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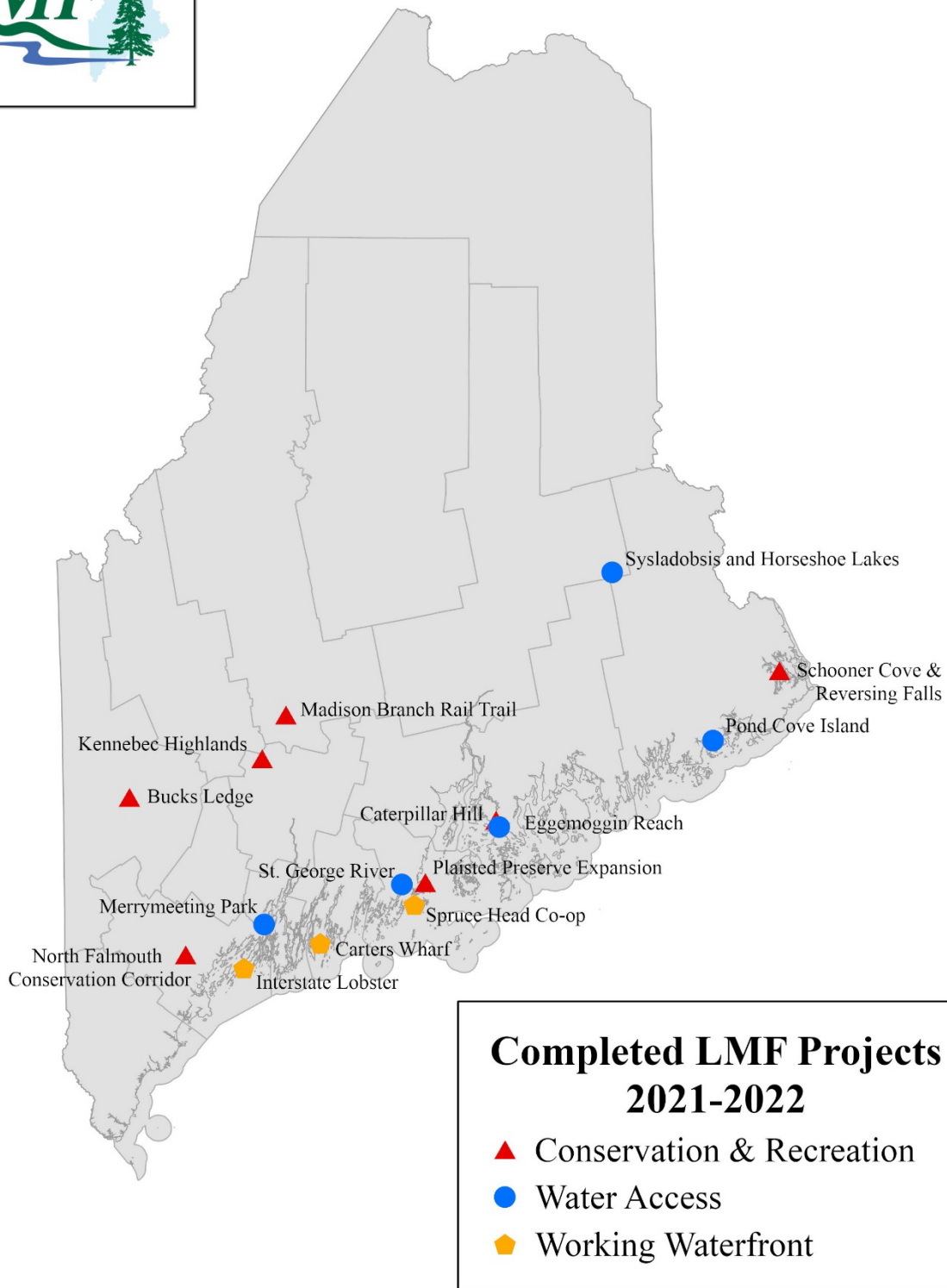


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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the 130th legislative session, the passage of LD 221, the Governor's biennial budget for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 brought tremendous bi-partisan support for The Land for Maine's Future Program. The \$40 million biennial budget allocation is the largest budget allocation the Program has received in its 35-year history. The bill also codified several practices previously adopted by the Board, including prioritizing:

- Community conservation projects that provide local and regional benefits and
- Projects that help the state's natural ecosystems, wildlife, and natural resource-based economies adapt to a changing climate.

The budget bill also put into law the long-standing requirement that hunting, fishing, trapping, and public access may not be prohibited on land acquired with proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund, except to the extent prohibited by applicable state, local, or federal laws and regulations. Previously this language had been included in bond bills, but the Legislature's action makes it clear that this is now a Program requirement regardless of funding source.

In response to the new funding, the LMF Board and staff quickly got to work updating program materials and issued 6 requests for proposals in 2021 and 2022. The public response was strong, with the submission of 37 new projects requesting \$15.8 million and leveraging over \$40 million in private and public matching funds. Projects selected by the Board include:

- 3 farmland projects
- 4 working waterfront properties
- 5 working forest projects
- 25 conservation and recreation projects

The LMF Program also saw several legislative and budgetary changes during the reporting period. A summary is provided here, with additional details contained in the full report.

Working Farmland Access Protection Program: Creates a distinct fund jointly managed by the Land for Maine's Future Board and the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to acquire property or interests in property that protect access to working farmland.

Stewardship: Authorizes the LMF Board to allocate funds for the long-term stewardship and management of properties acquired with LMF funds.

Deer Wintering Areas: Adjusted existing statutes to clarify that the Board should give preferential consideration to projects that conserve lands identified by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) to be important for conserving deer in northern, eastern, and western Maine and that these properties must be owned and managed by DIFW. This change also authorized the Board to allocate funds for developing a management plan to provide for the land's continuing function as a deer wintering area.

Added Staff Capacity: The Governor's 2022 supplemental budget bill created a Senior Planner and a Paralegal Assistant position within the Land for Maine's Future Program. The Senior Planner position has been filled.

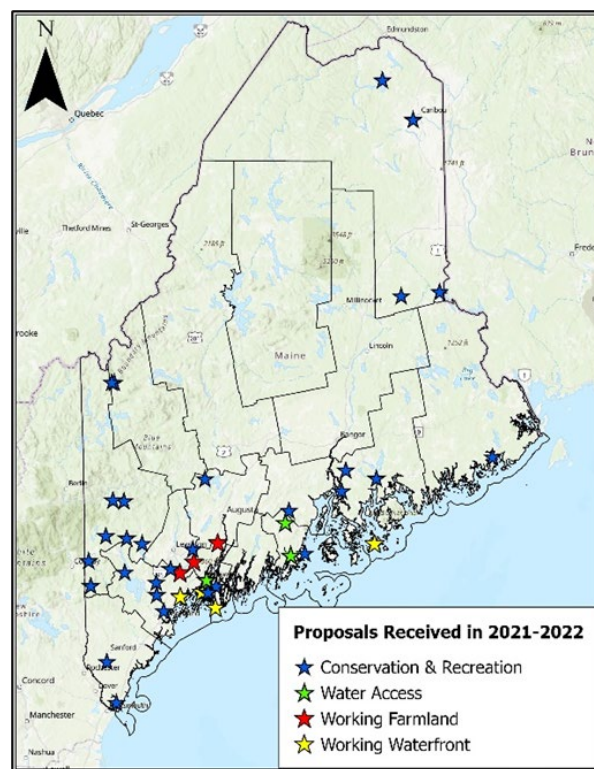


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After multiple failed attempts to fill the Paralegal Assistant position, the Department agreed to re-classify the position and is seeking supplemental funding in the 2024 biennial budget bill. If successful, the Program will look to fill that position in the second half of 2023.

And finally, over the reporting period, LMF staff successfully closed out fifteen existing projects and administered funds for five access improvement projects and one farm capital improvement project on properties previously acquired with LMF funding. Highlights include:

- 15 projects completed in 10 counties (please see [Appendix 6](#) for a cumulative summary of LMF projects (1987-2022) by county)
- Acquisition expenditures totaling \$4,040,318 leveraged \$6,999,619 in matching funds
- 4,370.40 acres protected
- 5 Access Improvement grants totaling \$49,432
- 1 Capital Improvement grant totaling \$20,200

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 the future use and management of the property is consistent with each property's resource values.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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

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

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

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

PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED THIS BIENNIUM

In the biennium spanning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022, 15 projects completed the rigorous LMF review process with a successful closing. A summary is attached for each project completed during the biennium (see pages 23 – 40).

The LMF Program investment in these 15 projects was \$4,040,318, which generated \$6,999,619 in matching funds, representing approximately \$1.73 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.

These 15 projects are distributed across 10 of Maine's counties and include:

- 3 working waterfront properties
- 5 water access sites
- 7 conservation and recreation projects

Combined, these projects protect and provide access to an additional 32 miles of state-owned multi-use trail, 6.75± miles of shorefront and riparian habitats, including 3.36± miles of coastal frontage and 3.39± miles of frontage on rivers and lakes throughout the state. These projects, encompassing 4,370± acres of forest, recreation, wildlife habitat, and other special areas, are managed by state agencies, municipalities, and private conservation organizations, in cooperation with the LMF Program.

