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Projects Completed

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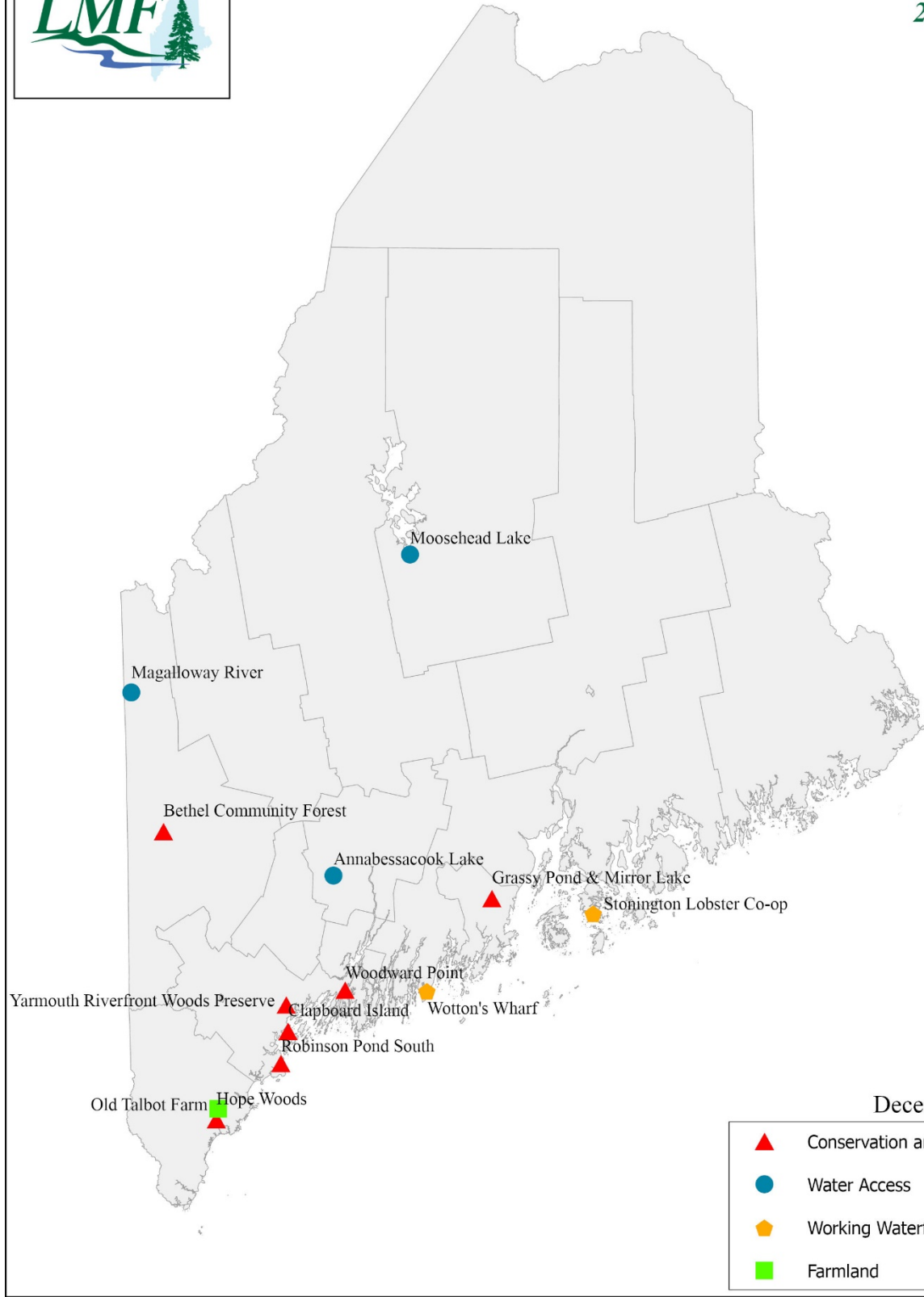


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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Program Overview:

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

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

Enclosed is a comprehensive review of the accomplishments over the last biennium (January 2019-December 2020) as required by statute. Hi-lights from the last two years include:



- Projects completed in 8 of 16 counties
- Expenditures totaling \$2,736,655, matched with \$6,817,272
- New opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking and boating
- Investments supporting working forests, farms and waterfronts and drinking water supply protection
- Efforts to streamline and improve efficiency for users
- Exploration of how we can be a strong partner in accomplishing State climate objectives

With investments in over 350 projects statewide, including every county in Maine, as you review this report, you will find that the LMF Program consistently delivers the people of Maine a high-quality resource for an exceptional value. With a rigorous application and review process, and strict due diligence and closing procedures, the Program ensures public access is guaranteed, traditional uses such as hunting, fishing and trapping are allowed and that the future use and management of the property is consistent with each properties' resource values.

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

Information about the LMF programs can be found at: <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/lmf/index.shtml>

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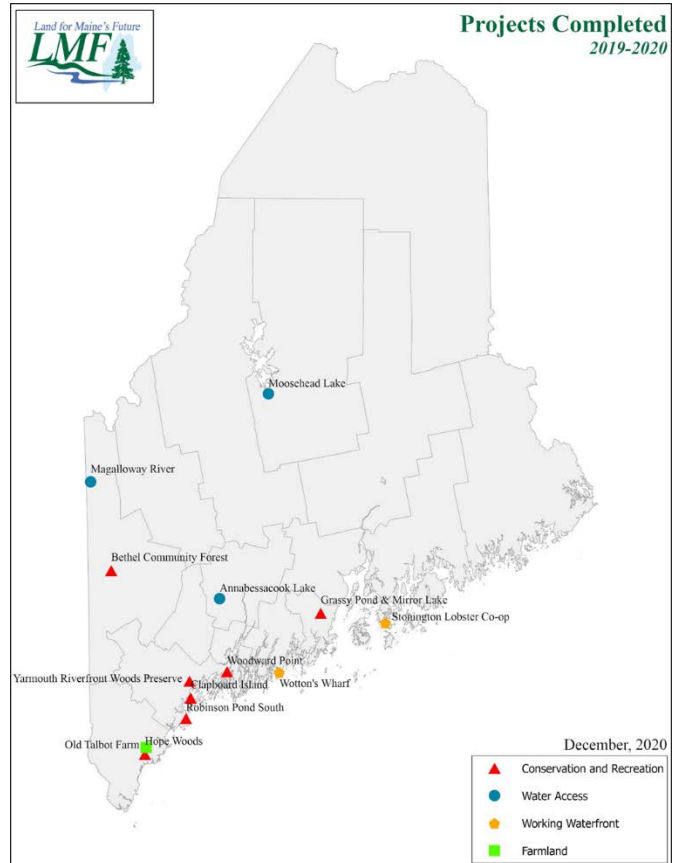
OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED THIS BIENNIUM

In the biennium spanning January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2020, 13 projects completed the rigorous LMF review process with a successful closing. A summary is attached for each project completed during the biennium (see pages 15 – 31).

The LMF program investment in these 13 projects was \$2,736,655, which generated \$6,817,272 in matching funds, representing approximately \$2.50 in matching funds for every LMF dollar spent. The matching contributions were provided by generous bargain sale donations from private landowners and the fundraising efforts of cooperating agencies, conservation partners and municipalities.

The projects completed are diverse and include:

- 3 water access sites
- 2 working waterfront properties
- 1 farmland conservation easement
- Multiple locally and regionally significant community recreation sites in southern Maine
- A working forest easement which protects a public drinking water supply for 6 Maine communities



These 13 projects are spread across 8 counties and consist of: 9 fee acquisition projects, 1 working forest conservation easement, 1 agricultural conservation easement project, and 2 working waterfront covenants.

In all, the projects protect and provide access to an additional 3± miles of shorefront and riparian habitats along the coast as well as 6.4± miles of frontage on rivers and lakes throughout the state. Encompassing 2,552.60 ± acres of forest, recreation, wildlife habitat and other special areas, these projects are managed by state agencies, municipalities and private conservation organizations in cooperation with the LMF program.

II. LMF PROJECT DETAILS 2019-2020

A summary is attached for each project completed during the biennium (see pages 15-31).

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

<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Acres</u>
• Conservation and Recreation	7	2,387.6
• Public Access to Maine Waters	3	34.9
• Farmland Conservation	1	129.0
• Working Waterfront	2	1.1

Additional information can be found in the following locations

1. Biennial Project Summary Descriptions Pages 15 - 31
2. Projects Closed by County Appendix 1
3. Cumulative Summary of all LMF Projects Appendix 6

III. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

BOARD MISSION AND MEMBERSHIP

The Land for Maine’s Future Program is comprised of the Land for Maine’s Future’s Fund, the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund, and the Working Waterfront Access Protection Program, which is jointly administered with the Department of Marine Resources.

The LMF Board’s primary responsibility is to administer these funds in accordance with statutory and bond requirements. Occasionally the Board is directed by the Legislature to oversee other funds such as the Sears Island Consent Decree Funds and Katahdin Lake Funds.

The LMF Board meets regularly to provide policy direction, oversee the funds, and implement their land acquisition strategy under legislative authority (5 MRSA Section 6202). The Board works with individuals, land trusts, municipalities, nonprofit conservation organizations, and federal and state agencies to protect lands of statewide, regional and local significance in order to accomplish the LMF mandate.

