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This public notice is to share with the public the annual report on Maine's In Lieu Fee (ILF) program entitled, "Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program - January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012." The report was submitted by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection through its administrator, The Nature Conservancy-Maine, to the Corps of Engineers on April 11, 2013. The program serves as an alternative form of compensation for impacts to aquatic resources resulting from work authorized by the New England District Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and/or the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Compensatory mitigation occurs in circumstances where a permittee is required to compensate for the functions and values of aquatic resources lost as a result of the authorization after all efforts are made to avoid and minimize impacts. ILF is an option available to the applicant instead of completing permittee-responsible mitigation. Use of the ILF program is contingent upon Corps and/or State approval.

All ILF agreements in New England are available on the Corps' website: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil> under Regulatory >> Mitigation >> In-Lieu Fee Programs.

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Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program

Annual Report – January 1, 2012-December 31, 2012

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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 initial 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 to launch the program. On September 21, 2011, a new In Lieu Fee Program Instrument was signed by DEP and the Corps to update the governing documents for MNRCP and to ensure continued compliance with the revised regulations for compensatory mitigation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act issued by the Corps and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2008. Among other program enhancements included in the new Instrument, the nineteen biophysical subsections previously used for fund administration were combined into seven MNRCP Regions (see Appendix A for a map). Funds are allocated based on the seven MNRCP Regions, but the original biophysical subsections continue to be tracked for the purposes of determining proximity of compensation projects to impacts. For more information on Maine's In Lieu Fee Program Instrument please visit the US Army Corps of Engineers, New England District website (<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Mitigation/InLieuFeePrograms/ME.aspx>). This annual report outlines the MNRCP activities from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

2. IMPACTS and FEES RECEIVED

During the period of this annual report, 24 In Lieu Fee (ILF) payments were received in four of the seven MNRCP Regions. However, in two of the four regions, only a single ILF payment was received, each for a nominal sum that together came to only 0.3% of the total payments received in all regions. Of the 24 payments received in 2012, 16 were received by the program after the Request for Proposals process commenced in June. This could have influenced the proposals received in each region, as described in Section 3 below. Three of the ILF payments for impacts in 2012 were received too late in the year to be included in the 2012 funding process and were rolled into the next funding round. This is not uncommon as fees come in year-round but the MNRCP program can only allocate funds that are available during the formal funding process.

The tables that follow provide information on ILF payments, impact types and amounts, and funds available for award in 2012.

- Table 1 shows the amount and percentage of the total ILF payments received in each Region. It is notable that 76.8% of the fees were received in the Central Interior & Midcoast Region alone, followed by Southern Maine with 22.9%. This is not unexpected as these are the most heavily populated areas of the state and are generally the Regions with the most activities that require permits.
- Table 2 indicates the number of permits using ILF, the fees received by TNC during the calendar year 2012, and the funds available for MNRCP award in each MNRCP Region during this reporting period.
- Table 3 provides a breakdown of square footage of impacts and available funds by general habitat category for each Region.
- Table 4 further breaks down the impacts by specific habitat types.
- Table 5 shows the impacts to all habitat types across all MNRCP Regions and indicates the percentage of total impacts represented by each habitat type. Approximately 42% of all of the impacts where ILF was used for compensation was to freshwater forested wetlands. Impacts to vernal pool critical terrestrial habitat made up another 38%. Much of the vernal pool critical terrestrial habitat is within upland and wetland forests. Another 19% of the impacts were within freshwater scrub-shrub and emergent wetlands with the remaining habitat impacts totaling less than 0.4%.
- Table 6 shows total funds available for award and funds awarded in each MNRCP Region across all of the funding rounds held to-date. The program tracks all funds in and out of the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Fund. In each funding round there are generally additional funds over and above the fees directly received in that calendar year. ILF payments that come in after the grant process is underway are carried forward to the next funding round, as are funds that are not allocated during the grant process and any funds that are returned to the program from projects that are rescinded or that do not use the entire amount of their grant.
- Table 7 provides a full list of all of the permitted impacts that have generated ILF payments and the funds available for MNRCP award, broken out by both MNRCP Region and biophysical subsection.

Table 1: Percent of Total 2012 ILF payments Received for all Regions

MNRCP Region	2012 Fees in Region	Percent of total Fees
Aroostook Hills & Lowlands	\$0.00	0.00%
Central & Eastern Lowlands	\$0.00	0.00%
Central & Western Mountains	\$805.24	0.06%
Central Interior & Midcoast	\$1,130,814.73	76.83%
Downeast Maine	\$3,796.20	0.26%
Northwest Maine	0.00	0.00%
Southern Maine	\$336,345.95	22.85%
Grand Total	\$1,471,762.12	100.00%

Table 2: ILF Payments Received in 2012 by Region with Funds Available for MNRCP Award

MNRCP Region	Number of ILF Permits	ILF Payments	Program Administration	Funds rolled to 2013 round	2012 Funds Available for MNRCP Award
Aroostook Hills and Lowlands	0	0.00	0.00		0.00
Central and Eastern Lowlands	0	0.00	0.00		0.00
Central & Western Mountains	1	\$805.24	\$64.42		\$740.82
Central Interior & Midcoast	12	\$1,130,814.73	\$90,465.18	\$102,160.52	\$938,189.03
Downeast Maine	1	\$3,796.20	\$303.70		\$3,492.50
Northwest Maine	0	0.00	0.00		0.00
Southern Maine	11	\$336,345.95	\$26,907.68		\$309,438.27
Grand total	24	\$1,471,762.12	\$117,740.98	\$102,160.52	\$1,251,860.62

Table 3: 2012 Impacts and Funds Available by Region & General Habitat Category

MNRCP Region	General Habitat Category	Total Sq. Ft Impacted	Acres	2012 Funds
Aroostook Hills and Lowlands	No fees received in 2012	0	0	\$0.00
	Total for region	0	0	\$0.00
Central & Eastern Lowlands	No fees received in 2012	0	0	\$0.00
	Total for region	0	0	\$0.00
Central and Western Mountains	Freshwater	1,930	0.04	\$740.82
	Total for region	1,930	0.04	\$740.82
Central Interior and Midcoast	Coastal/Marine	277	0.01	\$2,023.43
Central Interior and Midcoast	Freshwater	468,690	10.76	\$794,908.80
Central Interior and Midcoast	Freshwater & Coastal	41,723	.96	\$141,256.80
	Total for region	510,690	11.73	\$938,189.03
Downeast Maine	Coastal	570	.01	\$3,492.50
	Total for region	570	.01	\$3,492.50
Northwest Maine	No fees received in 2012	0	0	\$0.00
	Total for region	0	0	\$0.00
Southern Maine	Coastal/Marine	1,000	.02	\$7,617.50
Southern Maine	Freshwater	133,176	3.06	\$79,896.46
Southern Maine	Freshwater and Significant. Wildlife Habitat	64,730	1.49	\$221,924.21
	Total for Region	198,906	4.57	\$309,438.27
	Grand Total	712,096	16.35	\$1,251,860.62

Table 4: 2012 Impacts to Specific Habitat Types by MNRCP Region

MNRCP Region	Habitat	Sq Ft Impacted	Acres
Central & Western Mountains	Freshwater wetland Forested	660	0.015
	Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	1,270	0.029
	Subtotal for region	1930	0.04
Central Interior & Midcoast	Freshwater wetland Emergent	54,798	1.26
	Freshwater wetland Forested	144,624	3.32
	Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	53,241	1.22
	Marine intertidal	277	0.01
	Vernal pool critical terrestrial habitat	257,750	5.92
	Subtotal for region	510,690	11.73
Downeast Maine	Marine subtidal	570	0.01
	Subtotal for region	570	.01
Southern Maine	Estuarine intertidal	1,000	0.02
	Freshwater wetland Emergent	5,202	0.12
	Freshwater wetland Forested	151,829	3.49
	Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	24,078	0.55
	River/Stream	640	0.01
	Vernal pool	253	0.01
	Vernal pool critical terrestrial habitat	15,904	0.37
	Subtotal for region	198,906	4.57
	Grand Total all regions	712,096	16.35