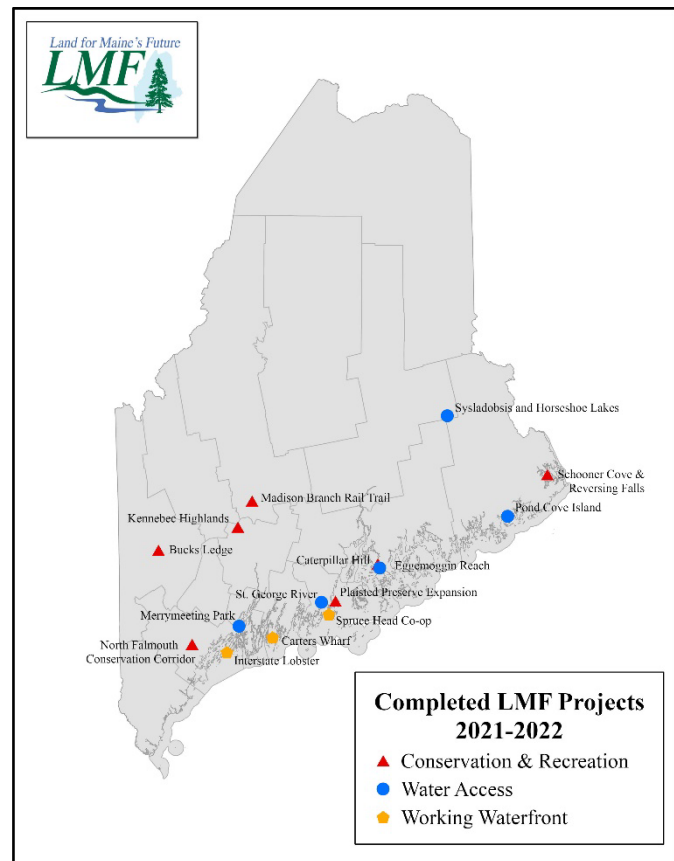


Figure 3

II. LMF PROJECT DETAILS 2021-2022

A summary is attached for each project completed during the biennium. See pgs. 23 – 40.

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	2,167.1
• Public Access to Maine Waters	5	2,202.2
• Working Waterfront	3	1.1

Additional information can be found in the following locations.

1. Biennial Project Summary Descriptions [See pgs. 23 - 40](#)
2. Projects Closed in 2021-2022 by County [See Appendix 1](#)
3. Cumulative Summary of all LMF Projects [See Appendix 6](#)

III. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES PASSED BY THE 130th LEGISLATURE

The 129th and 130th legislative sessions saw some exciting changes to the LMF Program. LMF staff and Board spent considerable time in the reporting period adapting the Program to implement these changes and administer funds accordingly.

FUNDING FOR LMF INCLUDED IN THE BIENNIAL BUDGET

In the 130th legislative session, the Governor and legislators approved \$40,000,000 in new funding for LMF projects through the biennial budget (PL 2021, Chapter 398). This budget allocation allows the LMF Board to spend up to \$10,000,000 in the first year (FY 22) and no more than \$10,000,000, plus any unused balance from prior years, in each of the three subsequent years. Up to \$30,000,000 may be allocated to conservation and recreation projects, at least \$4,000,000 must be allocated to both farmland preservation and working waterfront projects, and at least \$2,000,000 must be allocated toward water access projects.

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

PL 2021, Chapter 398, Part FFFF authorized the LMF Board to use Land for Maine's Future Funds for projects of statewide significance or for community conservation projects via amendments made to 5 MRSA §6203. Prior to these statutory changes, projects of statewide significance, which are determined by considerations outlined in 5 MRSA §6207, were referred to as projects of *state* significance, and the Board adopted a scoring system that also prioritized projects of local and regional significance.

The biennial budget defined community conservation in 5 MRSA §6201 as "a conservation project of local or regional significance that promotes one or more of the following: public outdoor recreational access to land and waters, including for underserved populations; public health; connection between conserved lands and population

centers; local or regional agriculture; conservation of cultural and historical resources on undeveloped lands; protection of lakes, rivers or streams; conservation of fish or wildlife habitat; protection of public drinking water supplies; conservation of community forests; local economic development; opportunities for environmental learning; nonmotorized transportation options; or other priorities as determined by the board."

Legislative changes establish that preference shall be given to community conservation projects that benefit multiple municipalities and address regional conservation needs, including public access to recreation, wildlife and habitat conservation, and open space and farmland.

HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING

PL 2021, Chapter 398, Part FFFF established a statutory requirement that hunting, fishing, trapping, and public access may not be prohibited on lands acquired with Land for Maine's Future Funds, subject to applicable state, local, or federal laws, rules, and regulations (see 5 MRSA §6207). In past funding rounds, this requirement has been captured in bond language instead of statute. This provision does not apply to working farmland and working waterfront projects.

CLIMATE

PL 2021, Chapter 398, Part FFFF established a requirement in 5 MRSA §6207 for the LMF Board to prioritize projects that help the state's natural ecosystems, wildlife, and natural resource-based economies adapt to a changing climate.

DEER WINTERING AREAS

PL 2021, Chapter 409 amended 5 MRSA §6207 to require the LMF Board to prioritize projects that conserve lands determined by DIFW to be important for conserving deer in northern, eastern, and western Maine. These lands are to be held and managed by DIFW and managed as a Wildlife Management Area, with deer conservation as the highest management authority. Per PL 2021, Chapter 409, when land, or interest in land, is acquired with LMF funds, up to 5% of the appraised value may be applied toward the development of a management plan to provide for the land's continuing function as a deer wintering area.

FARMLAND ACCESS PROTECTION PROGRAM

PL 2021, Chapter 135 established the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund, along with the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Program to be jointly administered by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) and the Land for Maine's Future Board. Farmland Access and Protection Funds shall be used to acquire property or interests in property designed to protect access to working farmland, defined as "land managed as a farm and available for commercial production of agricultural products."

STEWARDSHIP FUNDS

PL 2021, Chapter 33 authorized the LMF Board to allocate up to 5% of the appraised value of properties acquired with the Land for Maine's Future Fund or the Public Access to Maine's Water Fund to be applied toward a stewardship and management fund for the properties acquired. PL 2021, Chapter 135 authorized the same awards for properties acquired with the Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund.

IV. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

BOARD MISSION AND MEMBERSHIP

The Land for Maine's Future Program is comprised of the Land for Maine's Future Fund, the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund, the Working Waterfront Access Protection Program, which is jointly administered with the Department of Marine Resources, and the Working Farmland Access Protection Program which is jointly administered with the Bureau of Agriculture, Food, and Rural 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 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
Don Kleiner, Union	02/25/2018 - 01/31/2022
Barbara Trafton, Brunswick	04/18/2019 - 11/13/2022
James Norris, Winthrop	05/31/2019 - 01/31/2023
Robert Meyers, Bath	02/26/2021 - 11/13/2023
Roger Berle, Falmouth	02/26/2021 - 01/31/2024
Catherine Robbins-Halsted, Searsmont	02/25/2021 - 01/31/2024
Malcolm Hunter, Amherst	01/31/2022 - 01/31/2026

Patrick Keliher, Commissioner, Department of Marine Resources (DMR); appointed Chair by the Governor in 2019

Amanda Beal, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (DACF)

Judith Camuso, Commissioner, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW)

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 the distribution of proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund for acquisitions of property or interests in property; and
4. On January 1st of every odd-numbered year, report to the joint standing committee of the legislature having jurisdiction over matters pertaining to state parks and public lands on expenditures from the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund and revisions to the strategies and guidelines.

BOARD COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

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 a public notice of pending land acquisitions and invites public comment at all Board meetings. Opportunities for public input were provided for all of the workgroups. Information about the Program is also available on the website, and staff is available to meet with or make presentations to any interested groups and community organizations.

The following committees were active during the reporting period:

Appraisal Oversight Committee

The Appraisal Oversight Committee (AOC) is a standing sub-committee of the LMF Board. 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.

LMF Workgroup

In the early days of the last biennium, the LMF Workgroup, comprised of Board members and representatives of the applicant community, wrapped up a deep dive into LMF policies and practices and delivered a series of recommendations to the LMF Board. The LMF Board established several subcommittees and workgroups in response to these recommendations:

LMF Appraisal Sub-Committee - The LMF Workgroup recommended clarifying and simplifying the LMF Board's appraisal process. In response to these recommendations, the LMF Appraisal Sub-Committee proposed a new AOC Job Description, which redefined the AOC's purpose, role, evaluation

process, and permissible outcomes in the form of a new AOC Job Description. The Appraisal Sub-Committee also proposed new LMF appraisal standards. The LMF Board adopted the Appraisal Sub-Committee's recommendations in March of 2022.

Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - A Budget and Finance Sub-Committee convened in response to several LMF Workgroup recommendations. This sub-committee articulated the following intentions, which reflect how the LMF Board operates:

- *Transparency Intent: The Board is committed to a fair and transparent scoring process that is based on published guidance (workbook) and statutory requirements, while maintaining each individual's ability to exercise judgment and Board discretion when allocating funds to each project. When the Board's funding allocations deviate from scoring or other published criteria, or other considerations factor into the funding decision, the Board will provide an explanation as to why.*
- *Funding Intent: The Board is committed to ensuring LMF funds are spent in a timely manner on projects that meet their published requirements. The Board is committed to funding as many good projects as funding allows and recognizes that partially funding projects can impact project viability.*

LMF Workbook Sub-Committee - The LMF Board established a sub-committee to assist with workbook updates to reflect statutory changes made by the 130th Legislature and to assess and implement application process-related recommendations made by the LMF Workgroup. LMF Workbook Sub-Committee prepared a workbook in mid-2021, and the LMF Board adopted the LMF Program Proposal Workbook in October of 2021.

BOARD AND PROGRAM INITIATIVES

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

2022 Scoring Criteria Review

In the Fall of 2022, a committee of LMF Board Members and representatives of the applicant community convened to review and edit the 2021 LMF Workbook for conservation and recreation scoring criteria. This committee was established in anticipation of a December 2022 LMF Board Call for conservation and recreation proposals. Edits to the scoring criteria made by this committee attempted to better align the criteria with statutory changes made by the 130th Legislature and to clarify the criteria for all users. The LMF Board adopted the revised scoring criteria in November of 2022.

