Maine Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA), administered by DEP, and the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA), administered by the Corps. In general, mitigation is a sequential process of avoiding adverse impacts, minimizing impacts that cannot practicably be avoided, and compensating for those impacts that cannot be further minimized. Both state and federal agencies may require appropriate and practicable compensatory mitigation as part of their permitting process. The goals of the MNRCP are to: substantially increase the extent and quality of restoration, enhancement, creation, and preservation of protected natural resources over that typically achieved by other forms of compensatory mitigation for activities that impact significant wildlife habitat, wetlands and other waters of the State of Maine; reduce the extent of cumulative adverse impacts to resources that are considered protected natural resources under NRPA and /or the federal Clean Water Act and Rivers and Harbors Act; and provide DEP and Corps permit applicants greater flexibility in compensating for adverse impacts to protected natural resources. Protected resources in Maine include not only freshwater and coastal wetlands but also rivers, streams and significant wildlife habitat, which includes significant vernal pools, seabird nesting islands, high and moderate value waterfowl and wading bird habitats, and high or moderate value shorebird nesting, feeding, and staging areas.

In most situations, applicants for permits to impact protected natural resources apply to the DEP, which determines if the applicant has taken the required steps to avoid and minimize impacts to resources and whether the project can use the MNRCP to offset remaining unavoidable impacts. If MNRCP is chosen for mitigation, DEP assesses the applicable fee, based on the schedule attached as Appendix A. The fee must be paid before any permitted work can take place. The Corps may also determine that a payment to MNRCP is the appropriate compensation for an impact to waters of the United States, in which case the Corps will notify the applicant of the applicable fee amount and the applicant will send the fee to DEP for deposit.

Once the fee has been paid, the DEP fills out a "Project Summary Form" (attached as Appendix B) and sends this along with support materials to TNC. TNC inputs information into a database which tracks impacts, income from fees, and compensation project information, including expenditures. Each impact site is located in GIS using the map provided by DEP in their project summary packet (see Appendix C for a map of biophysical regions and impact sites and Appendix D for a map of funded MNRCP projects). Once the funds are received from the state by TNC, they are placed in an account specific to the biophysical region in which the impact

took place for subsequent allocation through MNRCP. For the period of January 1, 2010 – April 21, 2010 five percent of the fee was set aside for administrative and overhead expenses incurred by TNC in running the program, as stipulated in the agreement for services between TNC and DEP. An amendment to this Agreement was signed by TNC and DEP on April 21, 2010, increasing the administrative fee to 8% to more accurately capture the full costs of program management.

2. IMPACTS and FEES RECEIVED

During the period of this annual report, 26 payments were received into the MNRCP fund. Of these, there were 8 projects in 6 Biophysical Regions where fees were not received by the MNRCP until after the Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued showing the amount of funding available in each Biophysical Region. This likely did not affect project submissions in the Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands Biophysical Region as there were substantial funds available in that region when the RFP was issued. The Maine Eastern Coastal Region doubled the funds available. One proposal was received in this region and it is not clear whether the increase in available funds might have resulted in the submission of additional proposals. This is a very rural area of Downeast Maine with small local governments and a handful of land trusts with fairly large focus areas. The Maine-New Brunswick Lowlands region had only $7,668 available at the time of the RFP and no project proposals were received for this region. One Letter of Intent was received in this region in the previous funding round, but the applicant declined to submit a Full Proposal, deciding to focus on other proposals in other regions. The Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain region had only $1,148 available at the time of the RFP. Two Letters of Intent submitted for this region were invited to Full Proposal (on the chance additional funds might come in), but both declined to submit. One stated explicitly that they were declining due to the lack of funds available and the uncertainty of additional funds coming in by award time. Two additional Biophysical Regions, Maine Central Foothills and Mahoosuc Rangeley Lakes, had not previously received In-Lieu Fee payments so these Biophysical Regions were not included in the RFP as part of this funding round. All funding remaining after the granting process was complete will be included in the 2011 granting process.

Several tables follow which provide information on payments, impact areas and types, and funds available for award. Table 1 gives a breakdown of the payments received by TNC and available for MNRCP award during the reporting period and the biophysical region in which the impacts took place. Table 2 provides a breakdown of square footage of impacts and resulting fees by general habitat category and Table 3 further breaks down the impacts by specific habitat types. Table 4 shows the cumulative impacts to all habitat types across all Biophysical Regions. Table 5 funds available for award and the total awarded in the first two rounds of funding in 2009 and 2010, with funds remaining in each Biophysical Region for the next round of funding. Finally, Table 6 lists the details for all payments received to date by TNC and available for MNRCP awards.

Table 1: 2010 Number of Payments and Funds Available for MNRCP Award

Biophysical Region	Number of permits using ILF	Payments	Program Administration	Funds Available for MNRCP Award
#3 - Casco Bay Coast	4	$1,456,570.51	$116,525.64	$1,340,044.87
#4 - Central Maine Embayment	4	$398,784.24	$31,902.74	$366,881.50
#5 - Central Maine Foothills	1	$86,046.00[2]	$6,883.68	$79,162.32
#7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	7	$237,669.50	$19,013.56	$218,655.94
#10 - Mahousuc Rangely Lakes	2	$146,796.92[2]	$11,743.75	$135,053.17
#12 - Maine Eastern Coastal	2	$80,096.36	$6,407.71	$73,688.65
#14 - Maine-New Brunswick Lowlands	1	$140,140.00	$11,211.20	$128,928.80
#15 - Penobscot Bay Coast	2	$14,210.20	$1,136.82	$13,073.38
#16 - Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	1	$51,697.14	$4,135.77	$47,561.37
#18 - Western Maine Foothills	2	$18,975.66	$1,518.05	$17,457.61
Totals:	26	$2,630,986.53	$210,478.92	$2,420,507.61

Table 2: 2010 Impacts and Funds by Biophysical Region & General Habitat Category

Biophysical Region	General Habitat Category	Total Sq. Ft. Impacted	Acres	Funds Available
#03 - Casco Bay Coast	Coastal/Marine	744.00	0.02	$5,653.40
#03 - Casco Bay Coast	Freshwater	342,307.00	7.86	$1,334,391.47
#04 - Central Maine Embayment	Freshwater	95,243.00	2.19	$366,881.50
#05 - Central Maine Foothills	Freshwater	30,952.00	0.71	$79,162.32
#07 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Freshwater	57,886.00	1.33	$218,655.94
#10 - Mahousuc Rangely Lakes	Freshwater	45,237.00	1.04	$131,233.33
#10 - Mahousuc Rangely Lakes	Significant Wildlife Habitat	17,300.00	0.40	$3,819.84
#12 - Maine Eastern Coastal	Coastal/Marine	480.00	0.01	$2,587.96
#12 - Maine Eastern Coastal	Freshwater	23,742.00	0.55	$71,100.69
#14 - Maine-New Brunswick Lowlands	Significant Wildlife Habitat	242,193.60	5.56	$128,928.80
#15 - Penobscot Bay Coast	Coastal/Marine	1,020.00	0.02	$6,062.06
#15 - Penobscot Bay Coast	Freshwater	1,893.00	0.04	$7,011.32
#16 - Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Freshwater	6,339.00	0.15	$47,561.37
#18 - Western Maine Foothills	Freshwater	31,102.00	0.71	$17,457.61
	Totals:	896,438.60	20.58	$2,420,507.61

[2]These ILF payments were received after the MNRCP Request for Proposals process was completed, so these Biophysical Regions were not included in the 2010 round of funding.