BOARD COMPOSITION

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

As specified in the authorizing legislation,

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

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

The following individuals served during the reporting period:

Member	Term
Barbara Trafton, Brunswick	05/08/2019 - 11/13/2022
Jim Norris, Winthrop	05/31/2019 - 1/31/2023
Robert Meyers, Bath	04/04/2016 - 11/13/2019*
Lisa Turner, Freeport	04/21/2016 - 01/31/2020*
Roger Berle, Falmouth	04/18/2019 - 01/31/2020*
Don Kleiner, Union	02/11/2018 – 1/31/2022

Patrick Keliher, Commissioner, Department of Marine Resources (DMR); Governor appointed Chair in 2019
Amanda Beal, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF)
Judith Camuso, Commissioner, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW)

**We have been very fortunate that these three Board members have continued to serve well beyond the end of their appointment. This has ensured that the LMF Board had a quorum at their meetings and could continue conducting business.*

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

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

1. Complete an assessment of the State's public land acquisition needs and develop a strategy and guidelines, based on that assessment, for use in allocating the proceeds of the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund;
2. Receive and review funding requests from state agencies and cooperating entities for acquisition projects meeting state guidelines;
3. In accordance with the strategy and guidelines developed, authorize distribution of proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund for acquisitions of property or interests in property; and,
4. On January 1st of every odd-numbered year, report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over matters pertaining to state parks and public lands on expenditures from the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund and revisions to the strategies and guidelines.

BOARD COMMITTEES AND WORK GROUPS

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

The following committees were in place during the reporting period:

Appraisal Oversight Committee (AOC)

The role of the AOC is to evaluate appraisals submitted by applicants seeking LMF funding, and to make a recommendation to the LMF Board for their vote to allocate LMF funds. The objective of the AOC is to ensure that the appraiser has clearly identified the appraisal problem, that the methodology used to address the appraisal problem is well supported by data provided in the report and that the appraisal report meets the standards outlined in the LMF Workbook.

Amendments and Change of Use Committee

In recent years, LMF staff have seen a significant increase in the number of inquiries and requests from LMF applicants for “after-the-fact” changes to properties acquired with LMF funds. This biennium staff responded to 19 requests from State agencies and Cooperating Entities for after-the fact changes – **more than double the number of requests in the prior biennium.**

Recognizing the need to address these requests in a consistent and timely manner, the Board adopted a process for applicants submitting these requests, as recommended by the sub-committee. The sub-committee’s next steps are to investigate whether State agencies should be required to record a Project

Agreement outlining the LMF funding terms and conditions on lands they acquired with LMF funding. This is currently required of all other applicants.

LMF Board Work Group

Following a collaborative staff effort to re-imagine the application and project completion process, the LMF Board established a workgroup comprised of Board members and representatives of the applicant community to undertake a deep dive into LMF policies and practices which will result on recommendations for the LMF Board to consider. The work group met four times in 2020 and will present the LMF Board with recommendations in early 2021.

BOARD AND PROGRAM INITIATIVES

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

Climate, Carbon and Resilience Workshop

This was a 2-day workshop focusing on climate science and real-world examples demonstrating how landowners are using climate science to inform conservation planning and management. The workshop culminated with a discussion of strategies the LMF Board could implement to ensure the Program is a strong partner in the State's goal of promoting and enhancing the resilience of Maine's natural resources in the face of climate change.

Land Acquisition Priorities Review and Recommendations

In partnership with DACF's Maine Natural Areas Program, LMF staff have begun an evaluation process to determine how effective the LMF Program has been over the last 20+ years in protecting the conservation priorities adopted by the Board. Recommended conservation priorities were identified through the Land Acquisition Priorities Advisory Committee in 1997 and have served as the primary conservation targets for the program since that time. This work will continue in 2021 with multiple public outreach sessions. After evaluating accomplishments, the Board will re-assess the Program's priorities for future investments.

Data Management

LMF staff spent considerable time during the biennium updating our primary project tracking database and reconciling this database with other sources of LMF project information, including State GIS data, statistics from LMF's website, and project summaries from previous biennial reports. As the result of this work, the database has been updated with information on LMF projects from 1988 through 1999, and numerous errors and omissions have been corrected. The State's main GIS database of conserved lands now includes more accurate information on projects funded by LMF, and the multiple sources of LMF project information have been consolidated.

Additionally, project reporting processes have been updated and streamlined. Cooperating Entities may now specify their preferred quarterly reporting cycle, reporting forms are available on the LMF website, and all annual reports may now be submitted electronically.

Water Access Awards

LMF accepts applications for funding from the Public Access to Maine Waters fund on a continuous basis. Water Access projects include acquisitions that provide opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized boating access to Maine's coastal and inland waters. Water Access funds are also used for projects that provide shoreline access for fishing, allow the development of water-accessible campsites, or otherwise support water-dependent recreation.

In the 2019-2020 biennium, LMF received five proposals for Water Access projects:

1. **Annabessacook Lake:** Received March 26, 2019; final award of \$147,000. Proposal by DIFW to purchase 13 acres in Winthrop to construct a motorized boat launch. The project closed on July 15, 2019; a full project summary is included below.
2. **Moosehead Lake Water Access:** Received September 10, 2019; final award of \$105,000. Proposal by the Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Council to purchase 0.48 acres in Greenville to develop public docks and a waterfront park. The project closed on June 16, 2020; a full project summary is included below.
3. **Eggmoggin Reach & Mill Pond:** Received January 6, 2020; final award of \$212,500. Proposal by the Blue Hill Heritage Trust to purchase 14.9 acres in Sedgwick to improve a hand-carry launch on adjacent Town property and provide shorefront trails. A conservation easement on 9.3 nearby acres is offered as match and will provide fishing and picnicking access to a small freshwater pond. Due diligence is underway, with a closing expected in mid-2021.
4. **Pond Cove Island:** Received July 9, 2020; preliminary award of \$250,000. Proposal by DACF's Bureau of Parks and Lands to purchase a 60-acre island off Roque Bluffs State Park. The island will be added to the park and provide fishing, hiking, and camping. A final award will be made following an approved appraisal; the project is expected to close in mid-2021.
5. **Sysladobsis and Horseshoe Lakes:** Received December 1, 2020; preliminary award of \$600,000. Proposal by the Trust for Public Land and the Downeast Lakes Land Trust to purchase 2,025 acres in Lakeville to provide hand-carry access to two lakes, shoreline trails, and a water-access campsite along a canoe trail. A final award will be made following an approved appraisal; the project is expected to close in late 2021.

Working Waterfront Access Protection Program (WWAPP) Call for Proposals

The WWAPP purchases working waterfront covenants on strategically significant properties that are essential to the long-term future of the marine economic sector and commercial fisheries businesses. These properties include lands that offer access to the sea, docks, wharfs, and associated services and parking. The covenants are held by DMR and ensure that the strategic properties are not converted to non-fishery uses.

In November 2018, the Board issued a call for proposals soliciting applications to its WWAPP. In January 2019, the Board received thirteen letters of intent, two of which had clear issues that eliminated them from consideration. The remaining eleven were invited to submit their proposals by March 22, 2019. In response to that invitation, six complete proposals were received on March 22, 2019, requesting a combined total of \$1,136,250.00 dollars. At its meeting on May 31, 2019, the LMF Board chose each of the six submitted proposals as finalists. The current status of each is as follows:

1. **Spruce Head Fisherman's Co-op**, South Thomaston, Knox County, .55± acres in covenant to DMR with a final award of \$255,000. The project is expected to close by mid-February of 2021.

2. **Wotton’s Wharf, LLC**, Bristol, Lincoln County, .13± acres in covenant to DMR with a final award of \$107,500. This project closed on December 23, 2020.
3. **Stonington Lobster Co-op**, Stonington, Hancock County, 1± acres in covenant to DMR with a final award of \$260,000. This project closed on April 22, 2020;
4. **Carter’s Wharf**, Boothbay Harbor, Lincoln County, .59± acres in covenant to DMR with a final award of \$250,000. The project is expected to close by mid-February of 2021.
5. **Interstate Lobster Co-op**, Harpswell, Cumberland County, .54± acres in covenant to DMR with a final award of \$212,500. The project is expected to close by mid-February of 2021.
6. **Henry’s Point**, Town of Jonesport, Washington County, 7± acres in covenant to DMR with a preliminary allocation of \$118,750. A final award will be made following an approved appraisal.

Access Improvement Grants

As authorized in statute (MRS Title 5 Ch. 353 Sec. 6203 3.), LMF Bond funds may be used to make access improvement grants to enhance the public accessibility to land that has been acquired with proceeds from the Land for Maine’s Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund. Funds have been used for the upgrade of access roads, the addition of parking, trails, and boat launches, or the installation of signage, information kiosks, and picnic tables.

Historically, access improvement grants have ranged between 2% and 5% of a project’s LMF allocation, and the Board has adopted incentives for projects that are designed to facilitate use by people who may have physical limitations or impairments, sometimes referred to as “differently-abled persons” or “adaptive access.” For adaptive access improvements, the Board has made access improvement grants up to 5% of the appraised value when sufficient funding is available.

The LMF Board made the following awards for access improvement grants during the reporting period:

2019 Access Improvement Grant Awards

Maine Coast Heritage Trust	Lower Weskeag Fields & Forest	\$7,000
Town of Lubec	Lubec Boat Landing	\$1,080
Town of Topsham	Head of Tide Park	<u>\$788</u>
		\$8,868

2020 Access Improvement Grant Awards

Coastal Mountains Land Trust	Mirror Lake & Grassy Pond	\$20,000
Friends of Hope Cemetery & Woods	Hope Woods	\$10,000
Mahoosuc Pathways	Bethel Community Forest	<u>\$6,800</u>
		\$36,800

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING

The LMF program is supported by staff located within the DACF’s Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning. Staff oversee the call for proposals, project selection process, and project management including all aspects of project completion. This also includes the review of all required due diligence documents, easement drafting, and baseline evaluation. In addition, staff oversees various post-closing activities, including access improvement grants, annual monitoring reports, and requests for amendments and

change of use to the LMF funded property. Staff also provide support to the LMF Board and its sub committee and work groups.