Stewardship Policy Development

The Stewardship Funding Workgroup, made of LMF Board members, agency staff, and members of the land trust community, met over the past biennium to discuss how the LMF Board should implement recent legislative changes authorizing the LMF Board to allocate funds towards the stewardship and management of properties acquired with the Land for Maine's Future Fund or the Public Access to Maine's Water Fund. A draft policy and procedures have been developed, and the LMF Board anticipates adopting a policy to award these funds beginning in 2023.

Mitigation Funds and Carbon Credits Policy

The LMF Workgroup urged the Board to determine which state and federal funding programs were a good potential match for the LMF Program and to eliminate or reduce existing impediments to accessing these matching funds, with an early focus on the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program.

To undertake this work, the LMF Board first needed to determine its policy regarding the pairing of LMF funds with mitigation funds (or other funding that might be construed as permitting increased development or natural resource use or removal to other land or to achieve other regulatory mitigation credits for fiber, discharge of pollutants, wetlands, or other similar accommodation on land not subject to LMF protection). The existing LMF policy statement was limited to a blanket prohibition of all such activity within its easement templates.

At its Board meetings in March and July of 2022, the LMF Board refined its policy and articulated a framework for matching mitigation funds and the availability of LMF project lands for carbon sequestration.

Considerations identified by the Board related to mitigation funds.

The threshold question for the LMF Board is whether using LMF funds would relieve a **private** party's responsibility to mitigate damage caused elsewhere. If the answer is "yes," the contribution of LMF funds would not be compatible with LMF objectives. If the answer is "no," the LMF Board continues its analysis as follows:

- For funders, like MNRCP, whose source of funds are mitigation funds ("mitigating entities"), the LMF Board will consider whether the mitigating entity is *required* to expend these funds on this resource (*or similar other such resources*) with or without matching funds. If the answer is no, using these funds *does not* dilute the impact of LMF funds in achieving state policy objectives, and these funds would be an eligible match.
- If the answer is "yes," the LMF Board will consider whether LMF would be protecting additional Conservation Values beyond those that the mitigating entity must protect. If the answer is no, these funds would not provide an eligible match to LMF funding. If the answer is "yes," these funds would be compatible with LMF objectives and eligible as match.

Considerations identified by the Board related to carbon sequestration.

The threshold question for the LMF Board is whether these carbon credits are exchanged in the voluntary market. If the answer is "no," the activity would not be compatible with LMF objectives. If the answer is "yes," the LMF Board continues its analysis as follows:

- Do these offsets meet an approved standard that includes third-party verification and evidence that purchasers have executed a plan to reduce their emissions? If the answer is no, the activity is not compatible with LMF objectives.
- If the answer is "yes," the Board will consider whether the practices used to generate these credits would be consistent with the practices required for managing the LMF Project. If the answer is no, the activity is not compatible with LMF objectives.
- If the answer is "yes," the Board will consider whether the development of these credits would impact the Conservation Purposes of the LMF Project. If the answer is "yes," the activity is not compatible with LMF objectives.
- If the answer is "no," engaging in this activity with LMF Project Lands is compatible with LMF Objectives.

Land Acquisition Priorities Review and Recommendations

Current LMF 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. In partnership with the Maine Natural Areas Program, LMF convened conservation partners to evaluate LMF conservation accomplishments over the last 20+ years while also identifying gaps in success and opportunities for growth. A technical report was completed in May 2021 and presented to the LMF Board. The report is being prepared for a lay audience, with completion expected in the first half of 2023.

Electronic Submission Portal

Late in 2021, the Land for Maine's Future Program entered into a contract with WizeHive to develop a web-based grant submission and management database for all four of LMF's funding streams. Significant progress was made by LMF staff in 2022 to develop the grant submission and review portals. We expect to slowly roll out the online service in 2023 and fully transition to online grant submissions in 2024.

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

With the \$40 million budget allocation going into effect July 1, 2021, the LMF Board and staff went to work updating program materials and issued their first request for conservation and recreation projects of statewide significance in early October 2021. This was the first call for conservation and recreation proposals since 2017. This initial RFP was quickly followed by requests for community conservation, working waterfront, working forest, and working farmland proposals. The results of these requests for proposals are described in the following sections.

Throughout 2022 the LMF Board continued a deep dive into LMF policies, guidelines, and recent legislative changes with the intention of a full update to the LMF Workbook. The Board drew upon the October 2021 LMF Workbook, updated statutory requirements, recommendations from the Maine Climate Council, ongoing work to review the Program and policies, and the Board's recent experience in scoring and selecting project finalists to adjust the Board's priorities and scoring system. The LMF Board adopted this revised workbook in late November of 2022, and an RFP was issued in early December 2022.

During the 2021-2022 biennium, the LMF Board issued requests for proposals for the following project types:

- Land for Maine's Future Fund
 - Statewide Significant
 - Community Conservation
 - Working Forest
- Public Access to Maine Waters Fund
- Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund
- Working Waterfront Access Protection Program

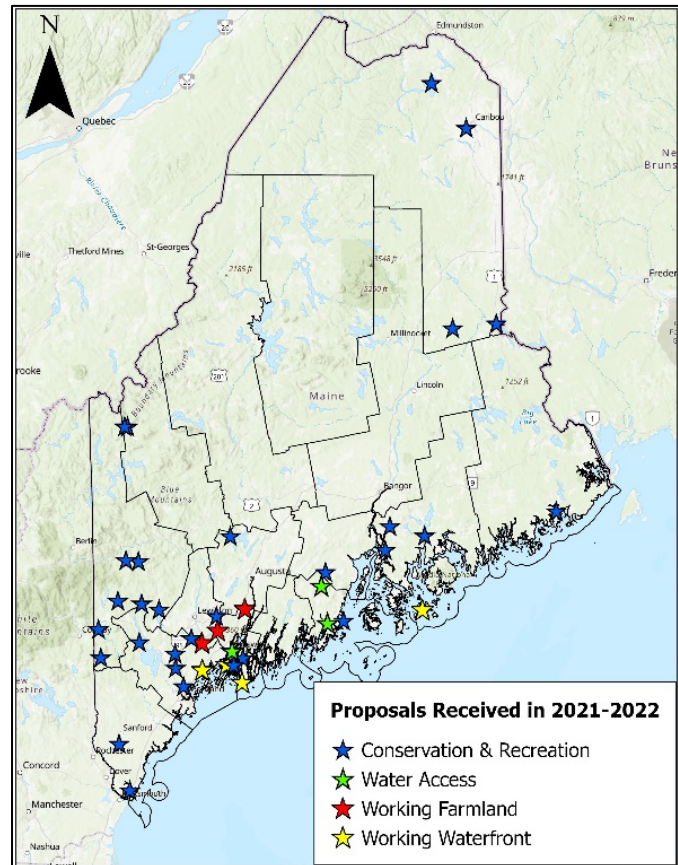


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Detailed descriptions of each project finalist selected by the LMF Board are below.

Round 10 Conservation and Recreation Calls for Proposals and Awards

On October 8, 2021, the LMF Board issued a call for proposals for funding from the Land for Maine's Future in two funding rounds, referred to as Round 10-A and Round 10-B. On March 7, 2022, the Board issued an additional call for proposals, referred to as Round 10-C. The 2021 LMF Workbook contained the policies and guidelines set by the Board for these three rounds of funding.

Round 10-A: The Board invited projects of statewide significance to submit proposals by December 30, 2021. A total of five proposals were submitted in four counties. The Board reviewed, scored, and selected all five projects as finalists during their January 25, 2022, board meeting.

Round 10-B: The Board invited projects of statewide significance and community conservation projects to submit proposals by April 1, 2022. A total of 20 proposals were submitted in 20 different communities. The Board reviewed, scored, and selected all twenty projects as finalists during their May 24 and May 26, 2022, board meetings.

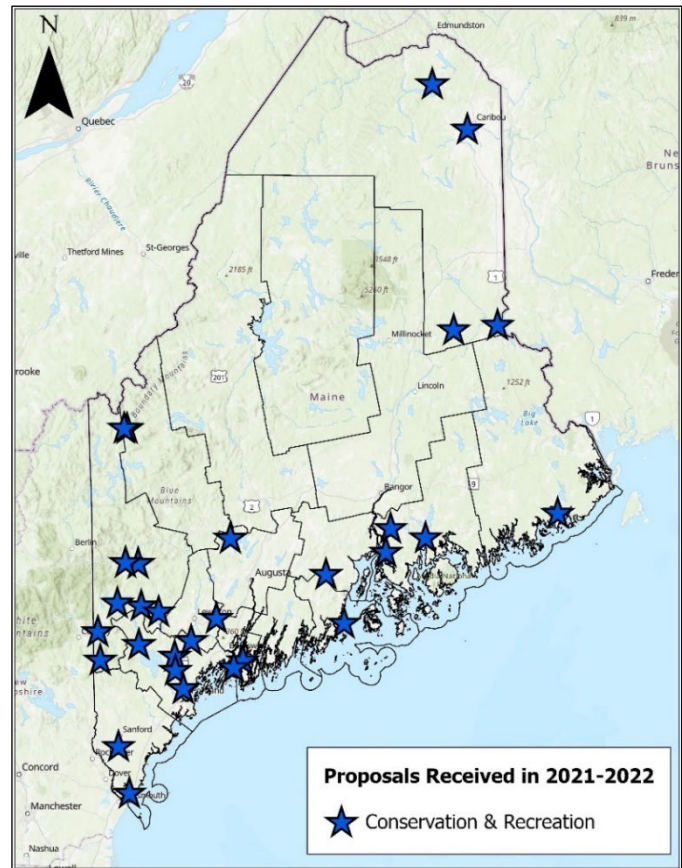


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Round 10-C: The Board invited Working Forest projects to submit proposals by July 25, 2022. A total of 5 proposals were submitted in four counties. The Board reviewed, scored, and selected all five projects as finalists during their September 27, 2022, board meeting.