Table 3: 2010 Impacts to Specific Habitat Types by Biophysical Region

Biophysical Region	Habitat	Sq. Ft. Impacted	Acres
#03 - Casco Bay Coast	Estuarine intertidal	150.00	0.003
	Freshwater wetland Emergent	28,276.00	0.649
	Freshwater wetland Forested	146,660.00	3.367
	Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	167,371.00	3.842
	Marine intertidal	207.00	0.005
	Marine subtidal	387.00	0.009
#04 - Central Maine Embayment	Freshwater wetland Emergent	50,231.00	1.153
	Freshwater wetland Forested	33,583.00	0.771
	Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	11,429.00	0.262
#05 - Central Maine Foothills	Freshwater wetland Emergent	3,213.00	0.074
#05 -	Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	27,739.00	0.637
#07 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Freshwater wetland Emergent	29,650.00	0.681
	Freshwater wetland Forested	14,458.00	0.332
	Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	13,778.00	0.316
#10 - Mahousuc Rangely Lakes	Freshwater wetland Emergent	32,762.00	0.752
	Freshwater wetland Forested	9,493.00	0.218
	Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	1,926.00	0.044
	River/Stream	1,056.00	0.024
	Vernal pool critical terrestrial habitat	17,300.00	0.397
#12 - Maine Eastern Coastal	Freshwater wetland Emergent	10,769.00	0.247
	Freshwater wetland Forested	3,020.00	0.069
	Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	9,953.00	0.228
	Marine intertidal	480.00	0.011
#14 - Maine-New Brunswick Lowlands	Inland waterfowl	242,193.60	5.560
#15 - Penobscot Bay Coast	Estuarine intertidal	60.00	0.001
	Estuarine subtidal	960.00	0.022
	Freshwater wetland Emergent	390.00	0.009
	Freshwater wetland Forested	1,113.00	0.026
	Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	390.00	0.009
#16 - Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Lake, Limnetic	6,339.00	0.146
#18 - Western Maine Foothills	Freshwater wetland Emergent	465.00	0.011
	Freshwater wetland Forested	30,172.00	0.693
	Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	465.00	0.011
	Totals:	**896,438.60**	**20.58**

Table 4: 2010 Impacts to Habitat Types Across All Biophysical Regions

Habitat Type	Sq. Ft. Impacted	Acres
Estuarine intertidal	210.00	0.005
Estuarine subtidal	960.00	0.022
Freshwater wetland Emergent	155,756.00	3.576
Freshwater wetland Forested	238,499.00	5.475
Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	233,051.00	5.350
Inland waterfowl	242,193.60	5.560
Lake, Limnetic	6,339.00	0.146
Marine intertidal	687.00	0.016
Marine subtidal	387.00	0.009
River/Stream	1,056.00	0.024
Vernal pool critical terrestrial habitat	17,300.00	0.397
Totals:	**896,438.60**	**20.58**

Table 5: Funds Available and Awarded and Funds Remaining for Next Round of Funding

Biophysical Regions with no totals have not yet received any funds through In-Lieu Fee

Biophysical Region	Received in 2009	Received in 2010	Total Income Available	2009 Awards	2010 Awards	Total Funds Awarded	Funds Remaining
#01 - Aroostook Hills				$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
#02 - Aroostook Lowlands				$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
#03 - Casco Bay Coast	$210,490.00	$1,340,044.00	$1,550,534.00	$141,903.00	$803,800.00	$945,703.00	$2,155,366.00
#04 - Central Maine Embayment	$456,194.00	$366,881.00	$823,075.00	$310,250.00	$356,200.00	$666,450.00	$979,700.00
#05 - Central Maine Foothills	$0.00	$79,162.00	$79,162.00	$0.00	$0.00		$79,162.00
#06 - Connecticut Lakes				$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
#07 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	$886,872.00	$218,656.00	$1,105,528.00	$145,342.00	$893,285.00	$1,038,627.00	$1,172,430.00
#08 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Plain				$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
#09 - International Boundary Plateau				$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
#10 - Mahousuc Rangely Lakes	$0.00	$135,053.00	$135,053.00	$0.00	$0.00		$135,053.00
#11 - Maine Central Mountains				$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
#12 - Maine Eastern Coastal	$0.00	$73,688.00	$73,688.00	$0.00	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	$23,688.00
#13 - Maine Eastern Interior	$45,468.00	$0.00	$45,468.00	$0.00	$0.00		$45,468.00
#14 - Maine-New Brunswick Lowlands	$7,668.00	$128,929.00	$136,597.00	$0.00	$0.00		$136,597.00
#15 - Penobscot Bay Coast	$207,936.00	$13,073.00	$221,009.00	$107,937.00	$0.00	$107,937.00	$113,072.00
#16 - Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	$664,799.00	$47,561.00	$712,360.00	$375,431.00	$0.00	$375,431.00	$336,929.00
#17 - St John Uplands				$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
#18 - Western Maine Foothills	$0.00	$17,457.00	$17,457.00	$0.00	$0.00		$17,457.00
#19 - White Mountains				$0.00	$0.00		$0.00

Table 6: Complete List of all DEP Applications Generating ILFP Payments by Biophysical Region and Date

Biophysical Region	Applicant	TNC Rec'd Date	DEP Project	Permit #s	Town	Total Sq. Ft.	Habitat Category	Type of Impact	Available for Award
3 - Casco Bay Coast	Town of Chebeague Island	4/30/2009	Wharf Rd. Reconstruction	L-24345-4E-A-N, NAE-2008-03395	Yarmouth	1,397.00	Freshwater and Coastal/Marine	Fill	$12,293.59
3 - Casco Bay Coast	Washburn & Doughty Associates	6/11/2009	Washburn & Doughty Drydock Platforms	L-20207-4E-F-N, NAE-2008-01157 mod 2	Boothbay	180.00	Coastal/Marine	Fill	$1,269.20
3 - Casco Bay Coast	Washburn & Doughty Associates	7/30/2008	Washburn & Doughty Shipyard Expansion	L-20207-4E-C-N, L-20207-4E-E-M, NAE-2008-01157	Boothbay	3,864.00	Coastal/Marine	Fill	$27,237.34
3 - Casco Bay Coast	Town of Westport	8/23/2010	Boat Launch realignment	NAE-2006-2777	Westport Island	150.00	Coastal/Marine	Fill	$1,139.88
3 - Casco Bay Coast	Bigelow Laboratory	8/23/2010	Bigelow Laboratory Research and Educational Facility	L-24771-4E-B-N	Boothbay	594.00	Coastal/Marine	Fill	$4,513.52
3 - Casco Bay Coast	US Marine Corps	8/23/2010	USMC Reserve Centers	L-20116-87-TG-N	Brunswick	44,393.00	Freshwater	Fill	$166,225.15
3 - Casco Bay Coast	Central Maine Power Company	8/23/2010	Maine Power Reliability Project	L-24620-26-A-N, L-24620-TG-B-N, L-24620-VP-C-N, L-24620-IW-D-N, L-24620-L6-E-N, NAE-2008-03017	Cumberland	297,914.00	Freshwater	Fill	$1,168,166.32
3 - Casco Bay Coast	Fisherman Island, LLC	8/24/2011	Breakwater, pier, float	L-24619-4P-A-N, NAE-2009-01465	Boothbay	1,995.00	Coastal/Marine	Fill	$4,803.32
3 - Casco Bay Coast	Maine Yankee	9/1/2008	Natural Resources Damages Restoration Plan & Settlement		Wiscasset		Groundwater (ME Yankee Settlement)		$114,475.00
3 - Casco Bay Coast	Washburn & Doughty Associates	9/1/2008	Washburn & Doughty Laydown Area	L-20207-4E-D-N, NAE-2008-01157	Boothbay	7,833.00	Coastal/Marine	Fill	$55,214.95
4 - Central Maine Embayment	Husson College	10/29/2008	Husson Metting House and Access Road	NAE-2008-2072	Bangor	11,055.00	Freshwater	Fill	$31,086.66
4 - Central Maine Embayment	University of Maine, Orono	11/16/2009	AEWC Building Expansion Modification	L-19408-TC-CB-M	Orono	11,597.00	Freshwater	Fill	$32,170.08
4 - Central Maine Embayment	Dirgo Pines Development Company	12/12/2008	Dirigo Pines	L-17404-26-O-A	Orono	295.00	Freshwater	Fill	$779.10
4 - Central Maine	City of Waterville	2/24/2009	Messalonskee Trail	L-24114-L6-A-N	Waterville	3,630.00	Freshwater	Fill	$11,621.35