Ms. Sarah Demers has served as the Director of the LMF Program since February 16, 2015. During this biennium the LMF program saw a 100% turnover in project management staff. Two positions remained vacant for several months in 2019, which severely restricted Program capacity. Laura Graham (hired November 2019) and Jason Bulay (hired January 2020) are now on board as Project Managers. However, the Program remains understaffed. When an LMF position became vacant in 2016 after a staff member retired from State Government service, the position was held vacant and was then eliminated in the following biennial budget. A 25% reduction in staffing has challenged the Program to do more with less.

A return to 3 full-time project management positions in addition to the Director would assist with increasing the pace of completing projects, provide opportunity to undertake additional special projects as determined by the Board and provide capacity for collaborating with partners on statewide and national conservation initiatives.

AGENCY AND NON-PROFIT SUPPORT

The Program relies extensively on various staff from the following State of Maine agencies:

- DACF
- DIFW
- DMR
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Maine Department of Transportation – contracted Legal counsel
- Attorney General’s Office

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

IV. PROGRAM FUNDING

EXISTING BOND AUTHORITY

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

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

CURRENT FUNDING STATUS

Funds Available 12/31/2018

<u>Public Law</u>	<u>Year Authorized</u>	<u>Funds Available</u>	<u>Bonds to be Sold</u>
2009, Ch. 645	2010	\$3,685,130	\$0
2011, Ch. 696	2012	\$3,175,000	\$0
	Total:	\$6,860,130	\$0

Funds Available 12/31/2020

<u>Public Law</u>	<u>Year Authorized</u>	<u>Funds Available</u>	<u>Bonds to be Sold</u>
2009, Ch. 645	2010	\$822,945	\$0
2011, Ch. 696	2012	\$3,175,000	\$0
	Total:	\$3,997,945*	\$0

* Of the total remaining funds, \$3,060,218 has been allocated toward active projects and \$560,000 is available for water access applications. Water access projects may be submitted on a rolling basis.

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

OTHER PROGRAMS SUPPORTED OR ASSISTED BY LMF

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

Sears Island Consent Decree Fund

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

These funds must be used for the sole purpose of acquiring properties identified within the Ducktrap River watershed in order to protect in perpetuity the valuable freshwater wetlands and uplands that support Atlantic salmon habitat. The Consent Decree identified specific parcels in the Ducktrap watershed for acquisition and

conservation. In 2014, 121 acres were acquired in the town of Lincolnville. These are the final parcels identified in the Consent Decree.

To date, Sears Island Consent Decree funds have been used to acquire nine parcels encompassing over 394 acres and 17,622 feet of shorefront on the Ducktrap River. As of December 31, 2020, the cash balance in the account was **\$156,996.49**. There are no outstanding expenditures. LMF is working in cooperation with MDOT, the Office of the Attorney General, and EPA to come to a resolution on the disbursement of the remaining funds.

Katahdin Lake Fund

The Legislature created the Katahdin Lake Fund by PL 2005, Resolves 197 in 2006 from proceeds from the sale of public lots in Aroostook, Washington, and Franklin counties. The legislative Resolve authorizing the sale requires the Department of Conservation (now DACF) to use the proceeds to acquire conservation land in the counties where parcels were sold and with similar conservation, habitat, and wildlife values. All of the funds dedicated for Franklin and Aroostook Counties have been expended, and as of December 31, 2020, **\$77,872.39** remains in the Washington County account.

Conservation Lands Registry

In 2007, the Legislature passed L.D. 1737, which amended the laws governing conservation easements and established a mandatory statewide registry for all conservation easements held in Maine. Legislation adopted in 2016 has expanded this to require that lands owned in fee for conservation purposes (recreation, agriculture, forestry, habitat, etc.) must also be registered (Title 33 MRS §476 et seq). The Conservation Lands Registry is a requirement of DACF and has been assigned to LMF for administrative purposes. The Registry requirements established by the Legislature are entirely separate from LMF's annual reporting requirements for LMF funded acquisitions.

Under the law, the holder of a conservation easement or owner of lands held for conservation purposes must report: the book and page number at the registry of deeds for each conservation easement that it holds or each parcel owned in fee for conservation purposes; the municipality; the approximate number of acres protected under each easement or parcel owned; the approximate number of acres that are exempt from taxation pursuant to Title 36, section 652 for which the municipality or county does not receive payments in lieu of taxes; and, such other information as the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry determines necessary. Holders are also required to monitor their conservation easements at least once within a three-year period. Each annual filing by account holders must be accompanied by \$80.00, which helps cover the annual \$6,920.00 hosting and maintenance fee to InforME.

The Conservation Lands Registry is implemented as an on-line resource available for each account holder to maintain and to update their registry account and records directly. It is configured to provide each registry account-holder with 24/7 access.

LMF staff annually issues advance notification through: the DACF registry's website, municipal, and land trust networks; direct reminders to all registry account-holders regarding the annual registration renewal process, technical assistance and monitoring of account-holder registrations, Registry related data requests from account-holders, municipal officials, agencies, legal professionals, real estate professionals and the public.

Moving forward, guidance and direction is needed to determine how the State can best use data collected in the Registry. The current database lacks functionality for producing accurate and usable reports. Recent

changes to the Registry did not include tools to assist with data management, analysis, and reporting. Account-holders are also interested in streamlining the data entry process. Along with a clear vision for the purpose and function of the Registry, there is a need to review the resources required to put that vision into place. At the request of the prior administration, LMF and other staff from within the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning developed recommendations for a Maine Conserved Lands Data Management Resource. Revisiting these recommendations would be a good start to helping to define the State's objective of maintaining a Conservation Lands Registry and how that could be done efficiently.

Project Summaries

January 2019 - December 2020

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PROJECT SUMMARY: Bethel Community Forest

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Mahoosuc Pathways, Trust for Public Land

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreational, Statewide Significance

LOCATION: Bethel, Oxford county

PROJECT ACREAGE: 853.3± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee simple acquisition by Mahoosuc Pathways held under an LMF Project Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

PUBLIC ACCESS: Access off Locke Mountain Rd. in Bethel

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

PURCHASE PRICE: \$969,920

CLOSING DATE: 6/18/2019

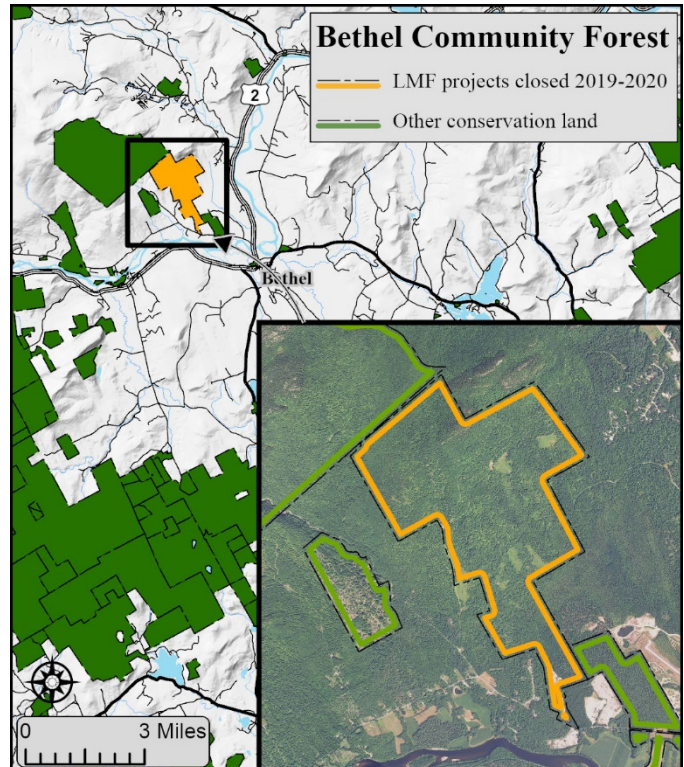
LMF BOND FUNDS: \$340,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$629,920

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 978-acre proposed Bethel Community Forest property is one of the last large tracts of undeveloped land in Bethel and its foothills serve as the backdrop to town. The Land for Maine's Future program contributed to the acquisition of more than 850 acres of the Bethel Community Forest.

The Bethel Community Forest is an essential link in an interconnected trail network that will tie Bethel Village to Sunday River ski area, through 3,500 acres of conserved forestland. The property is managed for conservation, recreation and wildlife habitat purposes, including a growing trail network for hiking and biking, a deer wintering area, and portions of a local snowmobile trail.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Clapboard Island

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Coast Heritage Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreation; Regional Significance

LOCATION: Falmouth, Cumberland County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 15.2 ± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee simple acquisition of (15.2±) acres by Maine Coast Heritage Trust held under an LMF Project Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

PUBLIC ACCESS: The island can be accessed by boat using the Falmouth Town Landing public boat launch. The boat launch is located at the end of Town Landing Road off Foreside Road in Falmouth, ME. The island has good bottom ground for anchors and many beaches for landing small boats.