The Round 10 proposals selected by the LMF Board represent over 41,800 acres of conservation land across Maine. The LMF Board awarded a combined total of \$14,000,172 in initial allocations to these projects, which will leverage over \$36,000,000 in matching funds. Final allocations are awarded by the LMF Board after the project has been appraised, and that appraisal has been recommended by the LMF Appraisal Oversight Committee and approved by the LMF Board. Detailed information about each conservation and recreation proposal awarded is included below. If the Board has determined a final allocation amount for the project, that information is included. Location information is included in Figure 5.

Round 10-A

- **Buck's Ledge Community Forest:** Proposal by the Town of Woodstock to purchase 634 acres in Woodstock, Oxford County. The Board awarded a final allocation of \$329,500, and this project closed on August 25, 2022; a full project summary is included in Section VI.
- **Caribou Stream Deer Wintering Area:** Proposal by The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conserve 930 acres of priority deer wintering habitat in the towns of Woodland and Washburn in Aroostook County. The Board awarded this project a final allocation of \$229,000.

- **The East Grand Lake Weston Conservation Easement:** Proposal by The Bureau of Parks and Lands to conserve 4,363 acres in Weston, Aroostook County. The Board awarded this project a final allocation of \$995,000.
- **Kennebago Headwaters:** Proposal by Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust to conserve 1,723 acres in Stetsontown Township, Franklin County. The Board awarded this project a final allocation of \$1,000,000.
- **The Kennebec Highlands:** Proposal by the Bureau of Parks and Lands to conserve 813 acres Towns of Vienna and New Sharon in Kennebec County. The Board awarded a final allocation of \$247,500, and this project closed on April 29, 2022; a full project summary is included in Section VI.

Round 10-B

- **Bauneg Beg Mountain Recreation Area:** Proposal by the Town of North Berwick to purchase 61 acres in North Berwick, York County, completing conservation of the three Bauneg Beg Mountain summits and protecting a rare plant species. The Board awarded this project a final allocation of \$181,700.
- **Bittner:** Proposal by Kennebec Estuary Land Trust to purchase 165 acres in West Bath, Sagadahoc County, featuring a network of multi-use trails and a large forest and wetland habitat block.
- **Camp Gustin:** Proposal by Androscoggin Land Trust to purchase 95 acres in Sabattus, Androscoggin County, featuring primitive camping and other low-impact recreation opportunities as well as shoreline and wetland habitat abutting existing conservation land. The Board awarded this project a final allocation of \$207,500.
- **East Windham Conservation Project:** Proposal by the Town of Windham to purchase 661 acres in Windham, Cumberland County, supporting vital ecological functions, providing water access, and including scenic views of distant mountains in Maine's most important densely populated region.
- **Fort O'Brien Historic Site Addition:** Proposal by the Bureau of Parks and Lands to purchase 6 acres in Machiasport, expanding a state historic site.
- **Great Pond Mountain Wildlands Expansion:** Proposal by Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust to purchase 501 acres in Orland and Bucksport, Hancock County expanding the existing 4,230-acre Great Pond Mountain Wildlands and including an undeveloped shoreline on the Dead River. The Board awarded this project a final allocation of \$264,972.
- **Jockey Cap:** Proposal by the Town of Fryeburg to purchase 15.6 acres in Fryeburg, Oxford County, supporting low-impact recreational opportunities in the heart of downtown with panoramic views from the top of the dome.
- **Johnson Brook-Sisk:** Proposal by Kittery Land Trust to purchase 56 acres parcel in Kittery, York County, expanding the Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea initiative and protecting wetland and forested wildlife habitats.
- **Kezar Corridor Lands-Patterson Hill:** Proposal by Greater Lovell Land Trust to purchase 357 acres in Lovell, Oxford County, featuring expansive mountain views from Patterson Hill, and includes part of the snowmobile and ATV recreational trail network, with plans to develop an alternative pedestrian-only trail.
- **Muddy River Forests:** Proposal by Loon Echo Land Trust to conserve 1,357 acres in Naples, Cumberland County, protecting large undeveloped habitat blocks in Cumberland County and the Portland Water District watershed.
- **North Deering Conservation & Recreation Land:** Proposal by the City of Portland to purchase 16 acres in Portland, Cumberland County, featuring urban open space and an existing informal urban trail network.

- **Plaisted Preserve Expansion:** Proposal by the Town of Owls Head to purchase 7.14 acres in Owls Head, Knox County, expanding the existing Plaisted Preserve. The Board awarded a final allocation of \$64,500, and this project closed on September 30, 2022; a full project summary is included in Section VI.
- **Porter Hills:** Proposal by Francis Small Heritage Trust to purchase 596 acres parcel Porter, Oxford County, featuring forest and wetland habitat, including rare plants and natural communities, and a network of trails accessing scenic mountain summits. The Board awarded this project a final allocation of \$388,000.
- **Searsmont - McLellan:** Proposal by the Town of Searsmont to purchase 63.9 acres in Searsmont, Waldo County, creating trails and water access in the Searsmont village adjacent to municipal buildings. The Board awarded this project a final allocation of \$102,500.
- **Staples Woodlands:** Proposal by Western Foothills Land Trust to purchase 83.5 acres in Oxford, Oxford County, located near schools and downtown Oxford and including river frontage, an important snowmobile trail juncture, and recreation trails.
- **Talking Brook Public Lands:** Proposal by the Bureau of Parks and Lands to purchase 156 acres in New Gloucester, Cumberland County, to be combined with a separate 37-acre property to form the new Talking Brook Public Land Unit.
- **Thayer Brook Preserve:** Proposal by Royal River Conservation Trust to purchase 147 acres in Gray, Cumberland County, featuring important habitat for a species of special concern, extends trails, adds additional access to the existing Libby Hill Forest trail network, and protects a critical segment of the local snowmobile and ATV trail. The Board awarded this project a final allocation of \$65,000.
- **Tondreau Project:** Proposal by Harpswell Heritage Land Trust to purchase 57.2 acres in Harpswell, Cumberland County, protecting coastal water quality, a rare plant species, and providing trail access in an area of the state receiving high development pressure. The Board awarded a final allocation of \$250,000.
- **Wallamatogus Mountain Community Forest:** Proposal by Blue Hill Heritage Trust to purchase 336 acres in Penobscot, Hancock County, featuring the second-highest peak on the Blue Hill peninsula, great hiking combined with birding, blueberry picking, and hunting.
- **Whitney Forest:** Proposal by Frenchman Bay Conservancy to purchase 370 acres in Ellsworth, Hancock County, featuring a trail network adjacent to Ellsworth High School and an existing bike trail. The Board awarded this project a final allocation of \$235,000.

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- **Chadbourne Tree Farm, Oxford County:** Proposal by The Conservation Fund in partnership with the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Bethel region of Oxford County to protect over 10,000 acres with a working forest conservation easement. The properties collectively include a mix of high-value timberlands, wetlands, and riparian resources and connect with existing recreational resources.
- **Kennebago Woodlands, Stetson Twp:** Proposal by Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust to conserve 5,069 acres in Stetsontown Township, Franklin County, protecting the uplands area and tributary streams of the Kennebago River and connecting to the Kennebago Headwaters project previously selected by the LMF Board.
- **Mill Hill and Edwards Mill Forests, Oxford and Cumberland Counties:** Proposal by Western Foothills Land Trust to purchase 2,013 acres in Norway, Waterford, and Harrison, in Oxford and Cumberland Counties, featuring over 3 miles of frontage on the Crooked River.
- **Reed Deadwater – Juniper Brook:** Proposal by DIFW to purchase 6,318 acres in T1 R4 WELS, Aroostook County, featuring multiple high-value natural resources, recreation opportunities, including over 3,000 acres of deer wintering habitat identified by DIFW as a high priority.

- **Square Lake – Cross Lake:** Proposal by the Bureau of Parks and Lands to purchase 4,155 acres in Square Lake Township, Aroostook County, featuring over 5 miles of shore frontage and multiple high-value natural resources. Property management will be consistent with BPL's multiple-use mandate, balancing timber management and public use.

Water Access Call for Proposals and Awards

LMF accepts applications for funding from the Public Access to Maine Waters fund on a continuous basis. However, the Board updated the LMF Workbook detailing application requirements in October 2021 and November 2022, and a call for proposals reflecting the updated Workbook was published on October 8, 2021, and December 7, 2022. Water access projects include acquisitions that provide opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized boating access to Maine's coastal and inland waters. Public Access to Maine Waters 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 2021-2022 biennium, LMF received three proposals for water access projects. Detailed information about each proposal awarded is included below, and location information is included in Figure 6.