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Embayment									
4 - Central Maine Embayment	MSB Leasing, Inc.	3/16/2011	Machias Savings Bank	NAE-2008-0280	Brewer	24,891.00	Freshwater	Fill	$34,667.18
4 - Central Maine Embayment	City of Brewer	3/2/2011	Industrial Park road extenstion	NAE-2010-02069, L-18110-TG-C-M	Brewer	1,235.00	Freshwater	Fill	$3,317.70
4 - Central Maine Embayment	University of Maine, Orono	3/2/2011	Footbridge on Multi-use trail	L-19408-TE-CK-N, NAE-1997-02618-M3	Orono	480.00	Freshwater	Fill	$1,289.47
4 - Central Maine Embayment	Bangor Hydro Electric Co.	3/5/2009	Bangor Hydro Keene Rd Substation	L-20972-TC-F-N, NAE-2008-3073	Chester	253,067.00	Freshwater and Signif. Wildlife Hab.	Fill and Vegetation conversion	$102,574.16
4 - Central Maine Embayment	Maine DOT	3/9/2011	Downeast Rail Trail, Ellsworth	PBR 49618, NAE-2010-00470	Bangor	25,174.00	Freshwater	Fill	$71,333.05
4 - Central Maine Embayment	Hammond Lumber Company	3/9/2011	Bangor Expansion	NAE-2005-2842	Bangor	55,321.20	Freshwater	Fill	$10,882.61
4 - Central Maine Embayment	Town of Chelsea	5/18/2010	Chelsea Elemetary School	L-24780-TE-A-N, NAE-2007-03342	Chelsea	40,719.00	Freshwater	Fill	$132,613.40
4 - Central Maine Embayment	PS Bangor, LLC	6/10/2010	Lowe's Home Improvement Center	NAE-1991-02551-M1	Bangor	14,597.00	Freshwater	Fill	$39,213.38
4 - Central Maine Embayment	University of Maine, Orono	7/29/2009	AEWC Building Expansion	L-19408-TC-BX-N	Orono	11,890.00	Freshwater	Fill	$31,401.49
4 - Central Maine Embayment	Central Maine Power Company	8/23/2010	Maine Power Reliability Project	L-24620-26-A-N, L-24620-TG-B-N, L-24620-VP-C-N, L-24620-IW-D-N, L-24620-L6-E-N, NAE-2008-03017	Lewiston	38,727.00	Freshwater	Fill	$191,831.04
4 - Central Maine Embayment	University of Maine, Orono	8/23/2010	Bike Path Extension	L-19108-TE-CI-N	Orono	1,200.00	Freshwater		$3,223.68
4 - Central Maine Embayment	Labree's, Inc.	8/24/2011	Labree's Bakery expansion	NAE-1992-1521-M1	Old Town	7,636.00	Freshwater	Fill	$20,513.35

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4 - Central Maine Embayment	Maine DOT	8/31/2011	Route 219 Leeds	NAE-2011-00678, PBR 51316	Leeds	22,902.00	Freshwater	Conversion	$11,251.30
4 - Central Maine Embayment	Hannaford Brothers Co.	9/1/2008	Winthrop Hannaford Supermarket & Pharmacy	L-24222-TE-B-N, NAE-2007-03386	Winthrop	27,284.00	Freshwater	Fill	$87,349.73
4 - Central Maine Embayment	Maine DOT	9/30/2009	Route 1A reconstruction - 2	PBR 47777, NAE-2009-00823	Ellsworth	58,394.00	Freshwater	Fill	$159,211.24
4 - Central Maine Embayment	MaineGeneral Medical Center	Funds not yet recieved	MaineGeneral New Regional Hospital	L-122659-TG-J-N, NAE-2009-02019	Augusta	89,791.00	Freshwater	Fill	$297,387.24
5 - Central Maine Foothills	Town of Millinocket	11/17/2010	Millinocket Municipal Airport	L-24248-TG-A-N, NAE-2008-01362	Millinocket	30,952.00	Freshwater	Fill	$79,162.32
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power Company	1/10/2008	CMP Mussey Road Substation	L-20588-TE-K-N, NAE-2007-2064	Scarborough	29,376.00	Freshwater	Fill	$110,512.55
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Park North Development, LLC	10/29/2008	Park North Subdivision	L-23647-TE-G-N	Saco	289.00	Freshwater	Fill	$1,002.11
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	University of New England	11/16/2009	UNE Campus Expansion	NAE-2009-01365	Biddeford	83,199.00	Freshwater	Fill	$259,250.25
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	City of Portland	11/17/2010	Capisic Brk Watershed CSO abatement	L-24743-TG-C-N, NAE-2010-00954	Portland	2,477.00	Freshwater	Fill	$9,274.52
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Town of Scarborough	11/17/2010	Haigis Parkway/Rt 1 intersection improvements	NAE-2010-00718	Scarborough	5,521.00	Freshwater	Fill	$20,672.83
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power Company	11/25/2008	CMP Line 197 Upgrade	L-24199-VP-B-N, L-24199-TE-A-N, L-24199-IW-C-N	South Berwick	6,789.00	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Vegetation conversion	$50,078.30
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Three Diamonds Realty	2/24/2009	Haigis Parkway Professional Center	L-24060-TE-B-N, NAE-2006-03126	Scarborough	21,344.00	Freshwater	Fill	$77,254.61
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	MC Portland, LLC	2/24/2009	Morrill's Crossing	L-23925-TE-B-N	Portland	19,025.00	Freshwater	Fill	$68,860.75
7 - Gulf of	Mezoian	4/13/2011	Juniper Knoll	L-21678-TE-G-N, NAE-	Saco	388.00	Freshwater	Fill	$1,806.22