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

PURCHASE PRICE: \$68,600

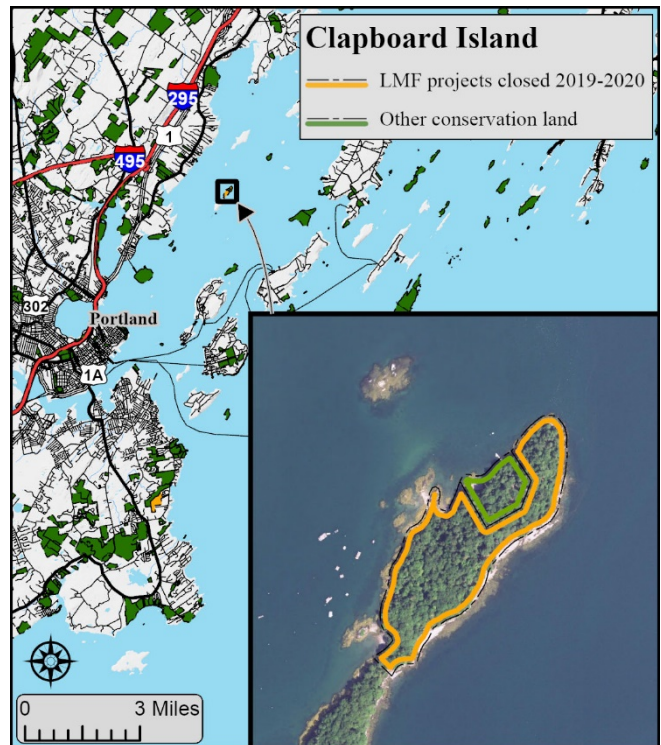
CLOSING DATE: 6/17/2020

LMF BOND FUNDS: \$68,600

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$159,302

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Historically Clapboard Island has been off-limits to the public, but now residents and visitors of the Greater Portland Area are able to visit this beautiful, undeveloped island in the middle of Casco Bay. The coastal beaches and small headlands provide easy access to the island using small watercraft. Well-maintained trails then provide access to the islands interior as well as the entire coast of the island.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Mirror Lake/Grassy Pond

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Coastal Mountains Land Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Supporting Vital Ecological or Conservation Values, Regional Significance

LOCATION: Rockport and Hope, Knox County

PROJECT ACREAGE: Grassy Pond CE: 498± acres; Mirror Lake match parcel: 790± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Grassy Pond Conservation Easement and Mirror Lake Conservation Easement (match parcel) held by the Coastal Mountains Land Trust, subject to an LMF Project Agreement with Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Both the Mirror Lake and Grassy Pond parcels are accessed from Route 17. Trailheads are located along Route 17 and on Hope St. approximately 1/2 mile north of Route 17.

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

PURCHASE PRICE: \$600,000

CLOSING DATE: 12/19/2019

LMF BOND FUNDS: \$500,000

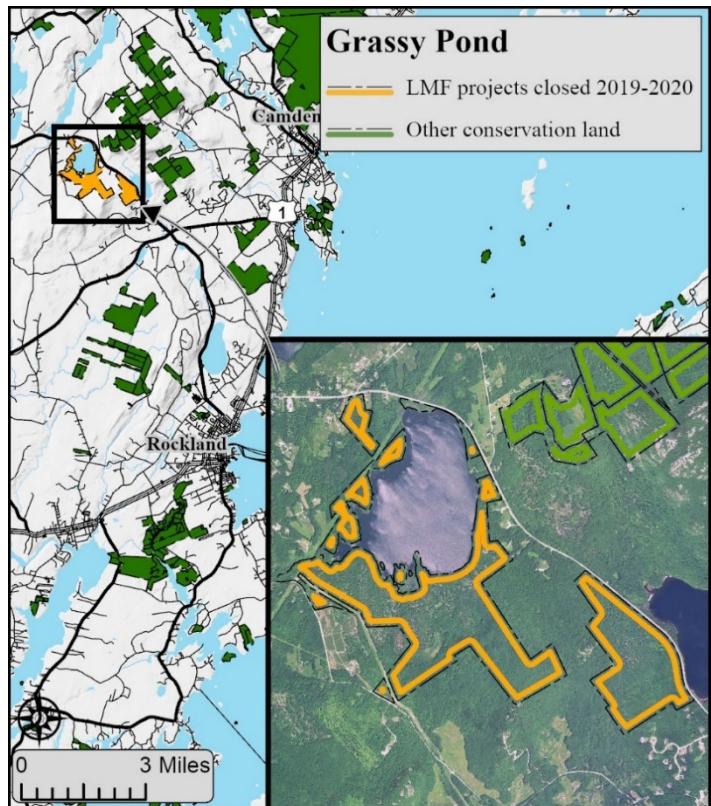
MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$1,500,000

PROJECT DISCRIPTION:

The Mirror Lake and Grassy Pond properties encompass 1,288 acres on the south side of Ragged Mountain and is part of the Bald and Ragged Mountains conservation area.

These parcels include important wildlife areas and wetlands and protect the drinking water sources of six coastal communities.

Recreation opportunities on the property include several hiking trails, a portion of the Georges Highland Path, and the Round the Mountain Trail.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Hope Woods

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Friends of Hope Cemetery and Woods, Kennebunk Land Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreation, Local Significance

LOCATION: Kennebunk, York County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 72.34± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee simple acquisition by the Kennebunk Land Trust held under an LMF Project Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

PUBLIC ACCESS: Primary access is through Hope Cemetery. Trailheads are also located on Woodhaven Drive and Fletcher Street.

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

PURCHASE PRICE: \$790,000

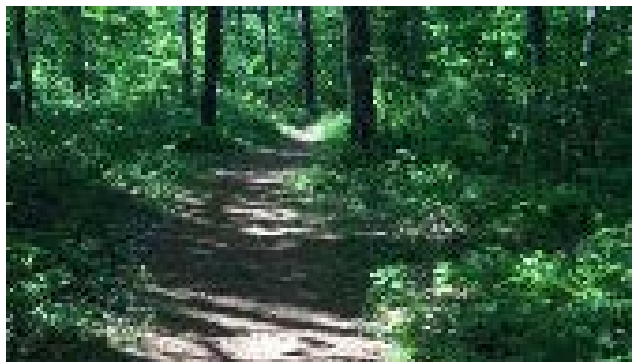
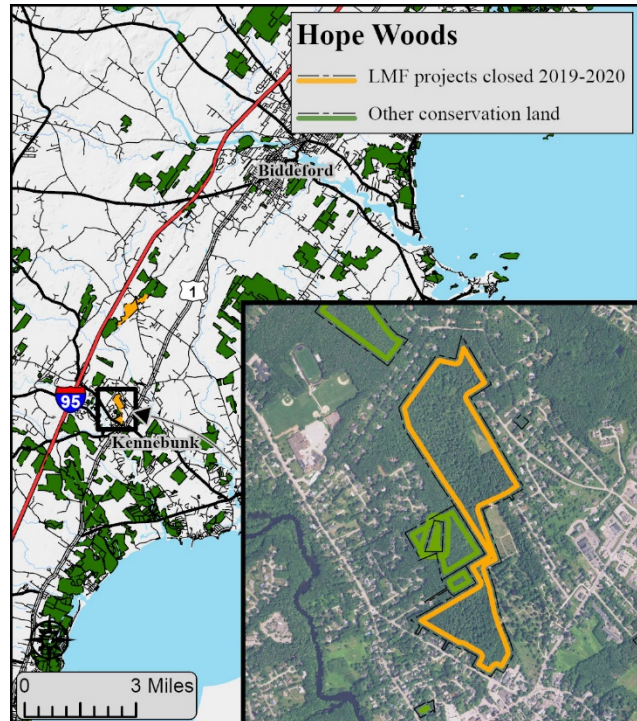
CLOSING DATE: 5/16/2019

LMF BOND FUNDS: \$250,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$720,96

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Adjacent to the beautiful 25-acre Hope Cemetery are Hope Woods, 75 acres of undisturbed forest, open meadows, small streams and wetlands. Hope Woods abuts the Town of Kennebunk's Wiggins Pond preserve and together with the cemetery they provide a natural oasis of open space adjacent to Kennebunk's village area – across the street from the town hall, abutting the town library and a block away from the Main Street commercial downtown. A network of trails connect through both properties provides an outstanding destination for hiking, biking, nature observation picnicking and reflection; as well as snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in wintertime. It is rare for a community to be blessed with such an expansive natural area with easy foot access from the downtown, residential neighborhoods, and the regional high school and utilized by residents as a pedestrian and biking connection between these village destinations.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Robinson Pond South

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Cape Elizabeth Land Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreational, Regional Significance

LOCATION: Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 51.9± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee simple acquisition by the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust held under an LMF Project Agreement with Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

PUBLIC ACCESS: Primary public access is through the adjacent Robinson Woods II projects streetside parking lot.