Table 5: 2012 Impacts to Habitat Types Across All MNRCP Regions

Habitat	Sq. Ft. Impacted	Acres	Percent of Total Impacts
Estuarine intertidal	1,000	0.02	0.14%
Freshwater wetland Emergent	60,000	1.38	8.43%
Freshwater wetland Forested	297,113	6.83	41.72%
Freshwater wetland Scrub-Shrub	78,589	1.80	11.04%
Marine intertidal	277	0.01	0.04%
Marine subtidal	570	0.01	0.08%
River/Stream	640	0.01	0.09%
Vernal pool	253	0.01	0.03%
Vernal pool critical terrestrial habitat	273,654.00	6.28	38.43%
2012 Total Impacts	712,096	16.35	100%

Table 6: Funds Available* and Awarded

**Includes funds available from fees with interest, plus funds carried over after close of previous round, and any unused or rescinded funds*

MNRCP Region	Available for award during 2009	Final 2009 Awards	Available for award during 2010	Final 2010 Awards	Available for award during 2011	Final 2011 Awards	Available for award during 2012	2012 Awards	Remaining Dec. 2012
Aroostook Hills & Lowlands	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$166,431.85	0.00	\$166,570.57	\$67,000.00	\$99,570.57
Central and Eastern Lowlands	\$7,668.40	\$0.00	\$215,813.89	\$0.00	\$216,022.89	\$215,759.00	\$1,346.58	\$0.00	\$1,346.58
Central & Western Mountains	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$152,510.77	\$0.00	\$262,277.32	\$116,633.00	\$147,516.15	\$100,000.00	\$47,516.15
Central Interior & Midcoast	\$874,620.40	\$444,840.00	\$2,038,488.84	\$1,146,651.04	\$1,493,181.66	\$973,316.00	\$1,591,668.60	\$1,299,600.00	\$292,068.60
Downeast Maine	\$45,468.10	\$0.00	\$119,212.37	\$50,000.00	\$110,301.46	\$0.00	\$114,480.89	\$114,480.00	\$0.89
Northwest Maine	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Southern Maine	\$1,551,671.79	\$475,993.00	\$1,015,793.18	\$813,191.58	\$842,525.93	\$688,990.19	\$759,469.56	\$624,600.00	\$134,869.56
Grand Totals	\$2,479,428.69	\$920.833.00	\$3,541,819.05	\$2,009,842. 62	\$3,090,741.11	\$1,994,698.19	\$2,781,052.35	\$2,205,680.00	\$575,372.35

Table 7: Complete List of all Permits Generating MNRCP Payments through 12/31/12 by Region, Subsection and Date

MNRCP Region	Biophysical subsection	Applicant	TNC Rec'd Date	DEP Project Name	Permit Numbers	Town	Total Square Ft	Type of Habitat Impacted	Type of Impact	Available
Aroostook Hills & Lowlands	Aroostook Lowlands	Maine DOT	11/2/2011	Route 1 - Van Buren	PBR 51316, NAE-2010-02342	Van Buren	80,493	Freshwater	Fill & Conversion	\$166,431.85
Central & Eastern Lowlands	Central Maine Foothills	Town of Millinocket	11/17/2010	Millinocket Municipal Airport	L-24248-TG-A-N, NAE-2008-01362	Millinocket	30,952	Freshwater	Fill	\$79,162.32
Central & Eastern Lowlands	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	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Vegetation conversion	\$7,668.40
Central & Eastern Lowlands	Maine-New Brunswick Lowlands	First Wind Energy, LLC	11/17/2010	Rollins Wind Power (Evergreen Wind Power III, LLC)	L-24402-IW-C-N	Winn	242,193.60	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Vegetation Conversion	\$128,928.80
Central & Western Mountains	Mahoosuc Rangeley Lakes	Nextera Energy Maine Operating Services, LLC	11/10/2010	FPL Energy Maine Hydro Upper Dam	NAE-2010-00197	Richardson-town Twp	17,300	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Fill	\$3,819.84
Central & Western Mountains	Mahoosuc Rangeley Lakes	Maine DOT	11/17/2010	Route 17 upgrades and scenic turnout	NAE-2010-00609	Township D	45,237	Freshwater	Fill	\$131,233.33
Central & Western Mountains	Western Maine Foothills	Record Hill, LLC	5/18/2010	Record Hill Wind Project	NAE-2008-03763	Roxbury	30,172	Freshwater	Conversion	\$13,823.61
Central & Western Mountains	Western Maine Foothills	Central Maine Power	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$3,634.00
Central & Western Mountains	Western Maine Foothills	Central Maine Power	5/18/2011	Section 270 & Roxbury Substation	L-24663-TF-B-N, NAE-2009-01866	Rumford	40,400	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Fill and Veg Conv	\$109,600.25
Central & Western Mountains	Western Maine Foothills	Central Maine Power	6/6/2012	Section 52 & 54 Rebuild/Fry Station Removal	NAE-2009-01866	Roxbury	1,930	Freshwater	Fill, conversion, matting	\$740.82
Central Interior & Midcoast	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	Coastal	Fill	\$27,237.34
Central Interior	Casco Bay	Washburn &	9/1/2008	Washburn & Doughty	L-20207-4E-D-N,	Boothbay	7,833	Coastal	Fill	\$55,214.95

MNRCP Region	Biophysical subsection	Applicant	TNC Rec'd Date	DEP Project Name	Permit Numbers	Town	Total Square Ft	Type of Habitat Impacted	Type of Impact	Available
& Midcoast	Coast	Doughty Associates		Laydown Area	NAE-2008-01157					
Central Interior & Midcoast	Casco Bay Coast	Maine Yankee	9/1/2008	Natural Resources Damages Restoration Plan & Settlement		Wiscasset		Groundwater (ME Yankee Settlement)		\$114,475.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Casco Bay Coast	Town of Chebeague Island	4/30/2009	Wharf Rd. Reconstruction	L-24345-4E-A-N, NAE-2008-03395	Yarmouth	1,397	Freshwater & Coastal	Fill	\$12,293.59
Central Interior & Midcoast	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	Coastal	Fill	\$1,269.20
Central Interior & Midcoast	Casco Bay Coast	Town of Westport	8/23/2010	Boat Launch realignment	NAE-2006-2777	Westport Island	150	Coastal	Fill	\$1,139.88
Central Interior & Midcoast	Casco Bay Coast	Bigelow Laboratory	8/23/2010	Bigelow Laboratory Research and Educational Facility	L-24771-4E-B-N	Boothbay	594	Coastal	Fill	\$4,513.52
Central Interior & Midcoast	Casco Bay Coast	US Marine Corps	8/23/2010	USMC Reserve Centers	L-20116-87-TG-N	Brunswick	44,393	Freshwater	Fill	\$166,225.15
Central Interior & Midcoast	Casco Bay Coast	Central Maine Power	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$1,168,166.32
Central Interior & Midcoast	Casco Bay Coast	Fisherman Island, LLC	8/24/2011	Breakwater, pier, float	L-24619-4P-A-N, NAE-2009-01465	Boothbay	1,995	Coastal	Fill	\$4,803.32
Central Interior & Midcoast	Casco Bay Coast	Tom Clemons/J. Lloyd Thompson	12/19/2012	Pier,Ramp & Float	NAE-2012-00332	Harpswell	124	Coastal	Shading	\$923.68
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Hannaford Brothers Co.	9/1/2008	Winthrop Hannaford Supermarket & Pharmacy	L-24222-TE-B-N, NAE-2007-03386	Winthrop	27,284	Freshwater	Fill	\$87,349.73
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Husson College	10/29/2008	Husson Metting House and Access Road	NAE-2008-2072	Bangor	11,055	Freshwater	Fill	\$31,086.66
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Dirigo Pines Development Company	12/12/2008	Dirigo Pines	L-17404-26-O-A	Orono	295	Freshwater	Fill	\$779.10
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	City of Waterville	2/24/2009	Messalonskee Trail	L-24114-L6-A-N	Waterville	3,630	Freshwater	Fill	\$11,621.35
Central Interior	Central Maine	Bangor Hydro	3/5/2009	Bangor Hydro Keene	L-20972-TC-F-N,	Chester	253,067	Freshwater &	Fill and	\$102,574.16