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Maine Coastal Lowlands	Development, LLC.			2011-00215					
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	City of Portland	4/13/2011	Fall Brook Phase 4	L-20543-TE-F-N	Portland	675.00	Freshwater	Fill	$3,067.74
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Maine DOT	5/18/2010	Eastern Trail 2, amendment	PBR 40873, NAE-2009-01193	Arundel	518.00	Freshwater	Fill	$1,839.52
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	City of Portland	5/18/2010	Fall Brook Phase 3	L-20543-TG-E-N	Portland	2,200.00	Freshwater	Fill	$8,237.68
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	City of Portland	5/18/2010	Westside Sewer Replacement	L-24743-TE-A-N, L-24743-IW-B-N	Portland	24,191.00	Freshwater	Fill	$90,580.44
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Maine DOT	5/18/2010	Eastern Trail	PBR 48073, NAE-2009-01193	Kennebunk	6,027.00	Freshwater	Fill	$20,238.67
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Kennebunk Sewer District	5/19/2009	Kennebunk WWTP Flood Mitigation Berm	L-024457-4C-C-N, NAE-2009-00616	Kennebunk	6,884.00	Freshwater and Coastal/Marine	Fill	$35,553.75
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power Company	5/7/2009	CMP South Gorham Substation Expansion	L-17618-TH-E-N, NAE-2008-03010	Gorham	45,468.00	Freshwater	Fill	$164,571.35
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Town of Falmouth Public Schools	6/5/2009	Falmouth Athletic Fields	L-19593-TE-H-N, NAE-2009-00612	Falmouth	20,623.00	Freshwater	Fill	$74,644.95
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power Company	8/23/2010	Maine Power Reliability Project	L-24620-26-A-N, L-24620-TG-B-N, L-24620-VP-C-N, L-24620-IW-D-N, L-24620-L6-E-N, NAE-2008-03017	Westbrook	16,952.00	Freshwater	Fill	$67,812.28
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Avesta Cascade Brook, LP	8/24/2011	Cascade Brook Senior Apartments	L-23647-TA-J-N	Saco	161.00	Freshwater	Fill	$684.31
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power Co.	8/24/2011	CMP Section 117 Transmission Line	NAE-2011-00460	North Berwick	88,390.00	Freshwater	Fill, temp. matting	$44,099.28
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	PM Construction	8/24/2011	FedEx Distribution Ctr. Expansion	L-20739-TE-F-N, NAE-2011-01111	Saco	4,452.00	Freshwater	Fill	$16,956.78

Biophysical Region	Applicant	TNC Rec'd Date	DEP Project	Permit #s	Town	Total Sq. Ft.	Habitat Category	Type of Impact	Available for Award
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Maine DOT	9/30/2009	I-95 Exits 3 & 4	PBR 44921, NAE-2007-03377	South Portland	6,000.00	Coastal/Marine	Fill	$45,144.00
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power Company	9/8/2011	Saco Bay Section 159 Upgrade	NAE-2010-00400	Saco			Fill, conversion, temp matting	$108,332.20
7 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Public Service Company of NH	9/8/2011	Eliot Switching Station	NAE-2011-00752	Eliot	36,228.00	Freshwater	Fill, conversion, temp. matting	$32,278.17
10 - Mahousuc Rangely Lakes	Nextera Energy Maine Operating Services, LLC	11/10/2010	FPL Energy Maine Hydro Upper Dam	NAE-2010-00197	Richardsontown Twp	17,300.00	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Fill	$3,819.84
10 - Mahousuc Rangely Lakes	Maine DOT	11/17/2010	Route 17 upgrades and scenic turnout	NAE-2010-00609	Township D	45,237.00	Freshwater	Fill	$131,233.33
12 - Maine Eastern Coastal	Moosabec Mussels, Inc	11/10/2010	Retaining wall repair	L-21318-4E-C-N	Jonesport	480.00	Coastal/Marine	Fill	$2,587.96
12 - Maine Eastern Coastal	Maine DOT	5/18/2010	Acadia Gateway Center	L-24518-2G-B-N, NAE-2006-03036	Trenton	23,742.00	Freshwater	Fill	$71,100.69
12 - Maine Eastern Coastal	Eastport Port Authority	8/24/2011	Easport Port Authority expansion	L-18175-TE-J-N, NAE-1993-00224-M1	Eastport	10,450.00	Freshwater	Fill	$28,169.48
13 - Maine Eastern Interior	Maine DOT	11/16/2009	Calais-St. Stephens Border Crossing amendment	NAE-2006-00704	Calais	17,341.00	Freshwater	Fill	$45,468.10
13 - Maine Eastern Interior	Fundy Contractors	3/16/2011	Woodland Industrial Park	L-21437-VP-E-N	Baileyville	113,000.00	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Vegetation removall, Fill	$12,475.20
14 - Maine-New Brunswick Lowlands	First Wind Energy, LLC	11/13/2008	Stetson Mountain Wind Farm Transmission Line	L-23774-TH-B-N	Chester	16,988.00	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Vegetation conversion	$7,668.40
14 - Maine-New Brunswick Lowlands	First Wind Energy, LLC	11/17/2010	Rollins Wind Power	L-24402-IW-C-N	Winn	242,193.60	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Vegetation Conversion	$128,928.80
15 - Penobscot Bay Coast	Gary and Kathryn Simel	3/9/2011	Meduncook Bay Subdivision, Lot 18	L-21920-TE-V-N, NAE-2010-02228	Cushing	1,350.00	Freshwater	Fill	$4,794.12
15 - Penobscot Bay Coast	Maine Maritime Academy	8/23/2010	Retaining wall reconstruction	L-15887-4D-H-N	Castine	1,020.00	Coastal/Marine	Fill	$6,062.06
15 - Penobscot Bay Coast	Central Maine Power Company	8/23/2010	Maine Power Reliability Project	L-24620-26-A-N, L-24620-TG-B-N, L-24620-VP-C-N, L-24620-IW-D-N, L-24620-L6-E-N,	Warren	1,893.00	Freshwater	Fill	$7,011.32