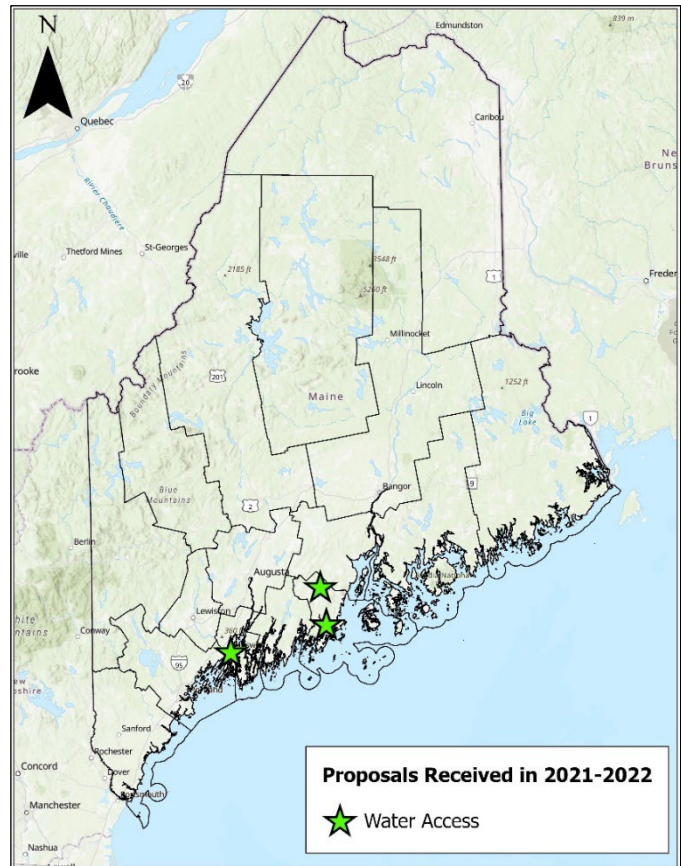


Figure 6

- **St. George River (Thomaston)** - Received May 13, 2021; final award of \$45,000. Proposal by the Town of Thomaston to purchase 1.1 acres to develop a small craft access point in Thomaston. The project closed on June 7, 2022; a full project summary is included in Section VI.
- **Merrymeeting Park (Brunswick)** - Received July 6, 2021; final award of \$247,500. Proposal by the Town of Brunswick to purchase 119.5 acres in Brunswick, including over 40 acres along the shoreline of the Androscoggin and several nearby islands. The project closed on December 6, 2022; a full project summary is included in Section VI.
- **Getchell Park (Appleton)** - Received March 1, 2022; final award of \$37,500. Proposal by the Town of Appleton to purchase 4.08 acres in Appleton to provide public access to a Great Pond.

Working Farmland Call for Proposals and Awards

The Working Farmland Access Protection Program (WFAPP) acquires property or interests in property designed to protect access to working farmland and prevent it from being converted to non-agricultural uses. The program seeks to protect farmlands comprised of soils identified and classified by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service as "Prime Farmland", "Farmland of Statewide Importance," and "Farmland Soils of Local Importance," as well as "Unique Farmlands," that do not rely on prime, statewide or locally important agricultural soils, but do produce important high-value crops such as blueberries and cranberries. These lands are protected primarily through agricultural conservation easements that prohibit development and other uses incompatible with agricultural use. All projects are sponsored by the DACF's Bureau of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Resources (BAFRR).

In March of 2022, the Board issued a call for proposals soliciting applications to WFAPP. In April 2022, the Board received four project inquiries, all of which were invited to submit full proposals. Three of these moved forward and submitted proposals on July 25, 2022, requesting a combined \$629,500 to protect a total of 1,252 acres of farmland. At its meeting on September 27, 2022, the LMF Board chose each of the three submitted proposals as finalists (Figure 7). Detailed information about each proposal awarded is included below:

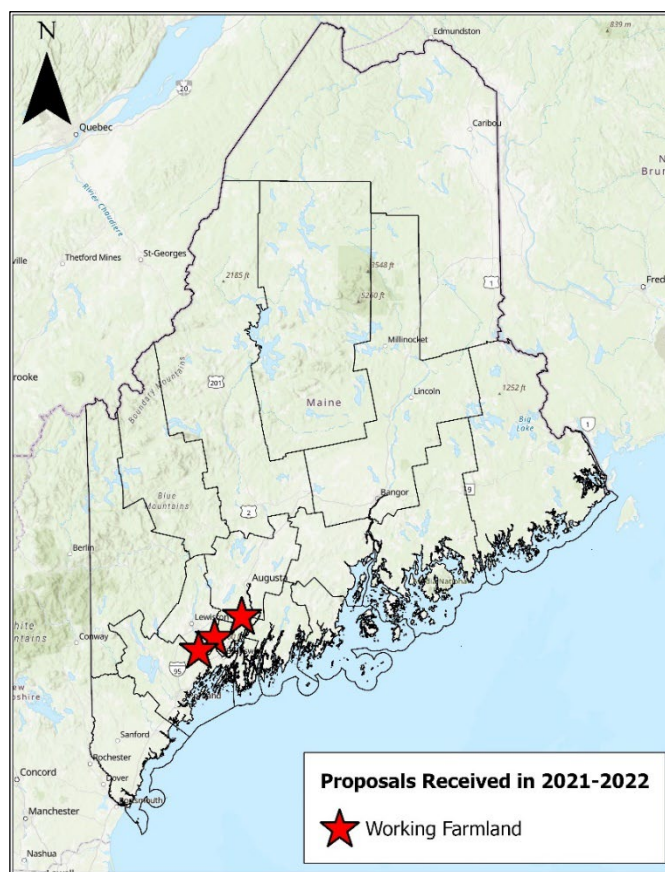


Figure 7

- **E & E Farm** (Lisbon) - A 274-acre property just outside of Lisbon Falls, ME, with 119 acres of open space and 154 acres of forest, the land at E & E is well situated for a variety of cattle and dairy enterprises. It has been home to a dairy herd and heifer operation in the Smith Family at different points in its 100+ year history. With the farm's proximity to the Brunswick, Lewiston/Auburn, and Greater Portland metropolitan areas, development pressure in the area is intense.
- **Roseberry Farm** (Richmond) - One of the larger contiguous farms still under active management in the area at over 1,000 acres, Roseberry Farm provides a unique opportunity for a livestock-based business to thrive in the future.
- **New Leaf Farm** (Durham) - A 74-acre farm that has been home to one of Maine's pioneer organic vegetable operations, this easement will enable the current owners to work on a succession plan. Development pressure has led to the conversion of significant amounts of open space in the area. The New Leaf property is adjacent to 340 acres of conservation land surrounding Runaround Pond and is only a few miles from several other thriving agricultural operations.

Working Waterfront Call for Proposals and Awards

The Working Waterfront Access Protection Program (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 Department of Marine Resources (DMR) holds the covenants and ensures that the strategic properties are not converted to non-fishery uses.

In January 2022, the Board issued a call for proposals soliciting applications to WWAPP. In February 2022, DMR received nine letters of intent. After screening these nine projects, DMR invited seven to submit their full proposals by June 3, 2022. In response to that invitation, five complete proposals, requesting a combined total of \$7,487,500.00, were submitted to the DMR Review Panel. Four proposals were recommended for DMR sponsorship for a combined LMF request of \$1,265,000.00 and submitted to the LMF Board for consideration. At its meeting on September 27, 2022, the LMF Board chose all four remaining proposals as finalists (Figure 8). Detailed information about each proposal awarded is included below:

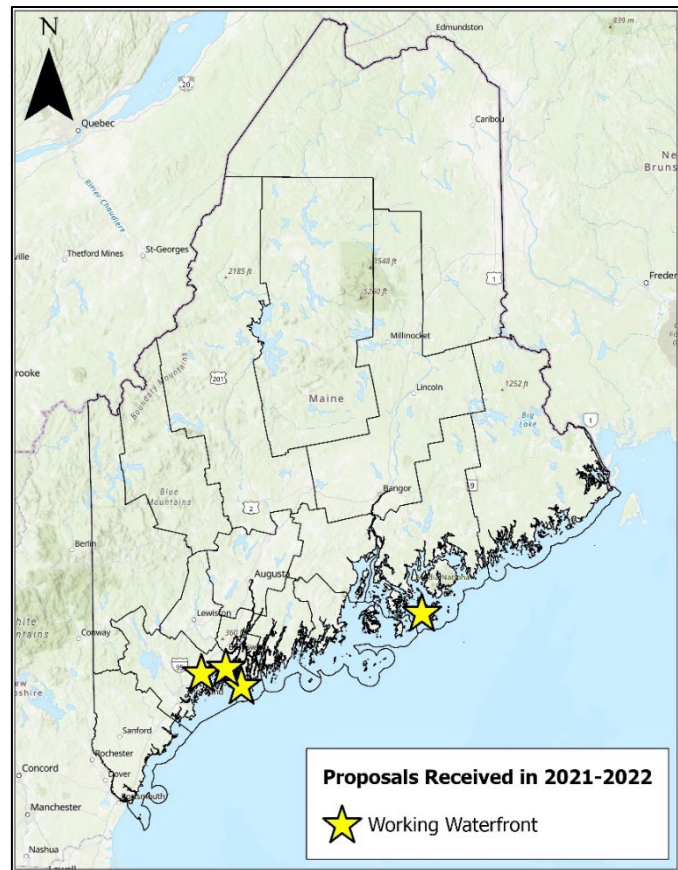


Figure 8

- **Sea Meadow Marine Foundation** (Yarmouth) - A nonprofit 501(c)(3) preserving and protecting the "Even Keel Boatyard" to provide affordable access to individuals and families who make their living directly or indirectly from the sea. This land is the last exclusively working waterfront site in the Yarmouth/Freeport area.
- **Small Point Development Corporation** (Phippsburg) - A 61-year-old jointly owned shareholder corporation run by local fishermen and summer residents, this project permanently protects working waterfront for commercial fishing and aquaculture and preserves the community's shared vision as a traditional, multi-use Maine harbor.
- **Fisherman's Wharf** (Swan's Island) - The only landing on the Minturn side of the Island and one of two public landings on the Island, currently unusable because of disrepair. This project will revitalize the Wharf to ensure the public's safe use, transforming it into a vital commercial outlet that can make valuable contributions to the local economy.
- **Evelyn D LLC Working Waterfront** (Harpswell) - Preserving the heritage and history of commercial fishing and boat building in Harpswell and ensuring future generations can operate the property as a working waterfront.

Access Improvement Grants

As authorized in statute (MRS Title 5 Ch. 353 Sec. 6203 & MRS Title 5 Ch. 353 Sec. 6203-A), LMF 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.