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

PURCHASE PRICE: \$845,000

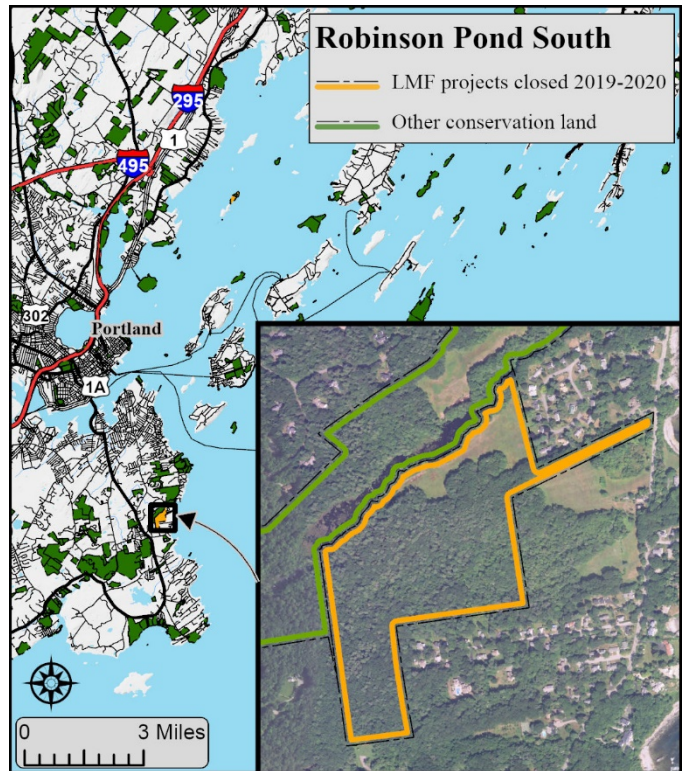
CLOSING DATE: 9/13/2019

LMF BOND FUNDS: \$225,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$767,750

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Viewed from the scenic Shore Road in Cape Elizabeth, “Robinson Pond South” is a 51.9-acre treasure comprised of beautiful wetlands, mature forests, stone walls, fields, and a pristine stream. This property provides new connectivity to “Robinson Woods,” an existing 145-acre preserve that is the flagship property of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT). The entire area is heavily used by pedestrians, mountain bikers, Nordic skiers, snowshoers, school field trips, archery hunters, and dog-walkers. The new preserve also provides easy recreation access from abutting neighborhoods.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Woodward Point

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Lands Supporting Vital Ecological Functions & Values, Regional Significance

LOCATION: Brunswick, Cumberland County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 59.9± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee simple acquisition by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust held under an LMF Project Agreement with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Access off Woodward Point Road. Access from the end of the town road is along an unpaved, gravel surfaced right-of way. Please follow directional signs that lead you to a designated parking area for vehicles.

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

PURCHASE PRICE: \$2,205,000

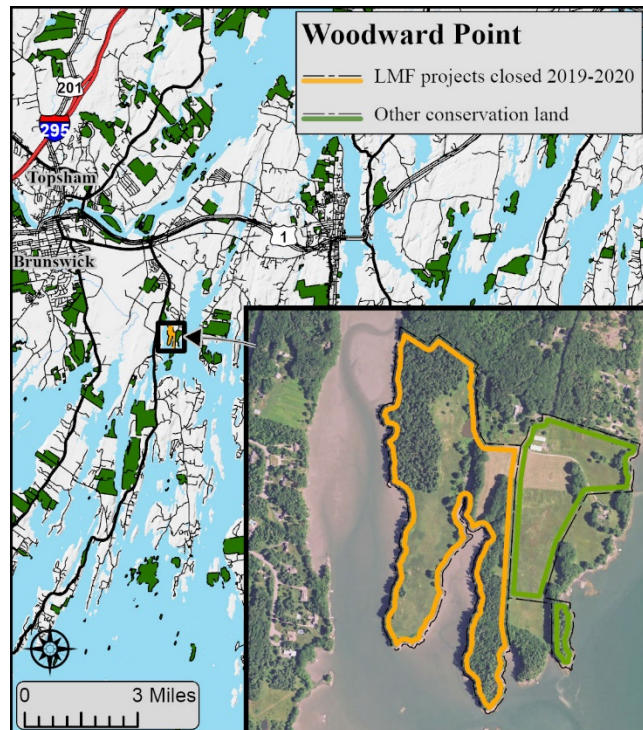
CLOSING DATE: 6/30/2017

LMF BOND FUNDS: \$400,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$2,208,010

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Woodward Point consists of undeveloped uplands comprising 59.92± acres with access to tidal flats and nearly 9,000 lineal feet of undeveloped coastal shoreline along Woodward Cove and "Little Bull Pen" tidal flats and natural environs support two commercially important shellfish beds, provide state significant waterfowl and wading bird habitat, and habitat for feeding and roosting shorebirds. Extensive fields, fringing woodland and forested wetlands on the property serve as an important buffer to the adjacent intertidal resources; the open fields provide outstanding habitat for grassland birds as well as expansive views to nearby islands, to the outer New Meadows River, to salt marshes, and to Woodward Cove. The property is undeveloped except for an earthen impoundment that creates a farm pond of less than one (1±) acre.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Yarmouth Riverfront Woods Preserve

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Town of Yarmouth, Royal River Conservation Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreation, Regional Significance

LOCATION: Yarmouth, Cumberland County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 19.5± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee simple acquisition by the Town of Yarmouth held under an LMF Project Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands and a conservation easement between the Town of Yarmouth and the Royal River Conservation Trust

PUBLIC ACCESS: Near the intersection of North Road and East Elm Street is a subdivision off of Riverfront Drive. The trailhead is at a small parking lot at the end of Riverfront Drive on the right.

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

PURCHASE PRICE: \$250,000

CLOSING DATE: 7/15/2019

LMF BOND FUNDS: \$110,000

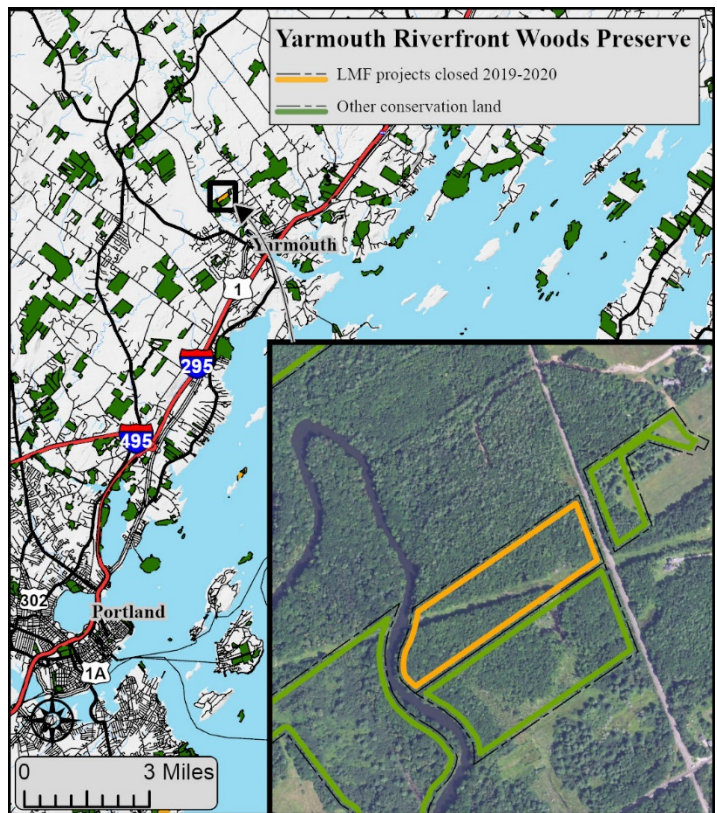
MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$243,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Dugas riverfront property abuts the 22-acre Town-owned Hilda Barker Preserve and the 35 acre Town-owned Sligo Road Preserve directly across the Royal River.

The connection of these preserves will create a corridor for trails and will protect one half mile of shoreline.

This new Riverfront Woods Preserve creates a lush sanctuary that is also accessible from growing neighborhoods. These lands are part of a nearly 1,000-acre multi-town unfragmented habitat.



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Water Access Projects:

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PROJECT SUMMARY: Annabessacook Lake

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Water Access Lands

LOCATION: Winthrop, Kennebec County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 13± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee simple acquisition by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PUBLIC ACCESS: Public access is from the Holmes Rd. in Winthrop

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PURCHASE PRICE: \$294,000

CLOSING DATE: 7/15/2019

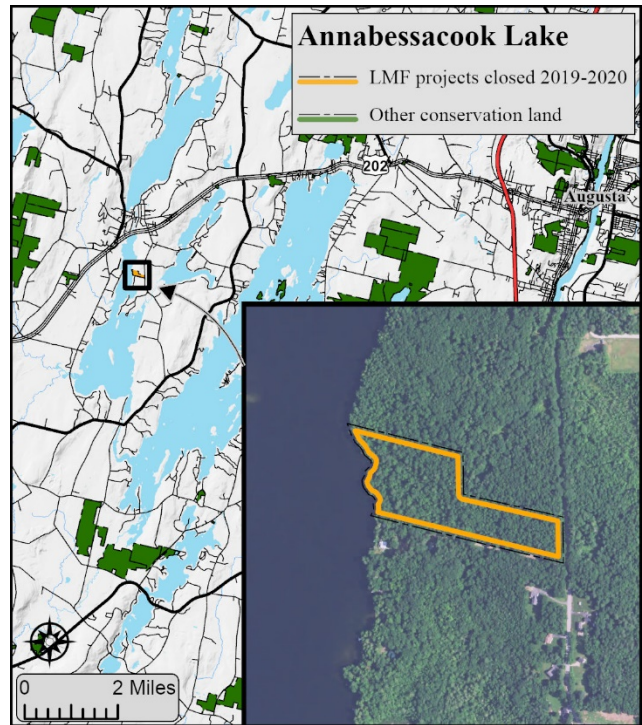
LMF BOND FUNDS: \$147,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$147,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This property was acquired by Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the development of a safe, convenient trailered boat launch, providing public access for fishing, waterfowl hunting and boating on Annabessacook Lake.

Once fully developed, the site will be an ADA compliant trailered boat launch.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Magalloway River

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, Trout Unlimited

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Water Access Lands

LOCATION: Lincoln Plantation, Oxford County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 21.4± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee simple acquisition by the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust held under an LMF Project Agreement with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PUBLIC ACCESS: Located along Route 16 in Lincoln Plantation, approximately 3/4 mile west of Aziscohos Lake. Parking along shoulder on south side of road; a trail provides access to the river.