Biophysical Region	Applicant	TNC Rec'd Date	DEP Project	Permit #s	Town	Total Sq. Ft.	Habitat Category	Type of Impact	Available for Award
				NAE-2008-03017					
15 - Penobscot Bay Coast	Maine DOT	9/30/2009	Route 1A reconstruction - 1	PBR 47529, NAE-2008-03622	Ellsworth	63,528.00	Freshwater	Fill	$207,936.52
15 - Penobscot Bay Coast	Verso Paper	9/8/2011	Buckport Renewable Energy Project	NAE-2010-2223	Bucksport	9,378.00	Coastal/Marine	Fill	$57,460.88
16 - Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Maine DOT	11/17/2010	Naples Bay Bridge reconstruction	PBR 49918, NAE-2008-03014	Naples	6,339.00	Freshwater	Fill	$47,561.37
16 - Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Maine DOT	3/23/2011	Rt 117 reconstruction, Norway	PBR 49726, NAE-2010-00469	Norway	56,268.00	Freshwater and Signif. Wildlife Hab.	Fill	$205,075.56
16 - Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Maine DOT	3/27/2009	Route 26 Upgrade	PBR 47161, NAE-2008-02836	Poland	100,719.00	Freshwater	Fill	$397,264.78
16 - Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Pitstop Fuels/Dana Lampron	4/22/2011	Pitstop Fuels Bulk Storage Facility	L-25002-2G-B-M	Gray	3,531.00	Freshwater	Fill	$4,147.36
16 - Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Black Bear Realty Co. LLC	4/22/2011	Oxford Resort Casino	L-25203-TE-B-N, NAE-2010-02257	Oxford	42,430.00	Freshwater	Fill	$135,843.52
16 - Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Dana Lampron	7/29/2009	Lampron Pit Stop Building Addition	L-17170-TE-I-N	Standish	527.00	Freshwater	Fill	$1,907.60
16 - Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Maine DOT	7/29/2009	Route 117 Reconstruction	PBR 47530, NAE-2009-00226	Norway	63,360.00	Freshwater and Signif. Wildlife Hab.	Fill	$265,626.73
18 - Western Maine Foothills	Record Hill, LLC	5/18/2010	Record Hill Wind Project	NAE-2008-03763	Roxbury	30,172.00	Freshwater	Conversion	$13,823.61
18 - Western Maine Foothills	Central Maine Power Company	5/18/2011	Section 270 & Roxbury Substation	L-24663-TF-B-N, NAE-2009-01866	Rumford	40,400.00	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Fill and Veg Conv	$109,600.25
18 - Western Maine Foothills	Central Maine Power Company	8/23/2010	Maine Power Reliability Project	L-24620-26-A-N, L-24620-TG-B-N, L-24620-VP-C-N, L-24620-IW-D-N, L-24620-L6-E-N, NAE-2008-03017	Peru	930.00	Freshwater	Fill	$3,634.00

3. MNRCP AWARDS and COMPENSATION PROJECTS

The 2010 round of MNRCP funding awards commenced with a Request for Letters of Intent, released on June 22, 2010, and concluded on December 15, 2010 with the approval of 16 awards, totaling $2,175,285.00, for compensation projects. The MNRCP project selection process is purposely divided into two stages. The Letter of Intent stage is a short-form process which allows applicants to briefly outline their project to determine if it will meet the program requirements prior to completing a more intensive Full Proposal. Since this program has very specific requirements that differ from most other funding programs with which applicants may be familiar, and many applicants are small land trusts with limited budgets, the Letter of Intent stage gives applicants the opportunity to have their project pre-screened for suitability before investing additional time in a more lengthy application. Applicants determined to meet the program's criteria are then invited to submit Full Proposals.

For this reporting period, 31 Letters of Intent were submitted, of which 27 were invited to submit Full Proposals. Of the four applicants not invited to submit a Full Proposal, two were requesting funds for engineering and design, and two were already owned by a conservation entity and the request was for reimbursement of acquisition costs; thus these projects were deemed ineligible for this program. Four of the 27 applicants invited to submit Full Proposals ultimately decided not to apply. The result was the submission of 23 Full Proposals. Sixteen projects were ultimately funded; seven were not. Reasons for not funding included a poor fit with program goals, lack of clear, imminent threat, lack of readiness by the applicant, and insufficient fees available to fund all of the proposals in a particular region.

Table 7 summarizes the funds available for each biophysical region during the funding process, the total funds requested by applicants, and the difference. The Scoring Criteria used by the Review Committee and Approval Committee to evaluate the Full Proposals can be found in Appendix E. The Committees also followed three general funding principles to determine the level of funding awards: 1) Awards should be sufficient for project to succeed; 2) Funding levels should reflect project rankings; and 3) Funded projects should meet a minimum threshold for suitability, regardless of funds available. Table 8 presents the results of the fund allocation process, including the status of each proposal received.

Table 7: 2010 Funds Available for Compensation Projects vs. Funds Requested

Biophysical Region	Available	Funds Requested	Awarded
03 - Casco Bay Coast	$ 1,550,534.94	$ 1,030,300.00	$ 803,800.00
04 - Central Maine Embayment	$ 823,075.30	$ 540,200.00	$ 356,200.00
07 - Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	$ 1,105,528.55	$ 2,847,834.00	$ 893,285.00
12 – Maine Eastern Coastal	$ 73,688.65	$ 50,000.00	$ 50,000.00
15 - Penobscot Bay Coast	$ 221,009.91	$ 100,000.00	$ 0.00
16 - Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	$ 712,360.47	$ 135,000.00	$ 0.00

Table 8: 2010 Proposals Received and Status

Invited to Full	Submit Full	Biophysical Region	Project Title	Applicant	Compensation Type	Total Project Cost	Funds Requested from MNRCP	Funds Awarded
Full Proposals Submitted								
Yes	Yes	03 Casco Bay Coast	Basin and Curtis Coves – Williams/Trask	Harpswell Heritage Land Trust	Preservation	$965,000.00	$450,000.00	$200,000.00
Yes	Yes	03 Casco Bay Coast	Maquoit Bay - Hehshaw	Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust	Preservation	$1,163,375.00	$150,000.00	$150,000.00
Yes	Yes	03 Casco Bay Coast	McKenna - Whiskeag Creek	Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	Preservation	$265,000.00	$266,500.00	$240,000.00
Yes	Yes	03 Casco Bay Coast	Morse Pond	Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	Preservation	$38,800.00	$38,800.00	$38,800.00
Yes	Yes	03 Casco Bay Coast	Muscongus Bk Webber Pond	Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District	Restoration	$645,000.00	$100,000.00	$150,000.00
Yes	Yes	03 Casco Bay Coast	Pisgah Hill Conservation Area - Hobson	Royal River Conservation Trust	Preservation	$198,199.00	$25,000.00	$25,000.00
Yes	Yes	04 Central Maine Embayment	Kanokolus Bog North	Sebasticook Regional Land Trust	Preservation	$163,650.00	$36,200.00	$36,200.00
Yes	Yes	04 Central Maine Embayment	Spectacle/Dam Ponds	Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Preservation, Restoration	$268,500.00	$254,000.00	$254,000.00
Yes	Yes	04 Central Maine Embayment	Franklin - Salmon Lake	Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance	Preservation, Enhancement	$120,000.00	$45,000.00	$0.00
Yes	Yes	04 Central Maine Embayment	Great Meadow Stream Belgrade	Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance	Preservation, Enhancement	$87,500.00	$85,000.00	$0.00
Yes	Yes	04 Central Maine Embayment	Great Meadow Stream Smithfield	Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance	Preservation, Enhancement	$147,000.00	$120,000.00	$120,000.00
Yes	Yes	07 Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Bell Marsh	York Land Trust, Inc.	Preservation, Enhancement	$369,500.00	$300,000.00	$300,000.00
Yes	Yes	07 Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Boutin - Clifford Park	City of Biddeford	Preservation	$220,000.00	$110,000.00	$110,000.00
Yes	Yes	07 Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	East Branch Piscataqua River, Upper	Town of Falmouth	Preservation, Enhancement	$431,634.00	$325,384.00	$247,285.00
Yes	Yes	07 Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Granite State Wetlands	Great Works Regional Land Trust	Preservation	$425,000.00	$100,000.00	$100,000.00
Yes	Yes	07 Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Merriland River Corridor - Tilton	Town of Wells Conservation Commission	Preservation	$589,000.00	$79,000.00	$79,000.00
Yes	Yes	07 Gulf of Maine	Steele Forest Addition	Kennebunkport	Preservation	$120,000.00	$75,000.00	$75,000.00

