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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The USACE New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is providing a special public notice to solicit requests for Letters of Intent for the 2025 Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program (MNRCP) funding round. The program will be accepting proposals that include wetland restoration, enhancement, or creation:

## **Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program 2025 Funding Round Request for Letters of Intent**

May 22, 2025

Interested Parties:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is requesting Letters of Intent for the 2025 Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program (MNRCP) funding round. **Over \$6.6 million will be available for award in 2025.** For more information, please refer to the Request for Letters of Intent available at the link below or at <http://mnrcp.org>.

### **[MNRCP 2025 Request for Letters of Intent](http://mnrcp.org)**

In 2025, **MNRCP will only be accepting proposals for projects that include wetland restoration, enhancement, and/or creation.** Proposals will not be accepted for projects that include only acquisition of property or conservation easements (i.e., “preservation only” projects). Restoration and enhancement projects more directly address federal and state wetland mitigation policies by replacing and enhancing the wetland functions and values impacted by development

While “preservation only” proposals will not be accepted in 2025, MNRCP requires long-term preservation for projects whenever feasible. Therefore, funding may be awarded to acquire and preserve land if it is a component of a restoration, enhancement, or creation project. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals for projects that include both preservation *and* wetland restoration, enhancement, or creation.

Public agencies, non-profit conservation organizations, tribes, soil and water conservation districts, and municipalities are all eligible to submit a Letter of Intent. Environmental consultants, working in partnership with the above-listed groups, are also encouraged to apply. MNRCP can provide funding for restoration site identification, project design, permitting, implementation, construction oversight, and long-term monitoring. Fees for consultants and contractors can also be covered by the program.

All Letters of Intent must be submitted online at <http://mnrcp.org>. To be considered, **Letters of Intent must be received by 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 26, 2025**. Applicants whose proposed projects meet the program's requirements will be invited to submit full proposals, which will be due in September. Final grant awards are expected to be made in November 2025.

If you have questions about the program, or if you have a property that you would like to have evaluated for restoration/enhancement/creation potential, please contact Bryan Emerson at TNC ([bryan.emerson@tnc.org](mailto:bryan.emerson@tnc.org)).

For more information about MNRCP or the proposal process, please visit <http://mnrcp.org>.

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