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

PURCHASE PRICE: \$67,500

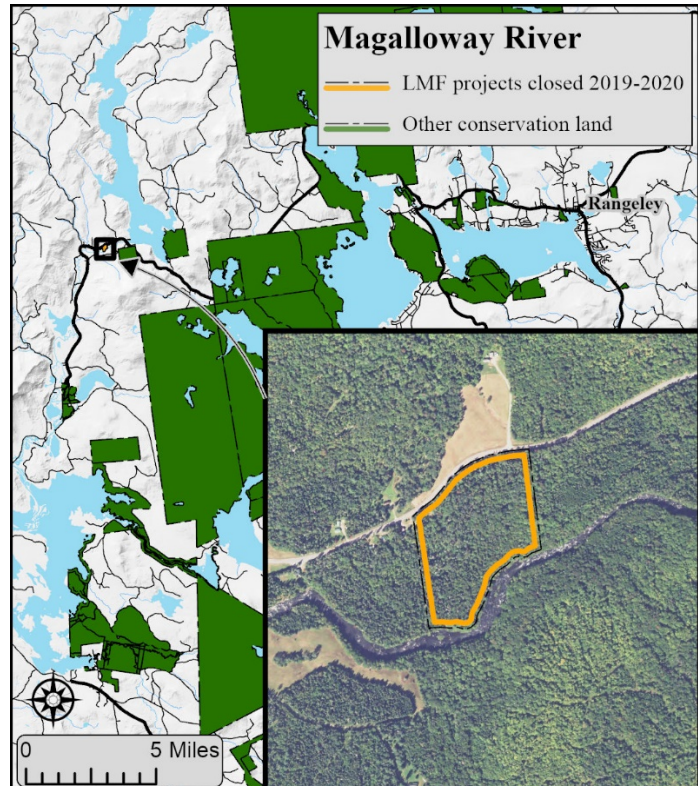
CLOSING DATE: 1/28/2020

LMF BOND FUNDS: \$21,555

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$46,055

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Mailbox Pool on the Magalloway River is a premier flyfishing location on a stretch of river that provides spawning and rearing habitat for native brook trout. The property also includes twenty acres of upland habitat, including a deer wintering area.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Moosehead Lake

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Council (MLREDC)

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Water Access Lands

LOCATION: Greenville, Piscataquis County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 0.48± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee simple acquisition by the MLREDC is held under an LMF Project Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

PUBLIC ACCESS: The property is located at 3 Lakeview Street in Greenville, ME.

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

PURCHASE PRICE: \$210,000

CLOSING DATE: 6/16/2020

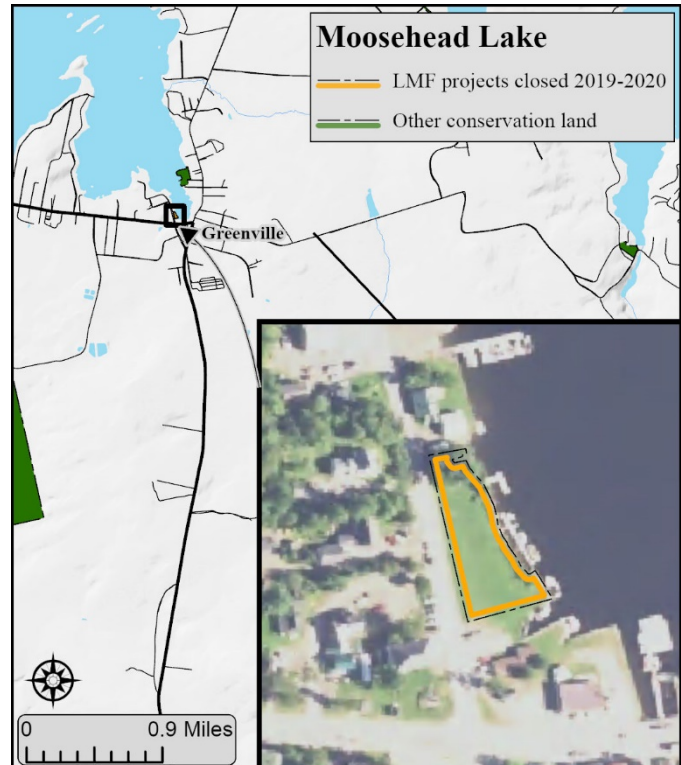
LMF BOND FUNDS: \$105,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$183,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Crafts Landing Park is a waterfront park in downtown Greenville. This half-acre park on the shore of Moosehead Lake is open to the public for walking, picnicking, and fishing. In the winter, the park provides snowmobile access to and from the lake.

Future plans include public boat docks and landscaping.



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Farmland Protection Projects:

Old Talbot Farm

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PROJECT SUMMARY: Old Talbot Farm

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Farmland Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Farmland Protection

LOCATION: Arundel, York County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 129± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Conservation Easement to be held by Maine Farmland Trust with an LMF Project Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

PUBLIC ACCESS: No public access

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

PURCHASE PRICE: \$404,000

CLOSING DATE: 12/28/2020

LMF BOND FUNDS: \$202,000

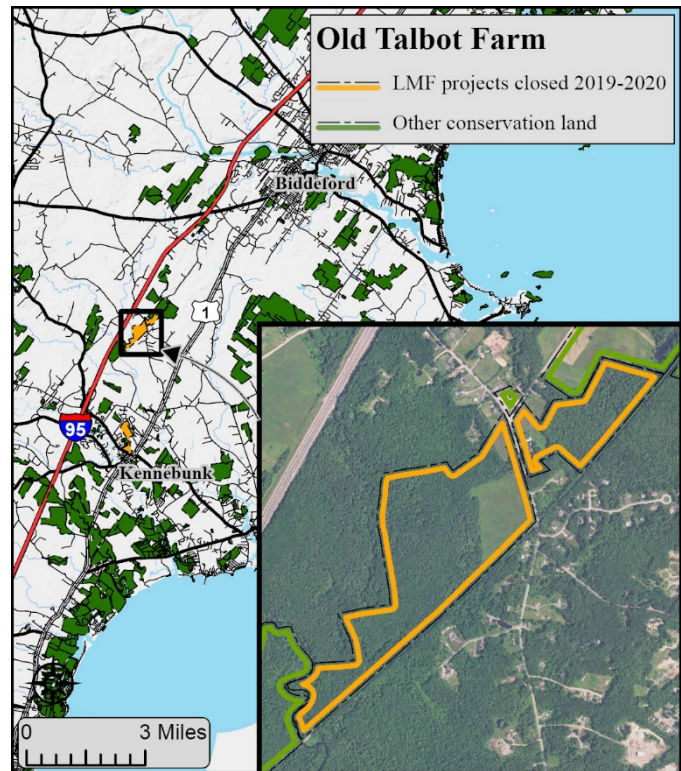
MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$212,275

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Old Talbot Farm includes 32 acres of open farmland (pasture, hay, and a farmstead area) and 97 acres of forested farmland, with frontage on the Kennebunk River.

The historic farm was originally established by the Durrell Family in the 18th century; their family cemetery is located just to the north of the original farmstead.

The current landowner raises Scottish Highland Cattle and recently acquired Old Talbot Farm to increase the capacity and infrastructure for Hardscrabble Farm, his successful diversified operation located nearby on Mountain Rd. in Arundel.



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Working Waterfront Projects:

Stonington Lobster Co-Op

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Wotton's Wharf

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PROJECT SUMMARY: Stonington Lobster Co-Op

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Stonington Lobster Cooperative

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Working Waterfront

LOCATION: Stonington, Hancock County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 1± acres of working waterfront with 924' of oceanfront and approximately 4,616 square feet of buildings

PROJECT DESIGN: Department of Marine Resources acquisition of a working waterfront covenant on a commercial waterfront property in Stonington, Hancock County. Ensures continued use for commercial fisheries and prevents use conversions.

PUBLIC ACCESS: None

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources

PURCHASE PRICE: \$260,000

CLOSING DATE: 4/22/2020

LMF BOND FUNDS: \$260,000

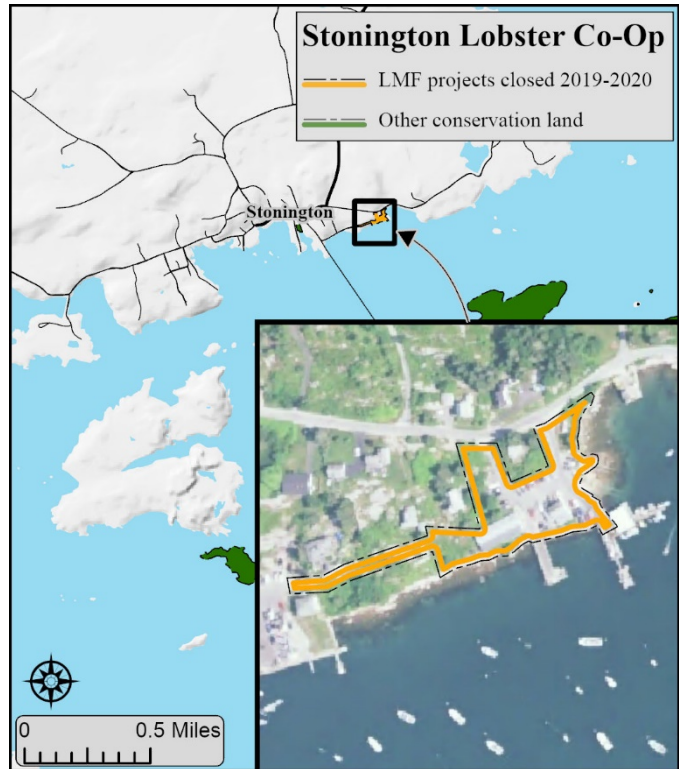
MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This is an acquisition of a working waterfront covenant that will ensure future uses of this property are restricted to commercial fishery industry and access use.

Product landed at the property include lobsters, crabs, scallops, mussels, herring, and tub-trawling halibut with expected future capacity for support of sugar kelp and local aquaculture.