Invited to Full	Submit Full	Biophysical Region	Project Title	Applicant	Compensation Type	Total Project Cost	Funds Requested from MNRCP	Funds Awarded
		Coastal Lowlands		Conservation Trust				
Yes	Yes	07 Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	East Branch Piscataqua River, Lower	Falmouth Land Trust	Enhancement	$42,910.00	$19,500.00	$0.00
Yes	Yes	07 Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Falmouth Conservation Corridor Phase II, Monn	Town of Falmouth	Preservation	$90,700.00	$145,650.00	$0.00
Yes	Yes	07 Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Goosefare Brook	Ocean Park Conservation Society	Preservation, Restoration, Enhancement	$1,646,650.00	$1,561,650.00	$0.00
Yes	Yes	07 Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Lowell Farm Phase I	Town of Falmouth	Preservation	$153,650.00	$131,650.00	$0.00
Yes	Yes	12 Maine Eastern Coastal	Flanders Stream Connectivity Project	Town of Sullivan	Restoration	$400,000.00	$50,000.00	$50,000.00
Yes	Yes	15 Penobscot Bay Coast	Wallamatogus - Great Heath	Blue Hill Heritage Trust	Preservation, Restoration	$379,884.00	$100,000.00	$0.00
				Totals for Full Proposals Submitted:		**$8,930,952.00**	**$4,568,334.00**	**$2,055,285.00**
Full Proposals not submitted, not considered for funding								
Yes	No	04 Central Maine Embayment	Madawaska Bog	Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Preservation	$52,500.00	$52,500.00	$0.00
Yes	No	04 Central Maine Embayment	Sheepscot Bog - Brann	Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association	Preservation	$85,000.00	$70,000.00	$0.00
Yes	No	16 Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Browns Pond	Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands	Preservation	$215,000.00	$75,000.00	$0.00
Yes	No	16 Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Deering Pond	Sanford-Springvale Mousam Way Land Trust	Preservation	$60,000.00	$60,000.00	$0.00
No	No	04 Central Maine Embayment	Etna Pond Fishway	Atlantic Salmon Federation, Maine Council	Restoration	$16,000.00	$10,000.00	$0.00
No	No	04 Central Maine Embayment	Mill Street Dam Removal	Atlantic Salmon Federation (International)	Restoration	$65,000.00	$30,000.00	$0.00
No	No	13 Maine Eastern Interior	Great Heath - Bronfield	Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation	Preservation	$187,100.00	$71,100.00	$0.00
No	No	16 Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Walnut Hill	Three Rivers Land Trust	Preservation	$261,300.00	$26,000.00	$0.00

Updates on Previously Funded Projects

Sixteen compensation projects were funded in the inaugural round in 2009. Two of these 16 were for conservation easements that had substantial funds from other sources and which were very far along in the easement negotiations when they were awarded MNRCP funds. It proved difficult to go back to renegotiate the easements to include MNRCP requirements so these applicants withdrew their applications and the funds were allocated back to the respective Biophysical Regions. One applicant ran into a roadblock in its negotiations with a landowner who had expected more than the appraised value. This project was making no progress so, based on a recommendation from the MNRCP Review Committee, the Approval Committee voted to rescind the funding for this project. A fourth project also ran into issues when the property they had hoped to purchase was purchased by someone else before they could secure all the necessary funding. The applicant tried to work with the new landowner to purchase the most environmentally significant portion of the property but was not making progress and ultimately asked to withdraw its project.

The remaining 12 projects include five fee purchases for preservation, one fee purchase with restoration, two conservation easements, a dam removal, a fishway, a wetland restoration at an old quarry site, and removal of invasive *Phragmites* on a state wildlife preserve. A chart of their status is below.

Project Name	**Type**	**Status**
Brookings Bay	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Whitten Hill	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Mount Agamenticus Wetlands	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Walnut Hill	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Falmouth Conservation Corridor	Conservation easement and preservation	Project complete
Gervais *Phragmites* removal	Restoration of wetland by removal of invasive *Phragmites*	First phase of removal is complete. Any new growth will be re-treated. In monitoring phase.
Montsweag Brook Dam removal	Restoration of stream by dam removal	Dam has been removed and stream flow restored; easement in place along stream corridor. In monitoring phase.
Blackman Stream Fishway	Restoration of fish passage by construction of fishway	Fishway is operational. In monitoring phase.
Clark Island Wetland Restoration	Restoration of wetland by removal of granite quarry tailings and replanting	Quarry tailings have been removed and wetland planting has been done. In monitoring phase
Argyle Wetlands	Fee purchase and preservation	A long period of negotiations on mineral rights to the property was finally concluded and the project is moving forward. Fee purchase expected by 12/31/11.
Crooked River	Conservation easement and restoration	Landowner opted to donate easement (did not want to right of entry for agencies). Applicant still plans to do enhancement portion. Award decreased accordingly.
Maloney Wetlands	Fee purchase and restoration	Long delays due to changes in ownership structure. Negotiations back on track with fee purchase expected by 12/31/11.

Appendix A

In Lieu-Fee Compensation Fees
July 1 2009-June 30, 2011

In Lieu compensation fees are based on the sum of the cost to restore or create a resource area with functions or values similar to those impacted by the activity plus the average land acquisition costs per square foot. The resource creation cost and land acquisition cost are established on a county by county basis and shall be adjusted once during each biennium.

County	Resource Creation Cost	Land Acquisition Cost	Total Fee per sq ft
Androscoggin	$3.28	$0.34	$3.62
Aroostook	$2.74	$0.22	$2.96
Cumberland	$3.28	$0.68	$3.96
Franklin	$2.74	$0.22	$2.96
Hancock (coastal property)	$2.74	$0.57	$3.31
Hancock (non-coastal property)	$2.74	$0.22	$2.96
Kennebec	$3.28	$0.34	$3.62
Knox	$3.28	$0.57	$3.85
Lincoln	$3.28	$0.57	$3.85
Oxford	$3.28	$0.34	$3.62
Penobscot	$2.74	$0.22	$2.96
Piscataquis	$2.74	$0.22	$2.96
Sagadahoc	$3.28	$0.57	$3.85
Somerset	$3.28	$0.22	$3.50
Waldo	$3.28	$0.34	$3.62
Washington (coastal property)	$2.74	$0.57	$3.31
Washington (non-coastal property)	$2.74	$0.22	$2.96
York	$3.28	$0.68	$3.96

Resource mitigation fees are assessed at a 1:1 ratio based on the amount of resource area altered as part of the permitted activity except for the following resource types, which are assessed at a 2:1 ratio:

1) Wetlands areas containing at least 20,000 square feet of aquatic vegetation, emergent marsh vegetation or open water, except for artificial ponds or impoundments;
2) Peatlands dominated by shrubs, sedges and sphagnum moss;
3) Coastal wetlands; and
4) Significant wildlife habitat

Example 1: a project impacting 74,052 sq. ft. of wetland in Kennebec County would be assessed a fee of, as rounded to the nearest whole dollar: 74,052 sq. ft. x ($3.28 + $0.34) = $268,068

Example 2: a project impacting 18,250 sq. ft. of coastal wetland in Hancock County would be assessed a fee of, as rounded to the nearest whole dollar: 18,052 sq. ft. x (2) x ($2.74 + $0.57) = $119,504

Projects eligible for the ILF wetland mitigation program will be required to pay the wetland mitigation fee in full prior to the issuance of the DEP permit.