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& Midcoast	Embayment	Electric Co.		Rd Substation	NAE-2008-3073			Signif. Wildlife Hab.	Vegetation conversion	
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	University of Maine, Orono	7/29/2009	AEWC Building Expansion	L-19408-TC-BX-N	Orono	11,890	Freshwater	Fill	\$31,401.49
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Maine DOT	9/30/2009	Route 1A reconstruction - 2	PBR 47777, NAE-2009-00823	Ellsworth	58,394	Freshwater	Fill	\$159,211.24
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	University of Maine, Orono	11/16/2009	AEWC Building Expansion Modification	L-19408-TC-CB-M	Orono	11,597	Freshwater	Fill	\$32,170.08
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Town of Chelsea	5/18/2010	Chelsea Elementary School	L-24780-TE-A-N, NAE-2007-03342	Chelsea	40,719	Freshwater	Fill	\$132,613.40
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	PS Bangor, LLC	6/10/2010	Lowe's Home Improvement Center	NAE-1991-02551-M1	Bangor	14,597	Freshwater	Fill	\$39,213.38
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Central Maine Power	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$191,831.04
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	University of Maine, Orono	8/23/2010	Bike Path Extension	L-19108-TE-CI-N	Orono	1,200	Freshwater		\$3,223.68
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	City of Brewer	3/2/2011	Industrial Park road extenstion	NAE-2010-02069, L-18110-TG-C-M	Brewer	1,235	Freshwater	Fill	\$3,317.70
Central Interior & Midcoast	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$1,289.47
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Maine DOT	3/9/2011	Downeast Rail Trail, Ellsworth	PBR 49618, NAE-2010-00470	Bangor	25,174	Freshwater	Fill	\$71,333.05
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Hammond Lumber Company	3/9/2011	Bangor Expansion	NAE-2005-2842	Bangor	55,321.20	Freshwater	Fill	\$10,882.61
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	MSB Leasing, Inc.	3/16/2011	Machias Savings Bank	NAE-2008-0280	Brewer	24,891	Freshwater	Fill	\$34,667.18
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Labree's, Inc.	8/24/2011	Labree's Bakery expansion	NAE-1992-1521-M1	Old Town	7,636	Freshwater	Fill	\$20,513.35
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Maine DOT	8/31/2011	Route 219 Leeds	NAE-2011-00678, PBR 51316	Leeds	22,902	Freshwater	Conversion	\$11,251.30
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	MaineGeneral Medical Center	10/13/2011	MaineGeneral New Regional Hospital	L-122659-TG-J-N, NAE-2009-02019	Augusta	89,791	Freshwater	Fill	\$297,387.24

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Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Maine DOT	11/2/2011	Route 15 - Orrington	NAE-2011-01279	Orrington	28,475	Freshwater	Fill & conversion	\$77,084.16
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Maine DOT	12/9/2011	Route 9 Lisbon-Sabattus Bridge Replacement	PBR 47669	Lisbon	1,100	Freshwater	Fill	\$7,711.44
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Husson University	7/18/2012	Husson University Parking Lot	NAE-2008-2072-M1	Bangor	6,542	Freshwater	Fill	\$18,838.34
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Central Maine Power	7/24/2012	Maine Power Reliability Project Revision 7	L-24620-TG-T-N	Lewiston	1,296	Freshwater		\$834.62
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Town of Norridgewock	8/8/2012	Central Maine Regional Airport	L-21770-TH-G-N, NAE-2007-02622	Norridgewock	41,723	Freshwater & Coastal	Fill	\$141,256.80
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Central Maine Motors-T, Inc.	9/26/2012	Central Maine Toyota expansion	L-16673-TE-P-N, NAE-2011-00918	Waterville	33,607	Freshwater	Fill	\$117,180.89
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Machias Savings Bank	10/3/2012	Machias Savings Bank Brewer Amendment	NAE-2008-0280 mod	Brewer	24,891	Freshwater	Fill	\$11,040.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Central Maine Embayment	Maine DOT	12/19/2012	Orono Stillwater/Forest Avenue Reconstruction	NAE-2012-00819	Orono	21,796	Freshwater	Fill & Conversion	\$57,126.80
Central Interior & Midcoast	Penobscot Bay Coast	Maine DOT	9/30/2009	Route 1A reconstruction - 1	PBR 47529, NAE-2008-03622	Ellsworth	63,528	Freshwater	Fill	\$207,936.52
Central Interior & Midcoast	Penobscot Bay Coast	Central Maine Power	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	Warren	1,893	Freshwater	Fill	\$7,011.32
Central Interior & Midcoast	Penobscot Bay Coast	Maine Maritime Academy	8/23/2010	Retaining wall reconstruction	L-15887-4D-H-N	Castine	1,020	Coastal	Fill	\$6,062.06
Central Interior & Midcoast	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$4,794.12
Central Interior & Midcoast	Penobscot Bay Coast	Verso Paper	9/8/2011	Buckport Renewable Energy Project	NAE-2010-2223	Bucksport	9,378	Coastal	Fill	\$57,460.88
Central Interior & Midcoast	Penobscot Bay Coast	Greely Associates	5/2/2012	Thomaston Commons	L-25428-TG-B-N, NAE-2011-01423	Thomaston	101,374	Freshwater	Fill	\$370,258.40
Central Interior & Midcoast	Penobscot Bay Coast	Mary Ballard Trust	9/26/2012	Shoreline Stabilization	NAE-2012-00467	Saint George	277	Coastal	Fill	\$2,023.43

MNRCP Region	Biophysical subsection	Applicant	TNC Rec'd Date	DEP Project Name	Permit Numbers	Town	Total Square Ft	Type of Habitat Impacted	Type of Impact	Available
Central Interior & Midcoast	Penobscot Bay Coast	Maine DOT	10/11/2012	Ellsworth Route 180 Relocation	L-25579-TG-A-N, NAE-2008-02119	Ellsworth	300,980	Freshwater	Fill	\$276,756.55
Central Interior & Midcoast	Penobscot Bay Coast	Sleepy Hollow Farm, LLC	12/19/2012	Caldwell Island Fire Pond	L-25238-TE-F-N	Saint George	12,077	Freshwater	Dredging	\$44,110.03
Downeast Maine	Maine Eastern Coastal	Maine DOT	5/18/2010	Acadia Gateway Center	L-24518-2G-B-N, NAE-2006-03036	Trenton	23,742	Freshwater	Fill	\$71,100.69
Downeast Maine	Maine Eastern Coastal	Moosabec Mussels, Inc	11/10/2010	Retaining wall repair	L-21318-4E-C-N	Jonesport	480	Coastal	Fill	\$2,587.96
Downeast Maine	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$28,169.48
Downeast Maine	Maine Eastern Coastal	Diehl Family Partnership, Ltd.	5/2/2012	Diehl Pier	NAE-2011-1755	Southwest Harbor	570	Coastal	Fill and Shading	\$3,492.50
Downeast Maine	Maine Eastern Interior	Maine DOT	11/16/2009	Calais-St. Stephens Border Crossing amendment	NAE-2006-00704	Calais	17,341	Freshwater	Fill	\$45,468.10
Downeast Maine	Maine Eastern Interior	Fundy Contractors	3/16/2011	Woodland Industrial Park	L-21437-VP-E-N	Baileyville	113,000	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Vegetation removal, Fill	\$12,475.20
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power	1/10/2008	CMP Mussey Road Substation	L-20588-TE-K-N, NAE-2007-2064	Scarborough	29,376	Freshwater	Fill	\$110,512.55
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Park North Development, LLC	10/29/2008	Park North Subdivision	L-23647-TE-G-N	Saco	289	Freshwater	Fill	\$1,002.11
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power	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	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Vegetation conversion	\$50,078.30
Southern Maine	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$77,254.61
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	MC Portland, LLC	2/24/2009	Morrill's Crossing	L-23925-TE-B-N	Portland	19,025	Freshwater	Fill	\$68,860.75
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power	5/7/2009	CMP South Gorham Substation Expansion	L-17618-TH-E-N, NAE-2008-03010	Gorham	45,468	Freshwater	Fill	\$164,571.43
Southern Maine	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	Freshwater & Coastal	Fill	\$35,553.75