Early each year, projects that closed in the previous year are informed of their eligibility and invited to apply for access improvement awards. In the 2021-2022 biennium, projects were eligible for an access improvement award of 2% of the amount awarded by LMF to acquire the property or 4% if the proposal includes improvements that will encourage increased use by persons with physical limitations or impairments.

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

2021 Access Improvement Grant Awards

Moosehead Lake Region Ec. Dev. Corp	Moosehead Lake Water Access	<u>\$4,200</u>
		\$4,200

2022 Access Improvement Grant Awards

Blue Hill Heritage Trust	Caterpillar Hill	\$7,960
Downeast Lakes Land Trust	Sysladsobsis & Horseshoe Lakes	\$28,400
Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands	Pond Cove Island	\$3,997
Town of Falmouth	North Falmouth Conservation Corridor	<u>\$4,875</u>
		\$45,232

Capital Improvement Grant Awards

As authorized in statute (MRS Title 5 Ch. 353 Sec. 6203-A, amended to MRS Title 5 Ch. 353 Sec. 6203-C for future projects receiving WFAPP funding), LMF funds may be awarded to the owner or operator of protected farmland to fund the development of a business plan and capital improvements to provide for the land's continuing use as working farmland. These awards are made directly to the owner or operator of the farm, with the support of the Cooperating Entity holding the agricultural easement and BAFRR as the Designated State Agency.

As with Access Improvement Grants, eligible projects are invited to apply each year. In 2021, one project, Old Talbot Farm, was eligible and applied for funding. The LMF Board awarded \$20,200 for capital improvements to the protected farmland.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING

The LMF Program is supported by staff within the DACF's Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning. Staff oversees the call for proposals, project selection process, and project management, including all aspects of project completion, the review of all required due diligence documents, easement drafting, and baseline evaluation. Staff also 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 working committees. Staffing was increased during the reporting period. Additional information on increased staffing can be found in the following section.

Please see [Appendix 3](#) for a list of partners that have assisted the Program throughout the biennium. The work of these organizations and individuals makes this Program among the best at providing the greatest return on investment. Most notably, staff at the Designated State Agencies (DSAs) provide their considerable expertise and staff time, beginning with project evaluation in connection with their decision to serve as LMF Projects Sponsors to long-term project monitoring for compliance. Their combined contributions, over the life of each LMF Project, are wide-ranging and critical to the success of the Program.

V. PROGRAM FUNDING

EXISTING BOND AUTHORITY

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

Note: See [Appendix 2](#) for a list of bonds and the purposes for which they can be used.

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

In the 130th legislative session, the passage of LD 221, the Governor's biennial budget for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, brought tremendous bi-partisan support for The Land for Maine's Future Program. The \$40 million biennial budget allocation is the largest budget allocation the Program has received in its 35-year history.

In the 130th biennial budget, the Legislature approved the administration's request for two two-year limited-period positions, a Senior Planner and a Paralegal Assistant, to assist with the efficient implementation of the Program in light of increased funding. These positions were initially funded through donations made to the LMF Program held in a dedicated account. In the supplemental budget, the Legislature established the positions in the General Fund and converted them to 3-year limited-period positions.

CURRENT FUNDING STATUS

The figures below show the funding status at the beginning of the reporting period and at the end of the reporting period.

Funds Available 1/1/2021

<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

Funds Available 12/31/2022

<u>Public Law</u>	<u>Year Authorized</u>	<u>Funds Available</u>	<u>Bonds to be Sold</u>
2009, Ch. 645	2010	\$155,044	\$0
2011, Ch. 696	2012	\$412,248	\$0
2021, Chapter 398, Part FFFF 2021		\$39,800,292	
	Total:	\$40,367,584*	

*** Of the remaining funds (\$40,367,584) \$15,241,422 has been allocated to projects that have not yet closed. These projects are described on pages 13-18 of this report.**

OTHER PROGRAMS SUPPORTED OR ASSISTED BY LMF

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

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. At the beginning of the reporting period the Washington County account contained **\$77,872.39**. During the reporting period, the Bureau of Parks and Lands used all remaining funds to assist with their acquisition of the Pond Cove Island parcel which is an addition to Roque Bluffs State Park. Information on this acquisition can be found on page 34 of this report.

Sears Island Consent Decree Fund

In 1996, the Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) was sued by the US 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 DOT to the Land for Maine's Future's oversight and administration.

These funds must be used for the sole purpose of acquiring properties identified within the Ducktrap River watershed 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 November 30, 2022, the cash balance in the account was **\$159,150.74**. There are no outstanding expenditures. LMF is working in cooperation with DOT, the Office of the Attorney General, and EPA to come to a resolution on the disbursement of the remaining funds.

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 DCF 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 DACF determines necessary. Holders must also monitor their conservation easements at least once within a three-year period. The Conservation Lands Registry is implemented as an online resource available for each account holder to maintain and 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; issues direct reminders to all registry account-holders regarding the annual registration renewal process, provides technical assistance and monitors the account-holder registrations; responds to Registry related data requests from account holders, municipal officials, agencies, legal professionals, real estate professionals, and the public.

Account holders must make an annual \$80.00 payment to maintain their accounts. This helps cover the annual \$6,920.00 hosting and maintenance fee to InforME. After years of insufficient funding to cover the yearly hosting and maintenance fee, in 2022, the administration requested a \$6,000 increase to the LMF General Fund account to cover the hosting and maintenance fee fully. The Legislature approved this request through the supplemental budget.

Moving forward, guidance and direction are needed to determine how the state can best use data collected in the Registry. The current database needs more 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 of the purpose and function of the Registry, there is a need to review the resources required to put that vision into place.

VI. PROJECT SUMMARIES: January 2021 – December 2022

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PROJECT SUMMARY: Buck's Ledge Community Forest

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Town of Woodstock

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreation Lands of Statewide Significance

LOCATION: Woodstock, Oxford County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 646.0

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee Acquisition by the Town of Woodstock, LMF Project Agreement Recorded

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: Buck's Ledge abuts and has road frontage on Rte. 26 with a painted sign indicating the trailhead parking area. The parking area is maintained year-round by the Town of Woodstock Highway Department.

SPONSORING AGENCY: DACF, Bureau of Public Lands

APPRAISED VALUE: \$659,000

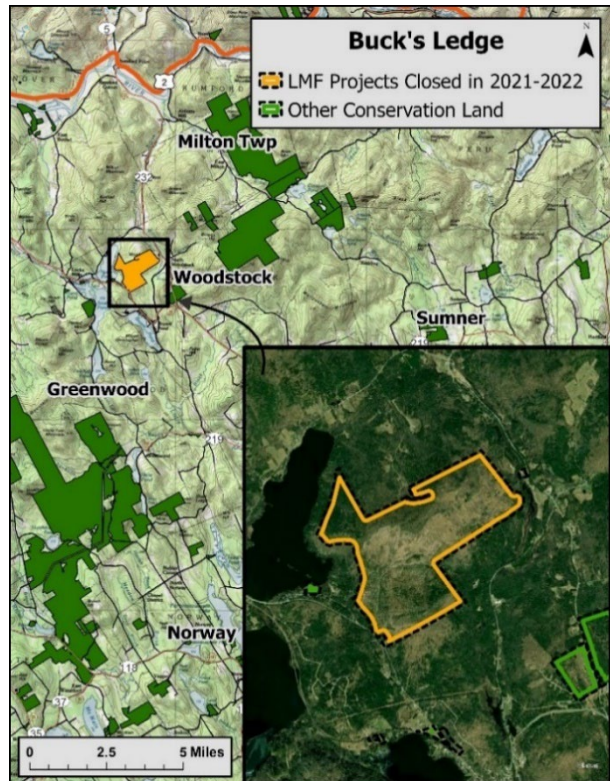
CLOSING DATE: 8/30/2022

LMF FUNDS: \$329,500

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$329,500

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

646± acres in Woodstock providing permanent protection of public access to multiple recreational uses alongside habitat protection for species of concern in a landscape of iconic beauty, unusually accessible to major population centers.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Caterpillar Hill

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Blue Hill Heritage Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreation Lands of Regional Significance

LOCATION: Sedgwick, Hancock County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 32.0

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee Acquisition by Blue Hill Heritage Trust, LMF Project Agreement Recorded

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: Cooper Farm Road to Walker Pond Road in Sedgwick

SPONSORING AGENCY: DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

APPRAISED VALUE: \$398,000

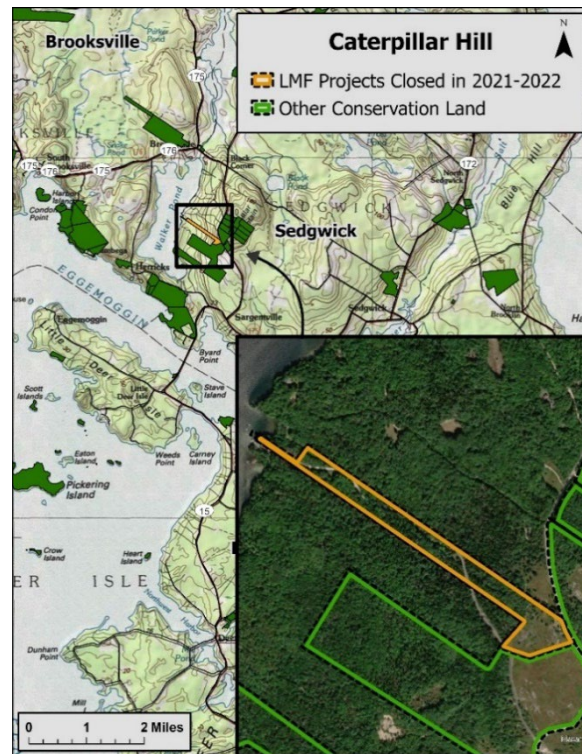
CLOSING DATE: 10/13/2021

LMF FUNDS: \$199,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$199,000

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

An area of special and iconic scenic beauty, these lands will be managed to promote enjoyment of scenic views, protect wildlife habitat, provide public access for recreation, and for sustainable management of agricultural and other natural resources.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Kennebec Highlands - Vienna Mtn & York Hill

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreation Lands of Statewide Significance

LOCATION: New Sharon, Franklin County, Vienna, Kennebec County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 813.0

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee Acquisition by DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: The Vienna Mountain parcel is accessed on Vienna Mountain Road from Route 41 in Vienna. The York Hill parcel is accessed on York Hill Road from Route 27 in New Sharon.