Appendix B
ILF Impact and Fee Information sent from DEP to TNC

IN-LIEU-FEE (ILF) PROJECT DATA WORKSHEET

DEP Invoice # _____

**[*Note: Will be filled in by ILF Administrator in Augusta]*

Project name: _____

Applicant (s):_____

DEP/Corps permit #:_____

**[*Note: Please attach a PDF copy of the permit]*

DEP ATS #: _____

ILF Contribution Amount _____

**[*Note: Please attach a PDF copy of the check]*

Project address: _____

[Note; Please attach a PDF map of project location]

Biophysical region: _____

Size of total impact subject to compensation: _____

Resources Impacted: [*The resource table on page 2 MUST be filled in with all resource types impacted, amounts and functions.]*

Project manager: _____

Note: The ILF Project Data Worksheet must be filled out by the PM within 3 days of receiving a contribution to the "Natural Resource Mitigation Fund" and faxed along with a copy of the check to James Cassida in Augusta at 287-7826. The distribution of ILF contributions is time sensitive.

The PM should also double check to make sure that the check has been routed to Augusta with the correct account number reference. The account # for the ILF program is 014.06A.1776.14

Resource(s) Impacted:

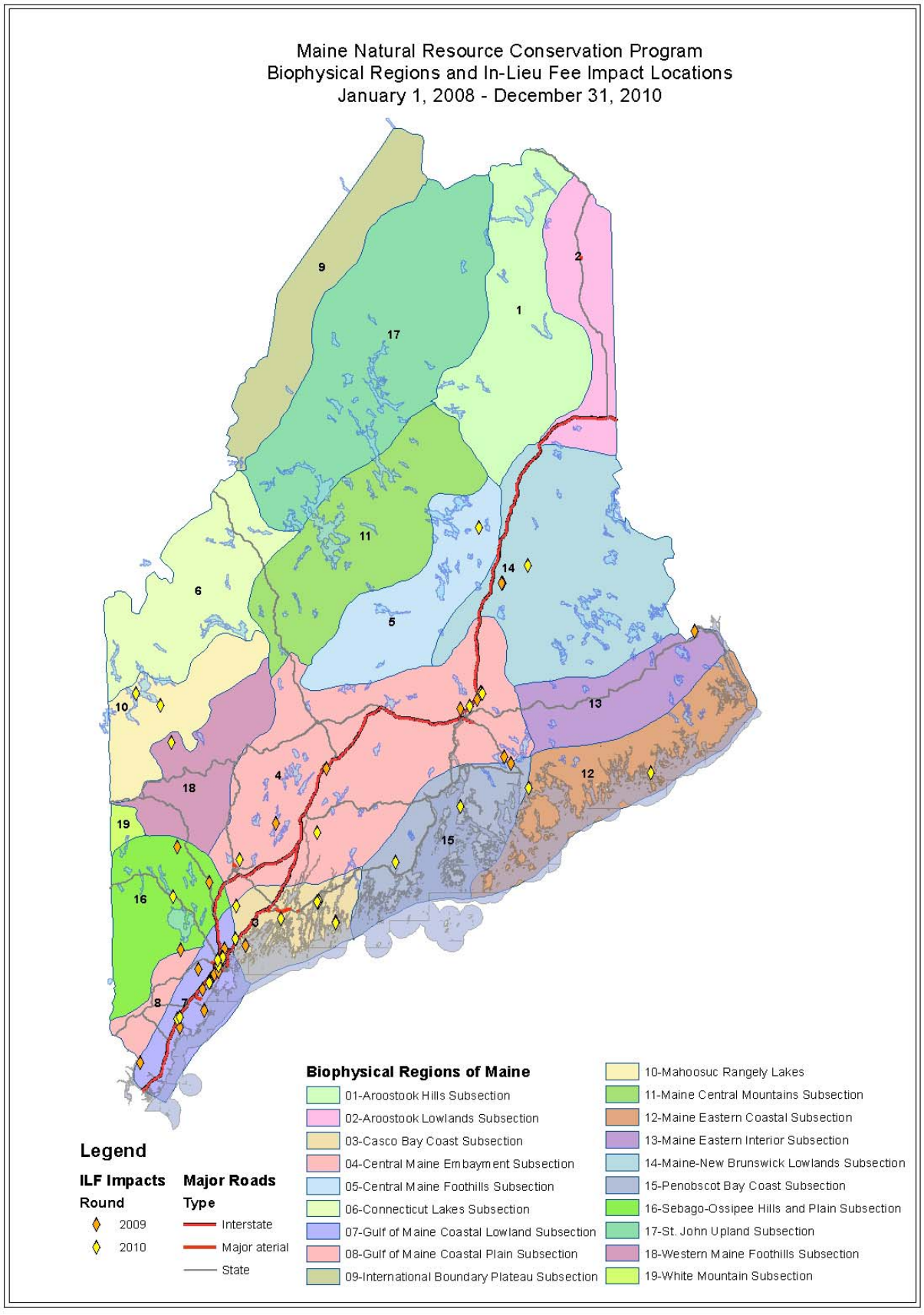
Resource Type: (Wetlands by NWI Type (PFO, PSS, M1, M2, E1, E2, etc), significant vernal pool (SVP), shorebird feeding & staging habitat (Shorebird), inland waterfowl & wading bird habitat (IWWH), tidal waterfowl & wading habitat (TWWH), and river, stream, or brook (RSB).

Wetland Functions & Values: Groundwater recharge/discharge (GWR); **f**loodflow alterations(FF); fish & shellfish habitat(FSH); sediment toxicant retention (STR); nutrient removal (NR); production export (PE); sediment/shoreline stabilization (SS); wildlife habitat (WH); recreation (R); education/scientific value (ESV); uniqueness/heritage (UH); and visual quality/aesthetics (VQ).

Types of impacts: may include filling, dredging, vegetation conversion (e.g. forested to shrub/scrub), others.