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Southern Maine	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$74,644.95
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Maine DOT	9/30/2009	I-95 Exits 3 & 4	PBR 44921, NAE-2007-03377	South Portland	6,000	Coastal	Fill	\$45,144.00
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	University of New England	11/16/2009	UNE Campus Expansion	NAE-2009-01365	Biddeford	83,199	Freshwater	Fill	\$259,250.25
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Maine DOT	5/18/2010	Eastern Trail 2, amendment	PBR 40873, NAE-2009-01193	Arundel	518	Freshwater	Fill	\$1,839.52
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Maine DOT	5/18/2010	Eastern Trail	PBR 48073, NAE-2009-01193	Kennebunk	6,027	Freshwater	Fill	\$20,238.67
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	City of Portland	5/18/2010	Fall Brook Phase 3	L-20543-TG-E-N	Portland	2,200	Freshwater	Fill	\$8,237.68
Southern Maine	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$90,580.44
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$67,812.28
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	City of Portland	11/17/2010	Capisc Brk Watershed CSO abatement	L-24743-TG-C-N, NAE-2010-00954	Portland	2,477	Freshwater	Fill	\$9,274.52
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Town of Scarborough	11/17/2010	Haigis Parkway/Rt 1 intersection improvements	NAE-2010-00718	Scarborough	5,521	Freshwater	Fill	\$20,672.83
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	City of Portland	4/13/2011	Fall Brook Phase 4	L-20543-TE-F-N	Portland	675	Freshwater	Fill	\$3,067.74
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Mezoian Development, LLC.	4/13/2011	Juniper Knoll	L-21678-TE-G-N	Saco	388	Freshwater	Fill	\$1,806.22

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Southern Maine	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$16,956.78
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power.	8/24/2011	CMP Section 117 Transmission Line	NAE-2011-00460	North Berwick	88,390	Freshwater	Fill, temp. matting	\$44,099.28
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Avesta Cascade Brook, LP	8/24/2011	Cascade Brook Senior Apartments	L-23647-TA-J-N	Saco	161	Freshwater	Fill	\$684.31
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power	9/8/2011	Saco Bay Section 159 Upgrade	NAE-2010-00400	Saco	209,211	Freshwater	Fill, conversion, temp matting	\$108,332.20
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Public Service Company of NH	9/8/2011	Eliot Switching Station	NAE-2011-00752	Eliot	36,228	Freshwater	Fill, conversion, temp. matting	\$32,278.17
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Town of Falmouth Public Schools	11/2/2011	Public school sidewalk project	L-19593-TG-R-N, NAE-2009-00612	Falmouth	2,960	Freshwater	Fill	\$15,222.32
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Town of Kennebunkport	11/2/2011	Kings Highway reconstruction	L-25202-4E-A-N, NAE-2011-00550	Kennebunkport	1,407	Coastal	Fill	\$11,960.00
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.	11/2/2011	Administrative building amendment and pedestrian access	L-001671-TE-O-N, NAE-2007-01337	Westbrook	2,010	Freshwater	Fill	\$8,044.02
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power	4/4/2012	Saco Bay Section 159 Upgrade Amendment	NAE-2010-00400	Old Orchard Beach	48,823	Freshwater	Conversion	\$27,893.55
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Daniel Higgins	4/4/2012	Branch Heights Subdivision Lot 11	L-21743-TE-D-N	Wells	722	Freshwater	Fill	\$2,749.88
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	South Point Investment Co, LLC	5/2/2012	Evergreen Farms Subdivision; lots 38 & 39	L-14355-TE-U-N, NAE-2012-00107	Scarborough	2,520	Freshwater	Fill	\$10,062.04
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power	7/24/2012	Maine Power Reliability Project Revision 7	L-24620-TG-T-N	Gorham	1,049	Freshwater	Fill	\$942.08
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Central Maine Power Co.	9/26/2012	Saco Bay Section 159 Reinforcement	L-24867-TH-E-M, NAE-2010-00400	Saco	1,191	Freshwater	Fill	\$4,536.24

MNRCP Region	Biophysical subsection	Applicant	TNC Rec'd Date	DEP Project Name	Permit Numbers	Town	Total Square Ft	Type of Habitat Impacted	Type of Impact	Available
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	City of Portland	10/3/2012	Fall Brook Sewer Separation	L-20543-TG-H-N, L-20543-2F-I-N	Portland	1,344	Freshwater	Fill	\$5,378.69
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Lowlands	Maine DOT	10/3/2012	Clay Hill Bridge Replacement	NAE-2012-00217	Kennebunk	1,000	Coastal	Fill	\$7,617.60
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Plain	Northeast Trading Company	4/4/2012	Bernice Avenue Subdivision	L-22407-TE-E-N	Sanford	2,580	Freshwater	Fill	\$9,826.52
Southern Maine	Gulf of Maine Coastal Plain	Central Maine Power	7/24/2012	Maine Power Reliability Project Revision 7	L-24260-TG-T-N	Buxton	32	Freshwater	Fill	\$107.46
Southern Maine	Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Maine DOT	3/27/2009	Route 26 Upgrade	PBR 47161, NAE-2008-02836	Poland	100,719	Freshwater	Fill	\$397,264.78
Southern Maine	Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Dana Lampron	7/29/2009	Lampron Pit Stop Building Addition	L-17170-TE-I-N	Standish	527	Freshwater	Fill	\$1,907.60
Southern Maine	Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Maine DOT	7/29/2009	Route 117 Reconstruction	PBR 47530, NAE-2009-00226	Norway	63,360	Freshwater & Signif. Wildlife Hab.	Fill	\$265,626.73
Southern Maine	Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Maine DOT	11/17/2010	Naples Bay Bridge reconstruction	PBR 49918, NAE-2008-03014	Naples	6,339	Freshwater	Fill	\$47,561.37
Southern Maine	Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Maine DOT	3/23/2011	Rt 117 reconstruction, Norway	PBR 49726, NAE-2010-00469	Norway	56,268	Freshwater & Signif. Wildlife Hab.	Fill	\$205,075.56
Southern Maine	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$4,147.36
Southern Maine	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	Freshwater	Fill	\$135,843.52
Southern Maine	Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	Maine DOT	6/6/2012	Mountain Division Rail Trail Fryeburg	PBR-53207, NAE-2011-02058		64,730	Significant Wildlife Habitat	Fill and conversion	\$221,924.21
Southern Maine	Sebago-Ossipee Hills and Plain	ML Investments, LLC	7/18/2012	Bridgton McDonalds	L-22289-TE-G-M, NAE-2010-01768	Bridgton	74,915	Freshwater	Fill, culvert	\$18,400.00

3. MNRCP AWARDS and COMPENSATION PROJECTS

The 2012 round of MNRCP funding awards commenced with a Request for Letters of Intent (LOI), released on June 21, 2012, and concluded on December 14, 2012 with the award of \$2,205,680 for 14 compensation projects in five Regions. The MNRCP project selection process is purposely divided into two stages. The LOI 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 LOI stage gives applicants the opportunity to have their project pre-screened for suitability before investing substantial time in a more lengthy application. Sponsors of projects that meet the program's criteria are then invited to submit Full Proposals. In 2012, a new MNRCP website was introduced to both provide information about the program and also to allow applicants to submit their LOI directly through an online form. The website can be found at: <http://mnrcp.org/>.