SPONSORING AGENCY: DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

APPRAISED VALUE: \$875,000

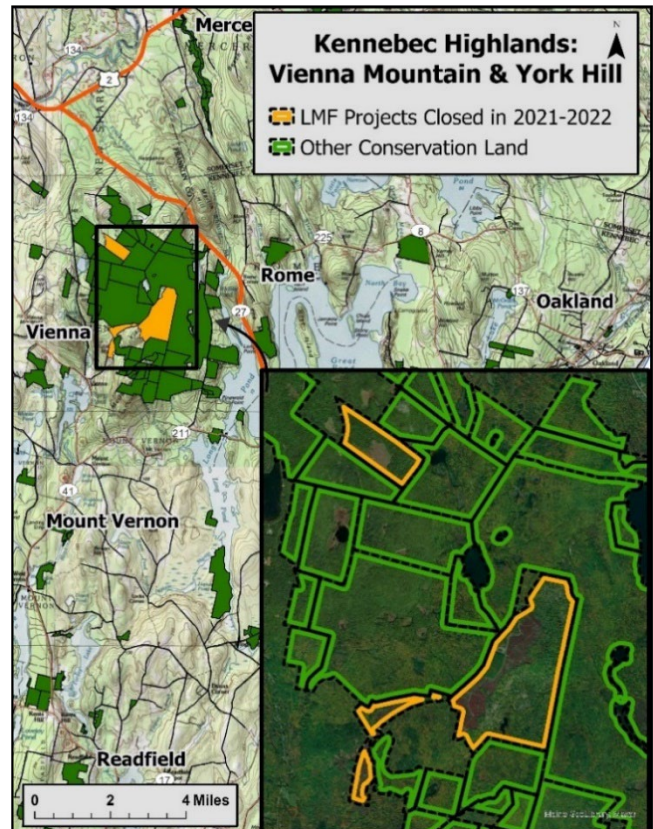
CLOSING DATE: 4/27/2022

LMF FUNDS: \$437,500

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$437,500

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The 360-degree views from the blueberry barrens at the top of Vienna Mountain are among the best in central Maine. Mount Washington, Katahdin and the Camden Hills are all visible. The property provides a spectacular destination for hikers, skiers, trail runners, snowmobilers and mountain bikers. The property also contains high-quality habitat for waterfowl, wading birds, deer, moose, and other wildlife, represents an important component of regional biodiversity, and protects water quality.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Madison Branch Multi-Use RR/TRAIL

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreation Lands of Statewide Significance

LOCATION: Anson, Somerset County, Embden, Somerset County, Fairfield, Somerset County, Madison, Somerset County, Norridgewock, Somerset County, Oakland, Kennebec County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 357.0

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee Acquisition by DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: Accessed via numerous road crossings in Oakland, Norridgewock, Madison, North Anson, and Embden

SPONSORING AGENCY: DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,016,437

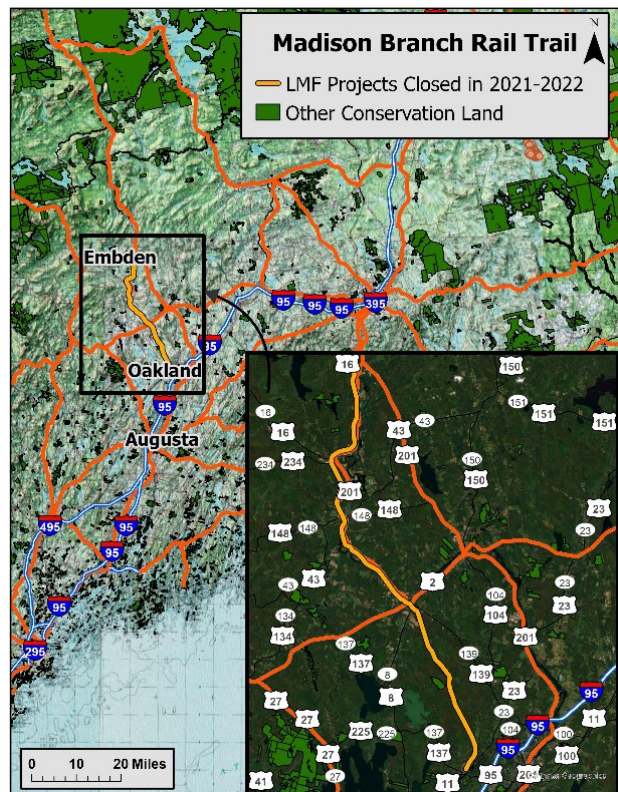
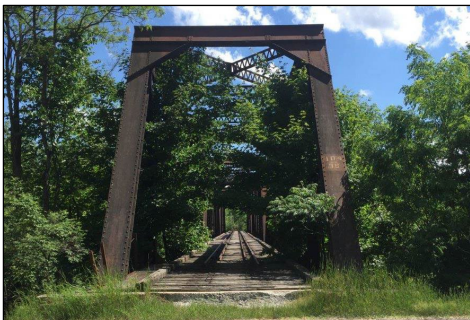
CLOSING DATE: 11/24/2021

LMF FUNDS: \$508,218

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$508,219

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Madison Branch Multi-Use Trail runs 32 miles from Oakland to Embden and provides motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities. It runs through forest and undeveloped land with scattered residential homes and agricultural fields. It has three large river crossings, two over the Kennebec (in Norridgewock and Madison) and one over the Carrabassett in North Anson.



PROJECT SUMMARY: North Falmouth Conservation Corridor

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Town of Falmouth

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreation Lands of Regional Significance

LOCATION: Falmouth, Cumberland County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 263.8

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee Acquisition by the Town of Falmouth, LMF Project Agreement Recorded

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: Public access and parking available off Babbidge Road

SPONSORING AGENCY: DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

APPRAISED VALUE: \$768,000

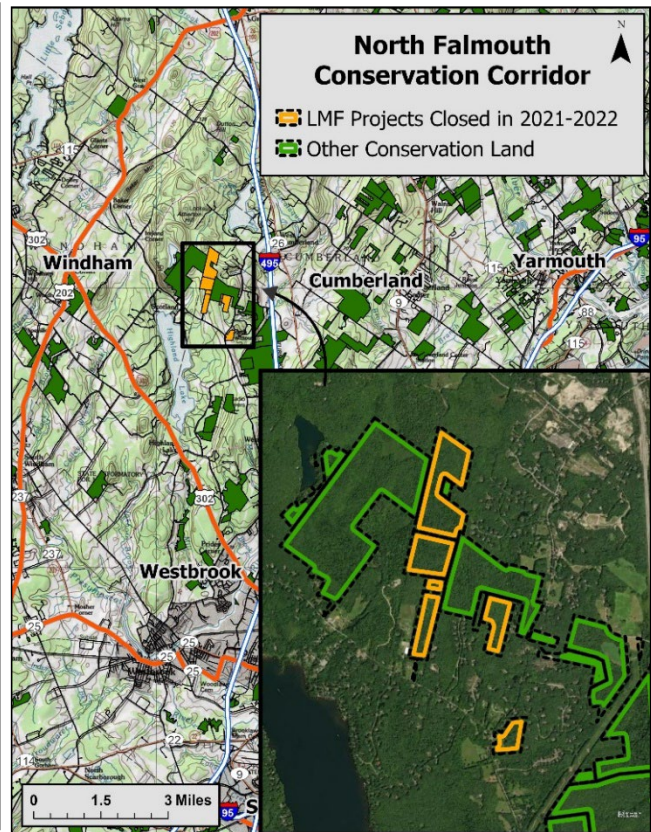
CLOSING DATE: 9/28/2021

LMF FUNDS: \$243,750

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$524,250

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The town of Falmouth has the goal of developing greenbelt corridors, or large areas of connected, undeveloped open space for the benefit of wildlife. Conserving large pieces of land helps improve wildlife habitat, water quality, and other ecological values. While these spaces provide necessary habitat for wildlife, they also provide excellent recreational trails for the public to explore. Hiking, mountain biking, and snowmobiling are popular activities.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Plaisted Preserve Expansion

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Town of Owls Head

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreation Lands, Community Conservation Project

LOCATION: Owls Head, Knox County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 7.1

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee Acquisition by Town of Owls Head, Project Agreement Recorded

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: The project can be accessed by public road (North Shore Drive) or from adjacent conserved lands held by the Town of Owls Head.