Resource type (list all that apply)	**Functions (for wetland impacts)** (list all that apply, by resource type)	**Type of Impact** (by resource type)	**Sq Feet Impacted** (by resource type)
		Total amount of impact area	

Appendix C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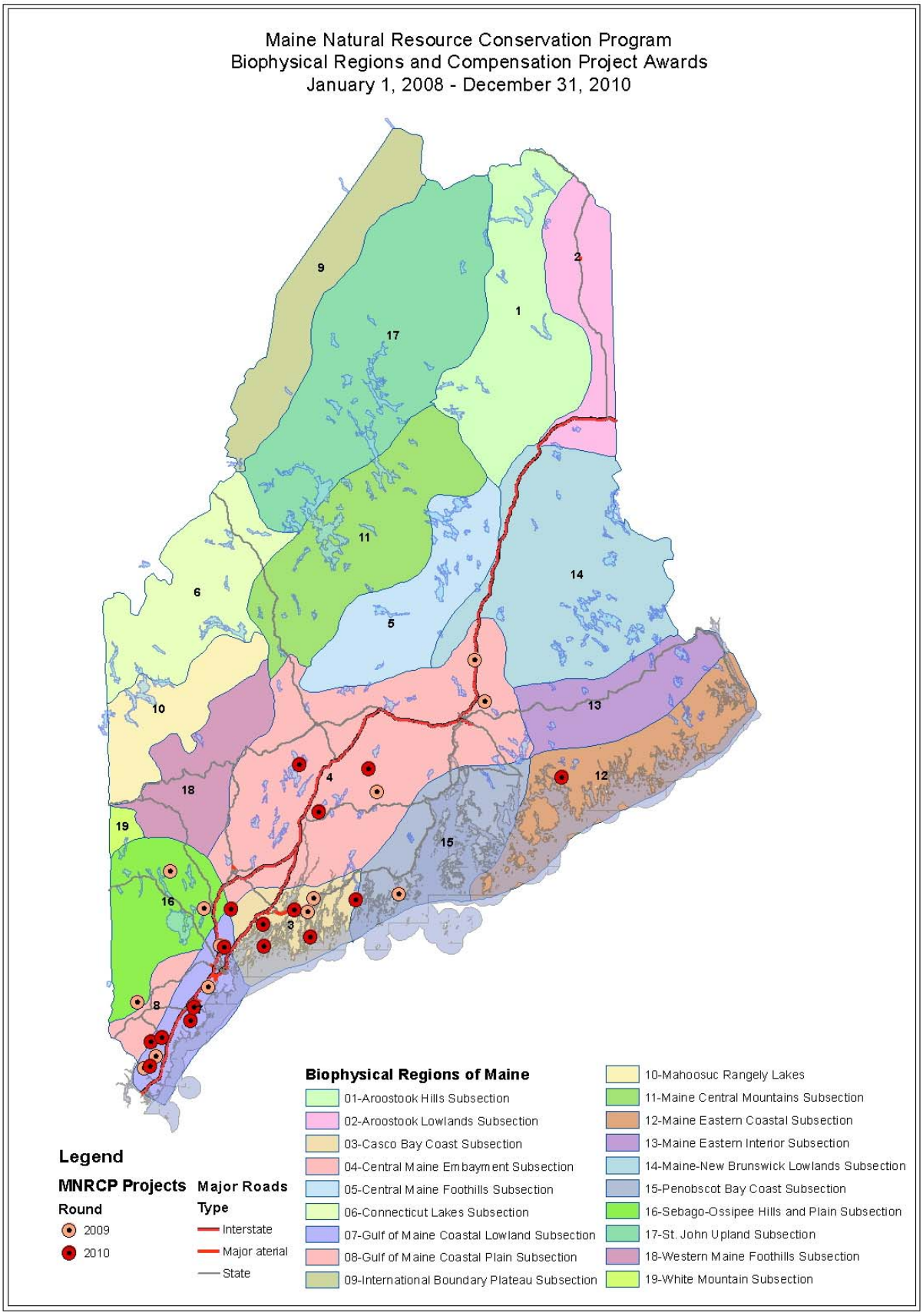
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Appendix E

Review Criteria

Full Proposals are evaluated by a multi-agency Review Committee that includes representatives from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine Department of Conservation, Maine Natural Areas Program, Maine State Planning Office, Maine Department of Transportation, Maine Department of Marine Resources, Maine Audubon, the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions, and The Nature Conservancy, which is a non-voting member. The Review Committee evaluates Full Proposals using the criteria described below.

1. Potential to Meet MNRCP Goals (30%)

Assesses the extent to which the proposal meets the core program requirement that a project restore, enhance, preserve, or create wetlands or other resources determined by the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program to be Priority Resource Types. Considerations include:

- The type(s) of conservation proposed (restoration, enhancement, preservation, creation) and the acreage affected. All else being equal, projects that accomplish multiple types of conservation (e.g., restoration and preservation) will be assessed more favorably.
- The resource types restored, enhanced, preserved or created and the degree to which the proposed project replaces the functional benefits of impacted resources in the Biophysical Region based on a functional assessment of the project.
- Inclusion of upland areas sufficient to protect, buffer, or support identified resource functions and ecological connectivity to other conservation areas or undeveloped large blocks of habitat.
- Current and proposed condition of the property, and "functional lift" provided by project (e.g., proposed change in habitat quality, contribution to functioning biological systems, water quality,level of degradation, etc.).

2. Landscape Context (20%)

Assesses the extent to which the proposal meets the core program requirement to consider the location of a potential project relative to statewide focus areas for land conservation or habitat preservation identified by a state agency, or other regional or municipal plans. Considerations include:

- Presence within or adjacent to habitat areas of statewide conservation significance or other natural resource priority areas.
- Presence within or adjacent to public or private conservation lands.
- Presence of natural resources of significant value and/or rarity within the project site boundaries.

3. Project Readiness/Feasibility (20%)

Assesses the extent to which the proposal meets the core program requirement to demonstrate project readiness and likelihood of success, where success is defined by the ability of the project to meet MNRCP goals as stated in the proposal. Considerations include:

- Landowner willingness to participate in proposed project, including conveying a conservation easement or fee title, with conservation covenants, to property (for projects not on public or private conservation lands).

- Level of project urgency (e.g., area of rapid development or on-going site degradation, other available funding with limited timing, option to purchase set to expire, etc.)
- Degree to which proposal demonstrates understanding of resource conservation issues and needs.
- Soundness of the technical approach of the conceptual plan presented in the application.
- Initial progress (e.g., planning, fundraising, contracting, site design, etc.).
- Likelihood that the project will meet proposed schedule and/or required deadlines.
- Likelihood that the proposed actions will achieve the anticipated ecological benefits and results.
- Completeness and feasibility of long-term stewardship and monitoring plan, including endowment.
- Potential for adverse impacts (such as flooding or habitat loss) associated with the project.
- Conformance with any applicable Army Corps of Engineers and state mitigation policy, guidance and permitting requirements, including appropriate financial assurances for any construction activity.

4. Project Sponsor Capacity (15%)

Assesses the extent to which the proposal meets the core program requirement to provide for long term management and/or stewardship by a responsible state or federal resource agency, or conservation organization. Considerations include:

- Presence of qualified, capable conservation entity willing to sponsor and/or maintain the project.
- Level of support and involvement of other relevant agencies, organizations, and local community.
- Degree to which project sponsor, and any associated partners, demonstrate the financial, administrative, and technical capacity to undertake and successfully complete the project.
- Legal and financial standing of the project sponsor.
- Quality and completeness of proposal materials.

5. Cost Effectiveness (10%)

Assesses the extent to which the proposal meets the program requirement that a project represent an efficient use of funds expended given the condition, location and relative appraised values of properties. Considerations include:

- Clarity and detail of budget submitted.
- Sufficiency of funds available in the applicable biophysical region.
- Availability and source of matching funds necessary to complete the project.

6. Other Benefits (5%)

Assesses the potential for this project to support economic activity, job creation, recreational access, scenic enhancements or other contributions to “Quality of Place” in the town or region where the project is located.