The LOI package includes the amount of funding projected to be available in each Region at the time of release, and these funding amounts are used by potential project sponsors to determine if sufficient funding will be available for their projects. To date, funds have been available in all but the Northwest Maine Region. If fees are received after the Request for LOI is released, but before the Review Committee makes its final funding recommendations, they are made available for allocation during the funding round. However, if the amount of funding available in a particular region is very small when the Request for LOI is released, it may affect a project sponsor's decision about whether or not to submit a LOI.

For this reporting period, 37 Letters of Intent were submitted. Seven were not invited to Full Proposal; four of which were proposals to improve existing fish passage facilities. MNRCP funds have been granted in previous rounds for re-establishment of fish passage where it had been blocked, but it was decided that only projects that provide new fish passage beyond existing barriers are eligible for this program. Of the remaining three projects not invited to Full Proposal, one project requested funds for a study only, another proposed wetland restoration but had no provisions for permanent conservation, and the third offered a property for sale but had no conservation partner. MNRCP funds can only be used for projects that produce tangible conservation results for aquatic resources and thus the study phase of projects cannot be funded. Projects must also take place on land permanently conserved by a qualified public or non-profit entity. The program itself does not directly purchase property.

Thirty of the LOIs were invited to submit a Full Proposal. One of these LOIs included two non-contiguous, unrelated parcels in one proposal. The project sponsor was invited to submit an individual Full Proposal for each parcel. Projects in previous rounds that included unrelated parcels in one proposal caused difficulties both in review of the project and with administration of the grant once awarded. In several cases, one parcel was felt to be a good match for the program while another was not. Also, there were often extended time delays between the closings on individual parcels so processing the grant and allocating funds was greatly complicated. Therefore, the program no longer allows unrelated parcels to be bundled together in one proposal, unless the applicant can present a compelling reason why the parcels must be combined for the project to succeed.

Nine of the applicants invited to submit Full Proposals ultimately decided not to apply, making the final tally of Full Proposals submitted for this round 22. The Criteria used by the Review Committee and Approval Committee to evaluate the Full Proposals can be found in Appendix D. In addition to the Review Criteria, 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. Fourteen projects were ultimately awarded funding.

Table 8 summarizes the funds available for each Region in 2012, the total funds requested by applicants, and the difference. It is very common for the amount of funds requested to exceed the amount of funding available in a given Region. The Review and Approval Committee must then determine which projects will make the best use of the limited funds. Table 9 presents the results of the fund allocation process, including the status of each proposal received. Eight Full Proposals were not funded by the program. Reasons for not funding included a poor fit with program goals, lack of readiness by the applicant, and insufficient funding available to fund all of the proposals in a particular region.

Table 8: 2012 Funds Available for Compensation Projects vs. Funds Requested

MNRCP Region	Funds Available During Funding Round	Funds Requested from MNRCP	Difference
Aroostook Hills & Lowlands	\$166,570.00	\$67,000.00	\$99,570.00
Central and Eastern Lowlands	\$1,346.00	0.00	0.00
Central & Western Mountains	\$147,516.00	\$100,000.00	\$47,516.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	\$1,591,668.00	\$1,858,100.00	(\$266,432.00)
Downeast Maine	\$114,480.00	\$114,480.00	\$0.00
Southern Maine	\$759,469.00	\$1,328,850.00	(\$569,381.00)
Grand Totals	\$2,781,049.00	\$3,468,430.00	(\$688,727.00)

Table 9: 2012 Proposals Received and Final Status

MNRCP Region	Project Title	Applicant	Compensation Type	Total Project Cost	Funds Requested from MNRCP	Funds Awarded
Full Proposals Submitted						
Aroostook Hills & Lowlands	Violette Brook Project	Forest Society of Maine	Preservation, Restoration, Enhancement	\$251,500.00	\$67,000.00	\$67,000.00
Central & Western Mountains	Orbeton Stream	The Trust for Public Land	Preservation	\$2,000,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Caribou Bog - Dorion	Orono Land Trust	Preservation, Enhancement	\$246,300.00	\$223,300.00	\$223,300.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Davis/Holbrook Fishway	Atlantic Salmon Federation, Maine Council	Fish Passage	\$151,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Morse Pond II Wetlands	Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	Preservation	\$195,300.00	\$195,300.00	\$195,300.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Moulton's Mill Part II	Sebasticook Regional Land Trust	Preservation	\$201,500.00	\$199,000.00	\$199,000.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Penjajawoc Marsh - Severance	Bangor Land Trust	Preservation	\$299,500.00	\$282,000.00	\$282,000.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Weskeag Wetlands	Georges River Land Trust	Preservation, Restoration, Enhancement	\$838,900.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Broad Cove East - Jones	Medomak Valley Land Trust	Preservation	\$60,500.00	\$56,500.00	\$0.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Broad Cove West - Geele	Medomak Valley Land Trust	Preservation	\$264,300.00	\$171,000.00	\$0.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Great Moose Lake Acquisition	Sebasticook Regional Land Trust	Preservation	\$62,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$0.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	White Island - Stevens	Harpwell Heritage Land Trust	Preservation	\$320,000.00	\$295,000.00	\$0.00
Downeast Maine	Indian River Project	Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation	Preservation	\$132,000.00	\$114,480.00	\$114,480.00
Southern Maine	Moon Valley	Western Foothills Land Trust	Preservation, Restoration, Enhancement, Creation	\$136,500.00	\$116,850.00	\$116,850.00
Southern Maine	Mt. Agamenticus Pocket Swamp	Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative	Preservation	\$45,100.00	\$45,100.00	\$45,100.00
Southern Maine	Ogunquit River Wetlands	Great Works Regional Land Trust	Preservation, Enhancement	\$171,950.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