The wharf is used by forty lobster boats (100 harvesters - captains and crew), representing approximately 100 different fishing families.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Wotton's Wharf

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Wotton's Lobster Wharf, LLC

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Working Waterfront

LOCATION: Bristol, Lincoln County

PROJECT ACREAGE: .13± acres

PROJECT DESIGN: Department of Marine Resources acquisition of a working waterfront covenant on a commercial waterfront property in Bristol, Lincoln County. Ensures continued use for commercial fisheries and prevents use conversions.

PUBLIC ACCESS: None

SPONSORING AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources

PURCHASE PRICE: \$107,500

CLOSING DATE: 12/23/2020

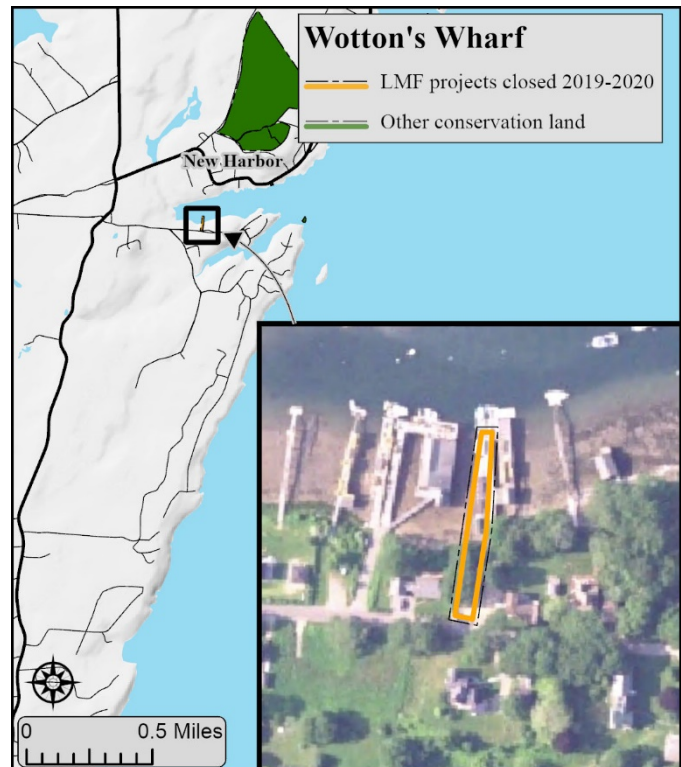
LMF BOND FUNDS: \$107,500

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This is an acquisition of a working waterfront covenant that will ensure future uses of the property are restricted to commercial fishery industry and access use. Product landed at the property include lobsters (year-round) and blue-fin tuna (July-September). Future expanded fishing plans include menhaden seining, ground fish jigging, and shrimping (when available).

The wharf is used by four licensed fishing vessels, representing 8 different families. With the funds from a Working Waterfront Covenant there is the potential to add 4 additional vessels representing employment for up to 8 additional families.



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Appendix 1
Project Summaries By County - January 2019 - December 2020

COUNTY	Projects By County	Funding Type	Acres	Purchase Price	LMF Contribution	Match	Bond
Cumberland	Yarmouth Riverfront Woods Preserve	Conservation & Recreation	19.50	\$353,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$243,000.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
	Woodward Point	Conservation & Recreation	87.40	\$2,608,010.00	\$400,000.00	\$2,208,010.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
	Robinson Pond South	Conservation & Recreation	51.90	\$992,750.00	\$225,000.00	\$767,750.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
	Clapboard Island	Conservation & Recreation	15.20	\$227,902.00	\$68,600.00	\$159,302.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
			174.00	\$4,181,662.00	\$803,600.00	\$3,378,062.00	
Hancock	Stonington Lobster Co-op (I)	Working Waterfront	1.00	\$1,040,000.00	\$260,000.00	\$780,000.00	WF 2009 PL C 645 J
			1.00	\$1,040,000.00	\$260,000.00		
Kennebec	Annabessacook Lake	Water Access	13.00	\$294,000.00	\$147,000.00	\$147,000.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
			13.00	\$294,000.00	\$147,000.00	\$147,000.00	
Knox	Mirror Lake Conservation Easement	Conservation & Recreation	1,288.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
			1,288.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	
Lincoln	Wotton's Lobster Wharf, LLC	Working Waterfront	0.10	\$437,000.00	\$107,500.00		LMF 2011 PL C696
			0.10	\$437,000.00	\$107,500.00		
Oxford	Magalloway River Water Access	Water Access	21.40	\$67,610.00	\$21,555.00	\$46,055.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
	Bethel Community Forest	Conservation & Recreation	853.30	\$969,920.00	\$340,000.00	\$629,920.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
			874.70	\$1,037,530.00	\$361,555.00	\$675,975.00	
Piscataquis	Moosehead Lake Water Access	Water Access	0.50	\$288,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$183,000.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
			0.50	\$288,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$183,000.00	
York	Hope Woods	Conservation & Recreation	72.30	\$970,960.00	\$250,000.00	\$720,960.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
	Old Talbot Farm	Farmland Protection	129.00	\$414,275.00	\$202,000.00	\$212,275.00	Farm 2009 PL C 645 J
			201.3	\$1,385,235	\$452,000	\$933,235	
	Totals:		2,552.6	\$10,663,427	\$2,736,655	\$6,817,272	

Appendix 2
Bond Funds Available During the Biennium

<i>BOND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>	<i>Available Balance 12/31/2020</i>
PL 2009 Chapter 414 Part E as Amended by Chapter 645, Part J Voter approved 11/2/2010	\$9,250,000	The proceeds must be expended for the acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, farmland preservation in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 353 and working waterfront preservation, including all costs associated with such acquisitions, except that use of the proceeds of these bonds is subject to conditions and requirements. The bond funds expended for conservation, recreation, farmland and water access must be matched with at least \$6,500,000 in public and private contributions	
Minimum amounts specified in the statute.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proceeds of \$6,500,000 are available for acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, including hunting and fishing. • Of the proceeds available, \$1,000,000 must be made available to protect farmland in accordance with Title 5, Section 6207 • Of the proceeds available, \$1,750,000 must be made available to protect working waterfront properties in accordance with PL 2005, Chapter 462, Part B, Section 6 	<p>\$636,883</p> <p>\$179,640</p> <p>\$6,422</p>
<i>BOND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>	<i>Available Balance 12/31/2020¹</i>
PL 2011 Chapter 696 Voter approved 11/6/2012	\$5,000,000	The proceeds must be expended for the acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, farmland preservation in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 353 and working waterfront preservation in accordance with the terms of PL 2005, chapter 462, Part B, Sec. 6, including all costs associated with such acquisitions, except that use of the proceeds is subject to following conditions and requirements. The funds are to be expended for conservation, water access, wildlife habitat (including deer wintering areas) or fish habitat, outdoor recreation (including hunting and fishing), and preservation of farmland and working waterfronts, subject to a number of conditions and requirements and must be matched with at least \$5,000,000 in public and private contributions.	\$3,175,000

¹ Amounts as of December 31, 2020

<p>Minimum amounts specified in the statute.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bond proceeds of \$5,000,000 are available for acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat, including hunting, fishing and farmland preservation. The Act specifies that projects that conserve and protect deer wintering areas are to be given priority in the scoring of applications submitted to the Board. It also directs the Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to be proactive in pursuing conservation of priority deer wintering areas.² Land and easements purchased by the State for wildlife or fish habitat protection must be managed using protocols provided by the DIFW. 	
<p>PL 2011, Chapter 696, Sec. 6 Voter approved 11/6/2012</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the bond proceeds allocated to the LMF Board, <i>any grants awarded for working waterfront projects</i> must be made in accordance with PL 2005, Chapter 462, Part B.³ Each grant must be matched, dollar for dollar, by the organizations or local governments receiving the award and are subject to a condition that the property not be used, altered or developed in a manner that precludes its use by commercial fisheries businesses. The State must retain a permanent right of first refusal on any waterfront property acquired with bond proceeds, or is protected by an easement acquired with bond proceeds. 	

² Deer Wintering Areas (emphasis added) - defined as areas containing at least 500 acres of land (including the acreage of any contiguous land that is already conserved) that have been used by deer at some point since 1950 and are capable of sheltering deer as of the effective date of this Act or within 20 years.

³ This pilot program has since been established in statute as the Maine Working Waterfront Access Protection Program. See Public Laws of 2011, Chapter 266, part B and language in Title 5 Chapter 353 (Land for Maine’s Future statute) and in Title 12 (Dept. of Marine Resources statute).

Appendix 3

Program Partners During Biennium

There are many individuals and organizations that assist the LMF Program in completing our charge. The work of these partners and the matching funds they bring make this Program among the best at providing the greatest return on investment. The list below is comprised of those partners who had projects completed (closed purchases) during 2019-2020 and those behind the scenes that provide funding, technical and administrative assistance.