MNRCP Region	Project Title	Applicant	Compensation Type	Total Project Cost	Funds Requested from MNRCP	Funds Awarded
Southern Maine	Walnut Hill II	Three Rivers Land Trust	Preservation	\$345,000.00	\$260,000.00	\$260,000.00
Southern Maine	Warren Woods Wetland Restoration	Scarborough Land Trust	Preservation, Restoration, Enhancement	\$381,400.00	\$102,650.00	\$102,650.00
Southern Maine	Biddeford Forest Preservation	Saco Valley Land Trust	Preservation, Enhancement	\$240,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$0.00
Southern Maine	Canco Woods, Portland's Connection	The Trust for Public Land	Preservation	\$384,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00
Southern Maine	Smithfield Meadows (Gelardi)	Saco Valley Land Trust	Preservation	\$312,300.00	\$298,750.00	\$0.00
Southern Maine	Suckfish Brook II	City of Westbrook	Preservation	\$152,100.00	\$105,500.00	\$0.00
Invited to Full Proposal, did not submit						
Central Interior & Midcoast	Harpwell Cove (Clemons)	Maine Coast Heritage Trust	Preservation	\$675,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$0.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Oyster River Reserve	Town of Thomaston	Preservation, Restoration	\$127,000.00	\$102,250.00	\$0.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Penjajawoc Marsh Grasslands - Rudnicki	Bangor Land Trust	Preservation	\$501,500.00	\$401,500.00	\$0.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Pisgah Hill Preserve expansion: Blake and Mcatee parcels	Royal River Conservation Trust	Preservation	\$10,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Runaround Pond park expansion 2012	Royal River Conservation Trust	Preservation	\$105,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
Southern Maine	Falmouth Corners Preserve-VanLoenen	Falmouth Land Trust	Preservation	\$325,000.00	\$275,000.00	\$0.00
Southern Maine	Hoopers Brook Marsh	Great Works Regional Land Trust	Preservation	\$110,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$0.00
Southern Maine	Negataquit River Forest	Great Works Regional Land Trust	Preservation	\$89,000.00	\$79,000.00	\$0.00
Southern Maine	Perley Mills	Loon Echo Land Trust	Preservation, Restoration	\$850,000.00	\$425,000.00	\$0.00
Not Invited to Full Proposal						
Central Interior & Midcoast	Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder Restoration	Town of Nobleboro	Fish Passage	\$215,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Little Togus Pond & Togus Stream, Augusta, Maine	Little Togus Land Ventures, LLC	Preservation	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$0.00
Central Interior & Midcoast	Nequasset Fish Ladder Restoration Project	Bath Water District	Fish Passage	\$333,148.00	\$115,600.00	\$0.00
Downeast Maine	Pokey Dam Fishway	Downeast Salmon Federation	Fish Passage	\$150,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Downeast Maine	Seal Cove Pond Fish Passage Study	National Park Service	Fish Passage	\$28,480.00	\$16,440.00	\$0.00
Southern Maine	Branch Brook Fishway Project	Wells National Estuarine	Fish Passage	\$58,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

MNRCP Region	Project Title	Applicant	Compensation Type	Total Project Cost	Funds Requested from MNRCP	Funds Awarded
		Research Reserve				
Southern Maine	Gooseberry Island Wetland Restoration	Gooseberry Island Landowners Association	Enhancement	\$110,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00

4. NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT CONSULTATION

Prior to the release of MNRCP funds for any project, the proposal must first be reviewed by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC), as prescribed under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.). Based on discussions with MHPC in 2011, overviews and USGS topo maps for all proposed MNRCP projects with restoration, enhancement or creation components are provided to MHPC so they may determine if any proposed construction activities might adversely impact historic resources. (Proposed preservation projects do not include MNRCP-funded construction or other site disturbing activities so do not need to be reviewed by MHPC.)

In 2012, the details for eleven proposed projects were forwarded to MHPC for their review. Following is a list of these eleven projects and the current status of their Section 106 consultation:

- 1) **Biddeford Forest (Biddeford)**. Section 106 review completed on October 29, 2012. MHPC determined that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking.
- 2) **Canco Woods (Portland)**. Section 106 review completed on October 29, 2012. MHPC determined that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking.
- 3) **Caribou Bog (Orono)**. Section 106 review completed on October 29, 2012. MHPC determined that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking.
- 4) **Davis Pond Fishway (Eddington)**. Additional information was requested by MHPC on October 29, 2012 on the detailed plans for the proposed fishway work as they identified both prehistoric and historic archeological sites in the project area. On November 29, 2012, MHPC completed the Section 106 review with the determination that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking.
- 5) **Moon Valley (Harrison)**. Additional information was requested by MHPC on October 29, 2012 providing a more detailed map of the project area clearly indicating what is planned for the area along the river shore and what is proposed for the tree buffer. MHPC determined on November 30, 2012 that the project area may contain one or more prehistoric archeological sites, and indicated that a Phase I archeological survey by a qualified archeologist would be required prior to any ground disturbance. The project sponsor contracted Northeast Archeology Research Center to complete the required survey on December 19, 2012. MHPC reviewed the report and concluded with the conclusions that no archeological sites are present on the site. On January 14, 2013, MHPC completed the Section 106 review with the determination that no historic or archeological properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking.
- 6) **Moulton's Mill (Unity)**. Section 106 review completed on October 29, 2012. MHPC determined that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking.
- 7) **Ogunquit River Wetlands (South Berwick)**. Section 106 review completed on October 29, 2012. MHPC determined that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking.
- 8) **Orbeton Stream (Madrid)**. Additional information was requested by MHPC on October 29, 2012 on the locations and other details of the proposed bridge and culvert replacements. On November 29, 2012, MHPC completed the Section 106 review with the determination that the proposed undertaking will have no adverse effect on historic properties. The finding was conditional on the following: "If

improvements to the stream for restoration of the fish habitat extend to removal of the former historic log driving dams, these dams will need to be identified and documented prior to removal.”

- 9) **Violette Brook (Cyr Plantation)**. Section 106 review completed on October 29, 2012. MHPC determined that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking.
- 10) **Warren Woods (Scarborough)**. Section 106 review completed on October 29, 2012. MHPC determined that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking.
- 11) **Weskeag Wetlands (South Thomaston)**. On October 30, 2012 determined that an existing dwelling on or adjacent to the project site might be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and that the immediate vicinity should be considered sensitive for historic archeological resources. Additional information was requested by MHPC on the scope of work planned for the parcel, as well as an assessment of the likely impact on the house and its immediate vicinity. The project sponsor responded with additional information and on January 11, 2013 MHPC replied that they still do not have enough information to make a formal determination of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. As of March 25, 2013 MHPC indicated that the *Section 106 review process for the project has not been completed*, as they continue to work with the project sponsor to clarify the ultimate plans for the potentially historic building.

5. UPDATES on PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS

2011 Funding Round

Seventeen projects were awarded funding during the third funding round in 2011. One of the projects awarded funding was a restoration project which proposed removal of a berm across a tidal wetland that had created a freshwater pond. Unfortunately, it was discovered that an abutting property owner had a deeded right to maintain the pond water level and the project was not able to move forward. Of the remaining sixteen projects, twelve were preservation through fee purchase, two were preservation through fee purchase with restoration or enhancement after purchase, and two were restoration of fish passage; one through replacement of two perched culverts and the other through construction of a fishway on a dam.

Project Name	Type	Status
Boulter Pond Wetlands	Fee acquisition	Project complete
Crooked River - Robie Meadows	Fee acquisition	Project complete
Little Cobbossee Lake	Fee acquisition	Project complete
Merriland River Corridor - Highpine	Fee acquisition	Project complete
Sucker Brook/Horseshoe Pond	Fee acquisition	Project complete
Upper Cathance River Wetlands	Fee acquisition	Project complete
St George River Tidal Conservation	Fee acquisition	Purchase completed, awaiting management plan.
Mattawamkeag River/Eagle Pond	Fee acquisition with enhancement	Purchase completed, awaiting enhancement plan.
Suckfish Brook	Fee acquisition with enhancement	Purchase and enhancement work completed. In monitoring phase
Wallamatogus - Great Heath	Fee acquisition with enhancement	Purchase and enhancement work completed. In monitoring phase
Jam Black Brook culvert replacement	Restoration of fish passage by culvert replacement	Culvert replacement completed. In monitoring phase.
Pushaw Lake Fishway	Restoration of fish passage by construction of fishway	Fishway construction completed. In monitoring phase
Mt Agamenticus Wetlands II	Fee acquisition	Purchase of one parcel completed, awaiting management plan. Awaiting closing on second parcel.
Sebasticook River parcels	Fee acquisition with restoration or enhancement	Purchase of one parcel completed; awaiting management plan. Awaiting closing on second parcel.
Seven Mile Stream	Fee acquisition	Awaiting closing
Varnum Farm	Fee acquisition with enhancement	Farmland conservation project awaiting closing on conservation purchase, then restoration/resource protection area will be designated.

2010 Funding Round

Sixteen projects were awarded funding in the second funding round in 2010. One project had secured the majority of its funding from other sources and after trying to work around the differing requirements of their funding sources, ultimately decided to withdraw their MNRCP project. Of the remaining fifteen projects, eight were preservation through fee purchase, one was preservation through conservation easement, one was preservation through both fee purchase and conservation easement, three were preservation through fee purchase with restoration or enhancement after purchase, and two were fish passage projects.

Project Name	Type	Status
Basin and Curtis Coves	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Granite State Wetlands	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Kanokolus Bog	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Morse Pond	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Pisgah Hill	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Spectacle Pond	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Steele Forest	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Whiskeag Creek	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
East Branch Piscataqua River	Fee purchase and conservation easement with preservation	Project complete
Maquoit Bay	Conservation easement and preservation	Project complete
Bell Marsh	Fee purchase and restoration	Purchase complete; restoration work completed 2012. In monitoring phase
Clifford Park	Fee purchase and enhancement	Purchase complete; restoration plan to be approved
Great Meadow Stream	Fee purchase and restoration	Purchase complete, restoration plan approved, restoration work to be completed 2013.
Flanders Stream	Restoration of fish passage by culvert replacement	Culvert replacement completed. In monitoring phase.
Muscongus Brook	Restoration of fish passage by culvert replacement	Plans complete; work to be completed in 2013.

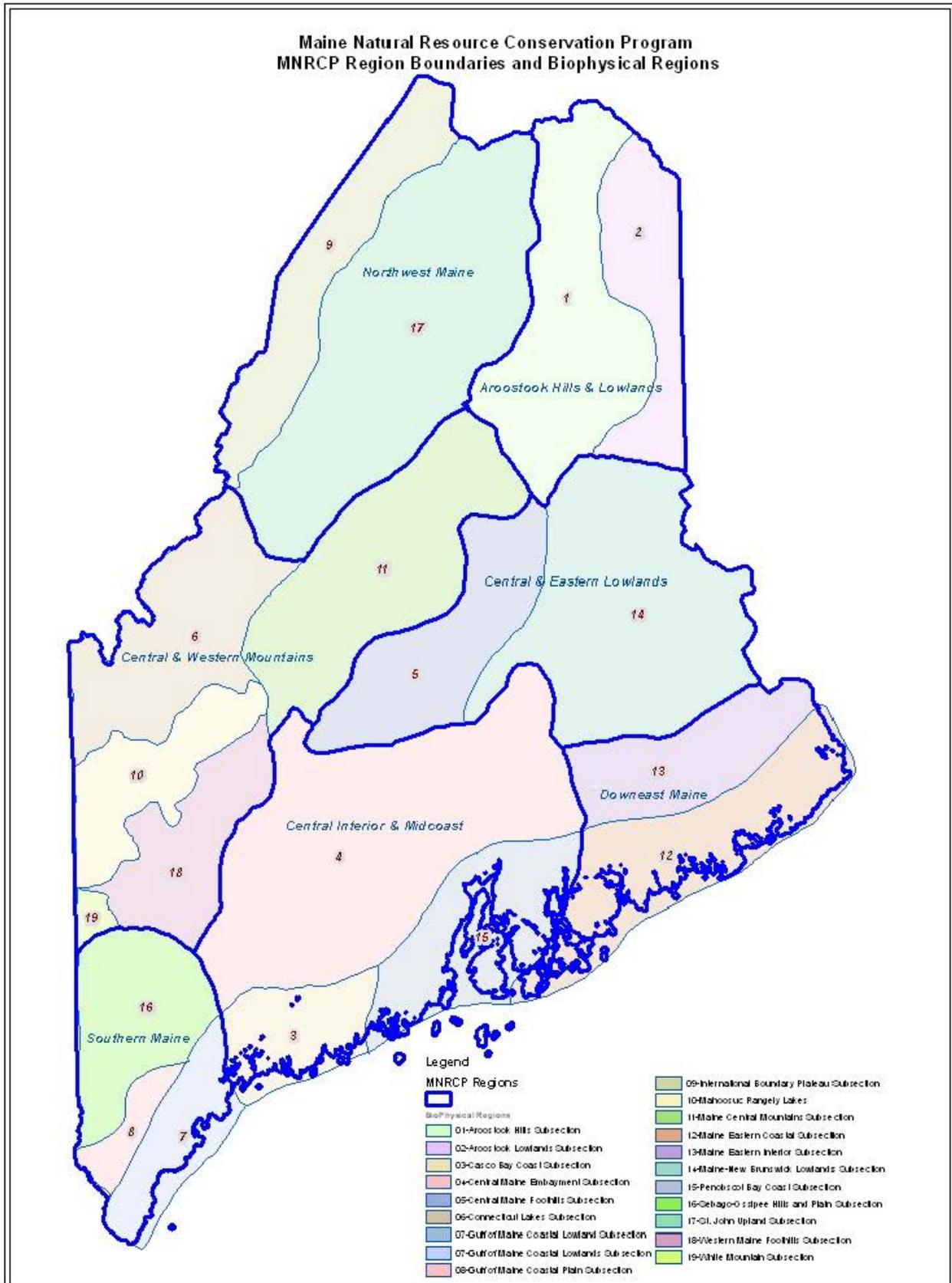
2009 Funding Round

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 Regions. Another easement project also ran into difficulties in accommodating MNRCP requirements and, rather than renegotiate, the landowner decided to donate the easement. This project also had a stream enhancement component and funds were initially held for this part of the project. However, a storm caused damage and erosion along the road and the landowner repaired the damage, which made the enhancement project unnecessary. 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 in reaching an agreement with the landowner 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. A fifth project ran into problems when it was discovered that another entity held mineral rights on the property. Ultimately, the landowner sold the property to another buyer and the project was withdrawn in early 2012.