Federal agencies and programs

US Fish and Wildlife Service, North American Wetlands Conservation Act
US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program
US Department of Agriculture - Forest Service, Community Forest Program

State agencies and programs

Department of Administration and Financial Services, Natural Resources Service Center
Department of Administration and Financial Services, Division of Procurement
Department of Administration and Financial Services, Office of the State Controller
Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Department of Marine Resources
Department of Transportation
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
Office of Attorney General
Office of State Treasurer

Municipalities

Town of Yarmouth

Conservation organizations

Mahoosuc Pathways	The Trust for Public Land
Friends of Hope Cemetery & Woods	Kennebunk Land Trust
Coastal Mountains Land Trust	Cape Elizabeth Land Trust
Maine Coast Heritage Trust	Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust
Moosehead Lake Region Economic Dev. Corp.	Forest Society of Maine
Maine Farmland Trust	Downeast Coastal Conservancy

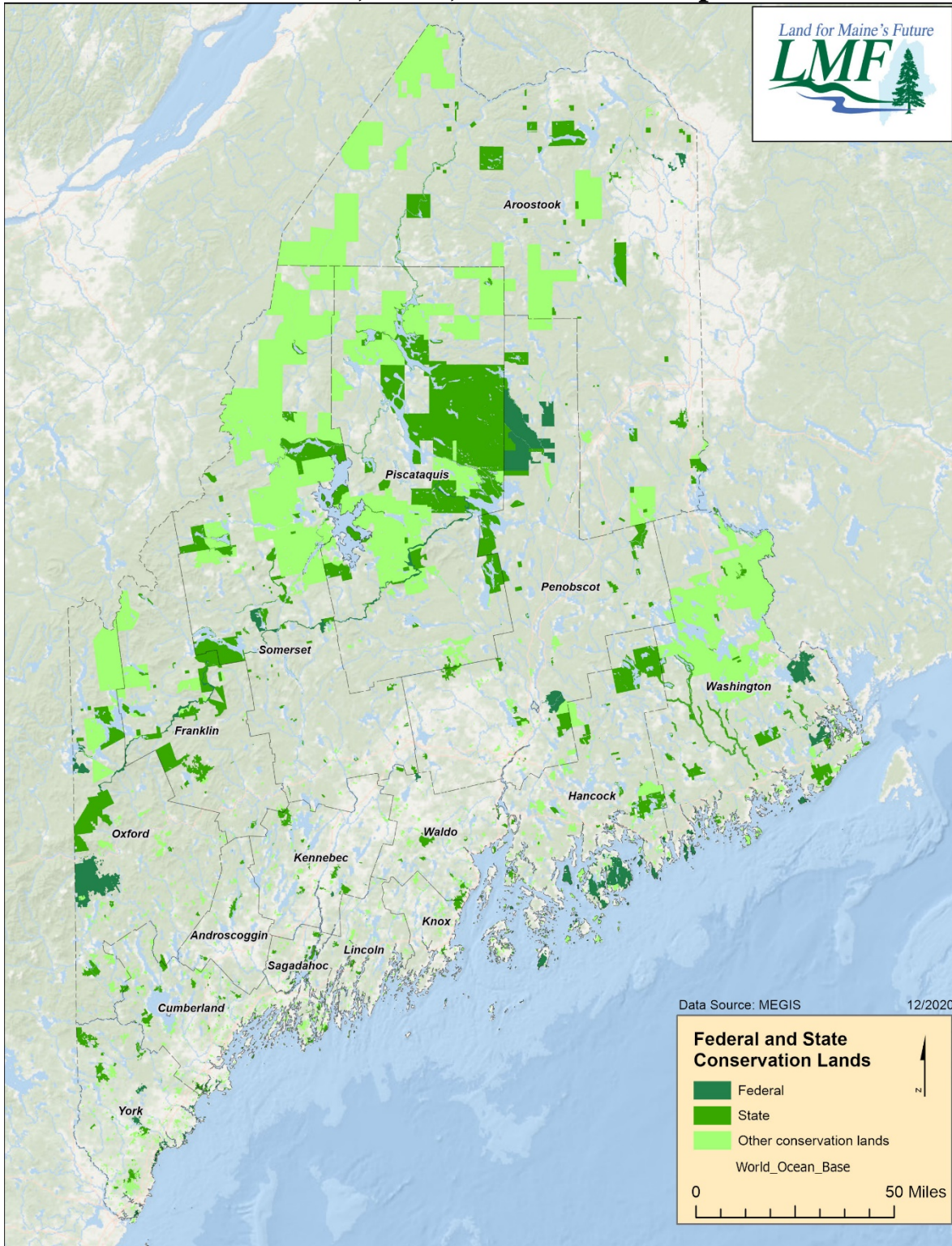
Other Partners

Stonington Lobster Co-operative
Wotton's Wharf

**Note: Some projects include matching funds from USDA, which requires the following statement in all publications related to its program: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)*

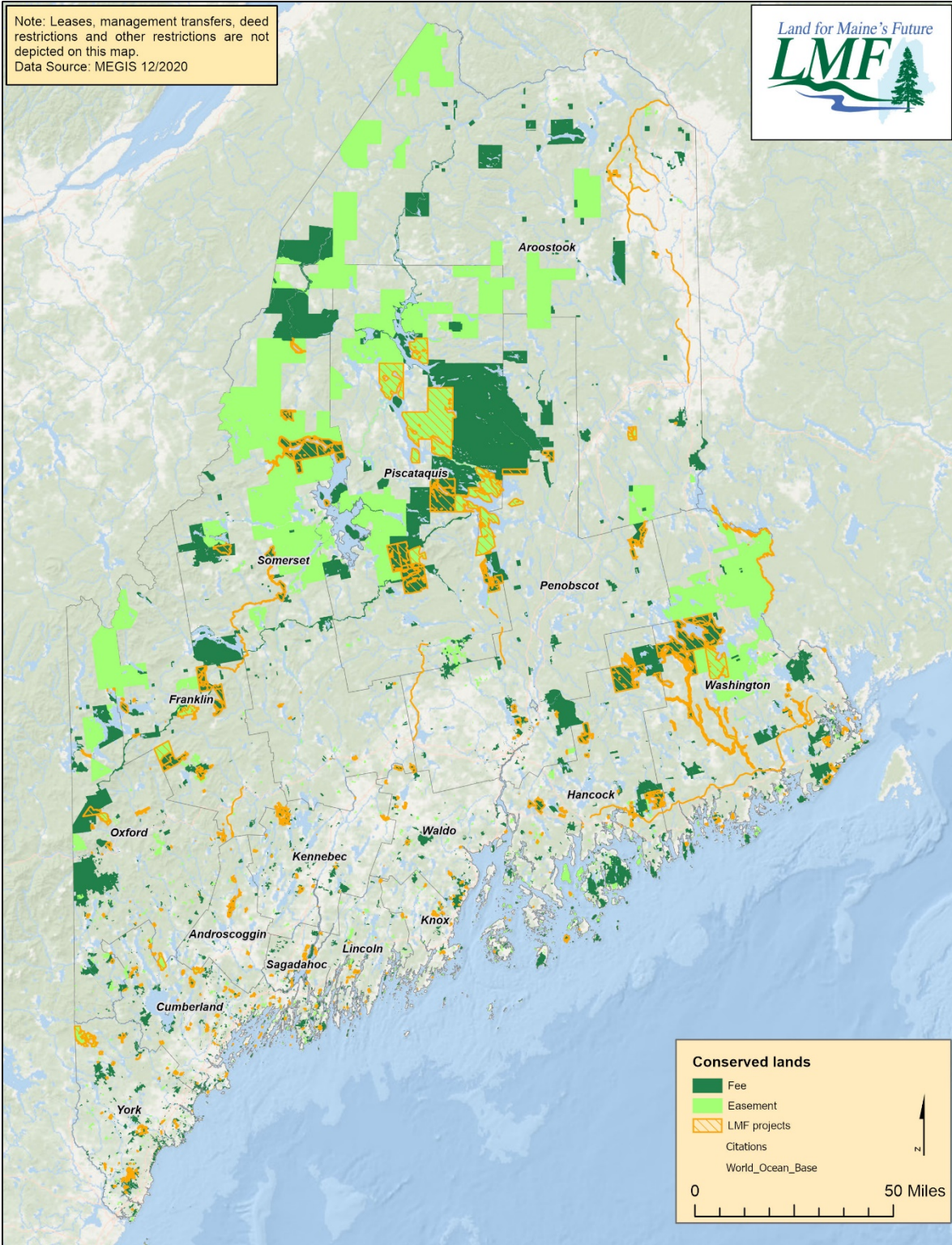
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Appendix 4 Maine Conservation Lands Federal, State, Other ownership



Appendix 5 Maine Conservation Lands Fee and Easement Lands

Note: Leases, management transfers, deed restrictions and other restrictions are not depicted on this map.
Data Source: MEGIS 12/2020



Appendix 6

Cumulative Summary of Completed LMF Projects by County

	Conservation and Recreation		Water Access		Farmland		Working Waterfront		TOTAL	
	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres
Androscoggin	7	3,191	3	32	5	679	0	0	15	3,902
Aroostook	7	6,641	2	12	0	0	0	0	9	6,653
Cumberland	37	6,841	7	334	11	3,550	3	3	58	10,728
Franklin	13	40,793	1	1	0	0	0	0	14	40,794
Hancock	14	44,062	8	46.3	3	409	2	1	27	44,518.3
Kennebec	5	7,423	5	53	5	1,184	0	0	15	8,660
Knox	13	2,178.	0	0	2	242	9	6	24	2,426
Lincoln	12	1,303	2	7	1	92	7	27	22	1,429
Oxford	17	15,753	8	257	0	0	0	0	25	16,010
Penobscot	13	17,665	4	8	0	0	0	0	17	17,673
Piscataquis	9	279,431	4	58	0	0	0	0	13	279,489
Sagadahoc	6	2,728	2	11	4	560	0	0	12	3,299
Somerset	7	63,001	4	168	0	0	0	0	11	63,169
Waldo	8	2,537	2	2	5	818	0	0	15	3,357
Washington	34	91,754	10	60	1	1,523	5	4	50	93,341
York	28	15,074	0	0	5	828	1	1	34	15,903
TOTALS	230	600,375	62	1,049	42	9,885	27	42	361	611,351.30

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

* Total acreages (rounded).

*Table does not include active projects with proposed closing dates after December 31, 2020.