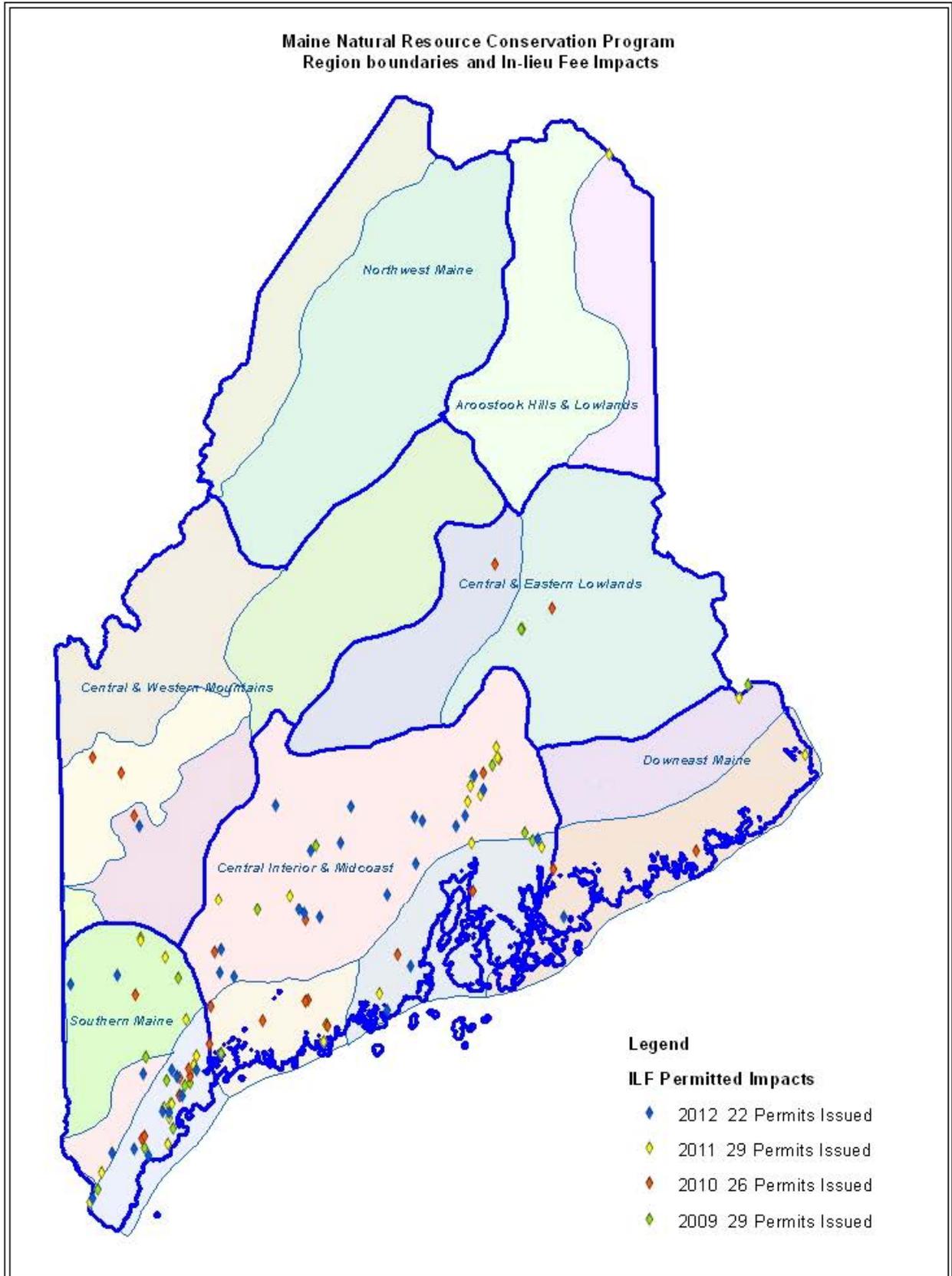
The remaining 11 projects included five fee purchases for preservation, two conservation easements, a dam removal, a fishway, a wetland restoration at an old quarry site, and removal of invasive *Phragmites* on a state wildlife preserve. A chart of their status is below.

Project Name	Type	Status
Brookings Bay	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Whitten Hill	Fee purchase and preservation	Project complete
Mt. 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 <i>Phragmites</i> removal	Restoration of wetland by removal of invasive <i>Phragmites</i>	Retreatment took place in 2012. In monitoring phase
Montsweag Brook Dam removal	Restoration of stream by dam removal	Dam removed and stream flow restored; easement in place. In monitoring phase.
Blackman Stream Fishway	Restoration of fish passage by construction of fishway	Fishway is operational. In monitoring phase.
Clark Island Wetland Restoration	Removal of granite quarry tailings from wetland and replanting	Quarry tailings have been removed and wetland planting has been done. In monitoring phase.
Maloney Wetlands	Fee purchase and preservation	Long delays due to changes in ownership structure, but project has now been completed.

Appendix A

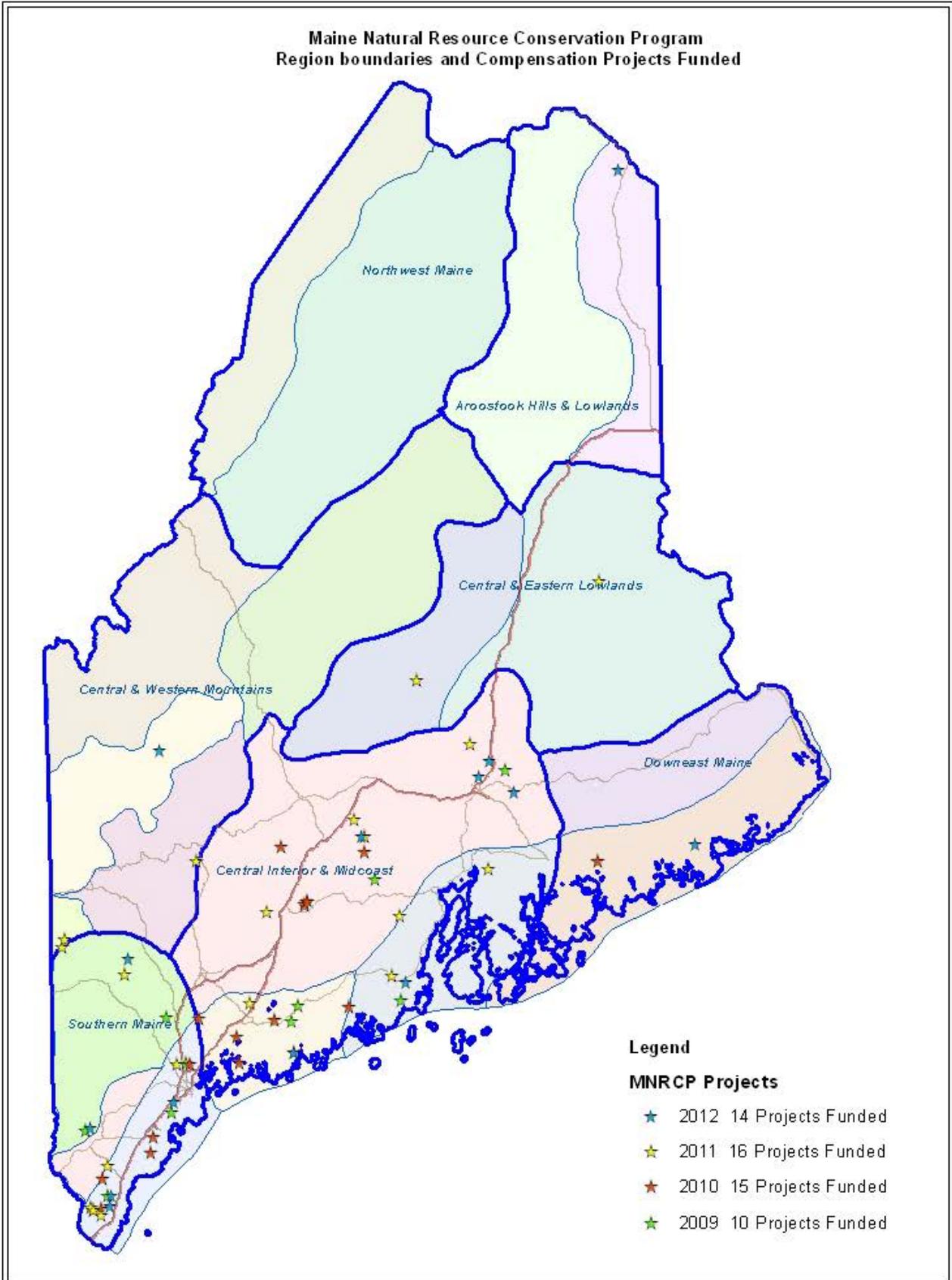


Appendix B



Appendix C

Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program Region boundaries and Compensation Projects Funded



Appendix D

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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, 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 sustainability of the proposed conservation action (restoration, enhancement, preservation, creation) and the acreage affected. To fully meet this criterion, projects must include a restoration or enhancement component in addition to permanent preservation.
- 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.
- Proximity of proposed project to impacted resources in the Biophysical Region. To fully meet this criterion, projects must occur within the same MNRCP Region as a permitted impact.
- For preservation projects, the threat of degradation to the site in the next 20 years.
- 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 (Beginning with Habitat Focus Area) or other natural resource priority areas.
- Presence within or adjacent to public or private conservation lands to maintain and preserve habitat connectivity.
- 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:

- Documentation of 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.
- Adequacy of long-term stewardship to ensure the project is sustainable over time and funding mechanism for the associated costs (e.g., endowment or trust).
- 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.