SPONSORING AGENCY: DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

APPRAISED VALUE: \$140,000

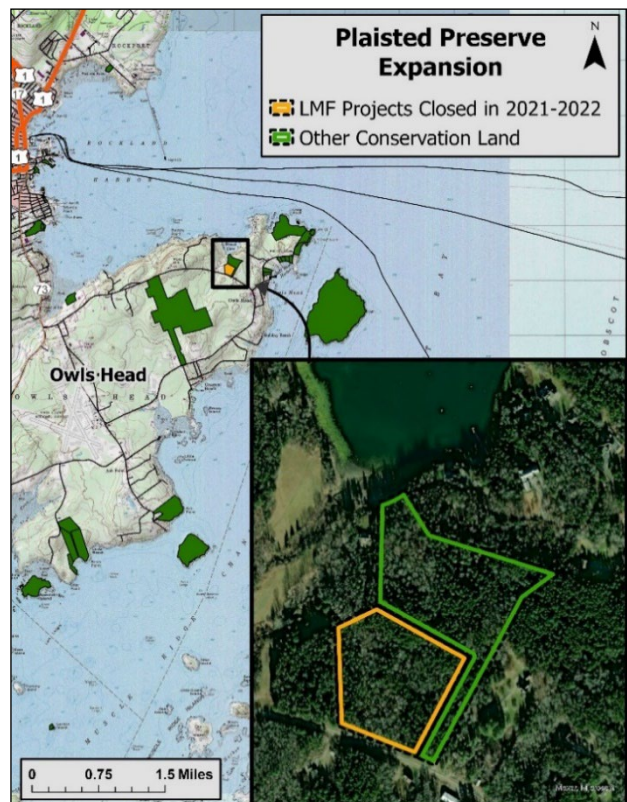
CLOSING DATE: 9/30/2022

LMF FUNDS: \$64,500

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$75,500

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Premises consists of 7.14+/- acres, on North Shore Road in Owls Head. The Premises are comprised of undeveloped woodland with pocket wetlands and streams, and abut the existing Plaisted Preserve, which is owned in fee by the Town of Owls Head.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Schooner Cove & Reversing Falls

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Maine Coast Heritage Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Recreation Lands of Regional Significance

LOCATION: Pembroke, Washington County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 48.2

PROJECT DESIGN: Easement by Maine Coast Heritage Trust and Fee Acquisition by Downeast Coastal Conservancy, LMF Project Agreements Recorded

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: The Schooner Cove parcel is located at the end of Leighton Point Road in Pembroke. The Reversing Falls parcel is located on the east side of Youngs Cove Road.

SPONSORING AGENCY: DIFW

APPRAISED VALUE: \$251,000

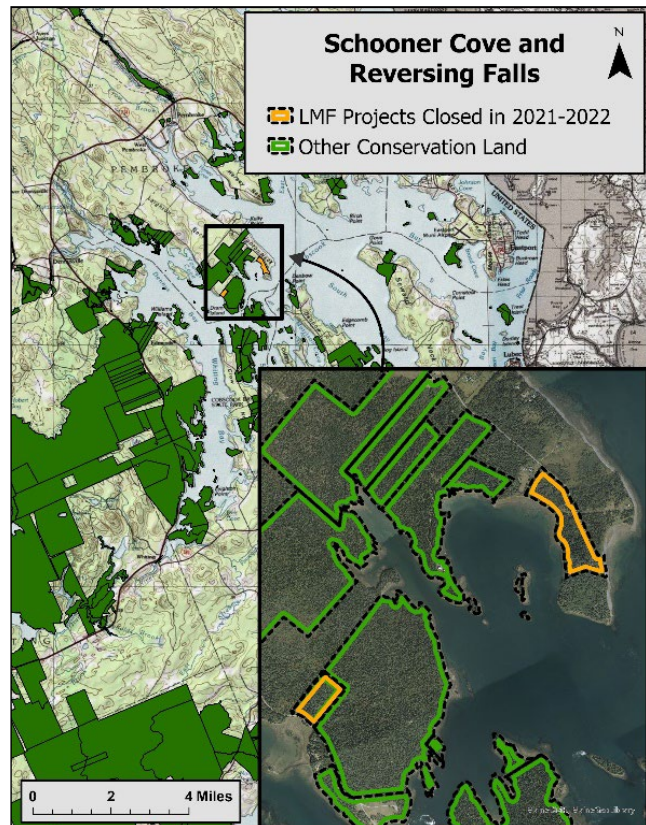
CLOSING DATE: 4/7/2022

LMF FUNDS: \$125,500

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$125,500

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Schooner Cove conservation easement is held by Maine Coast Heritage Trust and guarantees public access to the property. The property provides direct access to Cobscook Bay via Leighton Point Road and foot access to Schooner Cove on a short trail. The Reversing Falls parcel is owned by Downeast Coastal Conservancy and expands the existing Reversing Falls preserve.



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PROJECT SUMMARY: Eggmoggin Reach & Mill Pond

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Blue Hill Heritage Trust

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Water Access Lands

LOCATION: Sedgwick, Hancock County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 15.3

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee Acquisition by Blue Hill Heritage Trust, LMF Project Agreement Recorded

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: Accessed via Ferry Landing Road off Rte. 175 in Sedgwick

SPONSORING AGENCY: DIFW

APPRAISED VALUE: \$425,000

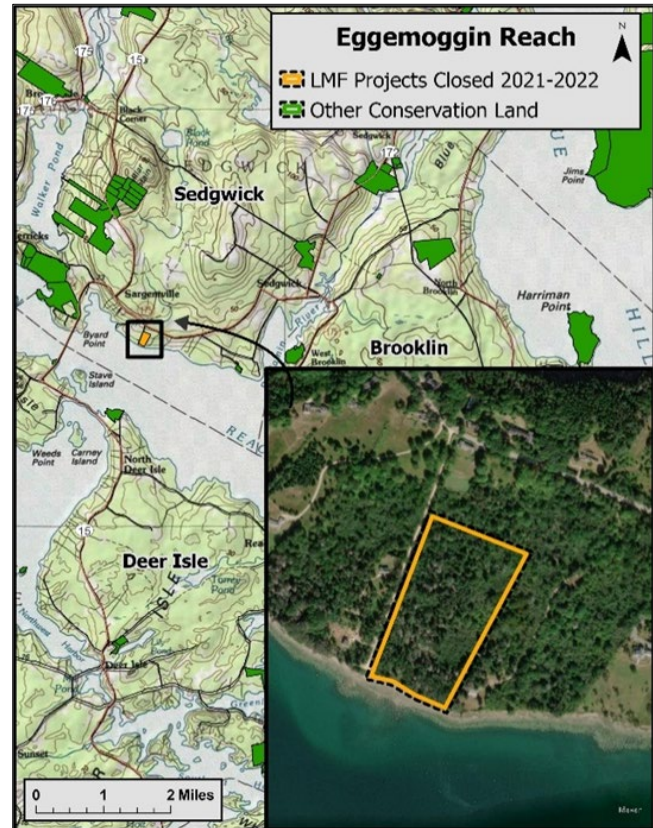
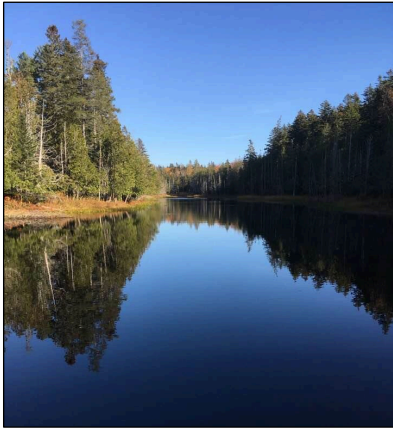
CLOSING DATE: 7/14/2022

LMF FUNDS: \$212,500

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$212,500

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Eggmoggin Reach parcel expands parking for the adjacent town-owned boat launch on Ferry Landing Road and adds shoreline trails and a picnic area. The property provides access to the shoreline of Eggmoggin Reach and views of Deer Isle and the Deer Isle Bridge.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Merrymeeting Park

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Town of Brunswick

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Water Access Lands

LOCATION: Brunswick, Cumberland County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 121.0

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee Acquisition by the Town of Brunswick, LMF Project Agreement Recorded

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: Via Androscoggin Bike Path: From in-town Brunswick, an entrance located at the east end of Water Street, just past the Water Street Boat Landing. From Cook's Corner, Brunswick, an entrance to the Path is at the end of Grover Lane.

SPONSORING AGENCY: DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

APPRAISED VALUE: \$672,500

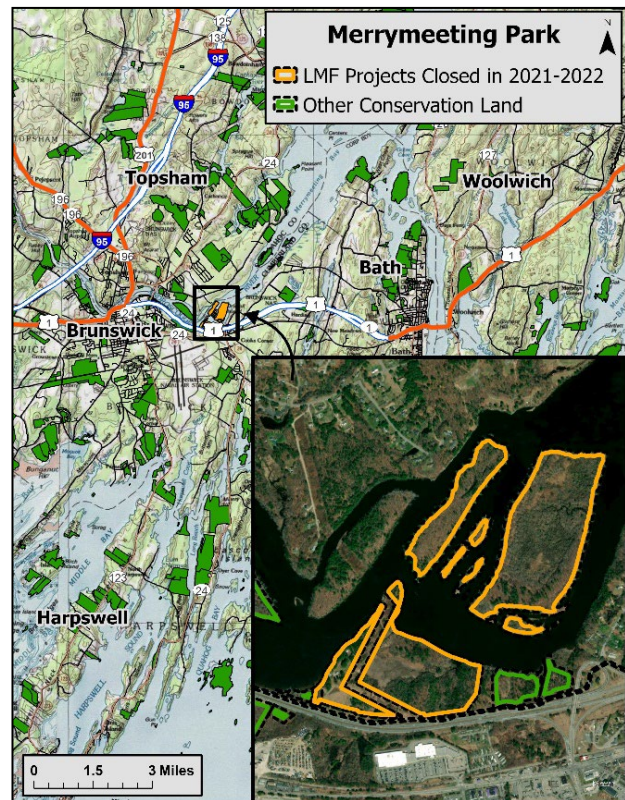
LMF FUNDS: \$247,500

CLOSING DATE: 12/6/2022

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$425,000

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

These 44+/- acres along the Androscoggin River will be developed as a public waterfront park, highlighting the land's unique history and providing much-needed water access to the Androscoggin. The Driscoll Islands (77 acres) are also included.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Pond Cove Island WA

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Water Access Lands

LOCATION: Roque Bluffs, Washington County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 49.8

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee Acquisition by DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: Pond Cove Island can be accessed by water; the nearest public boat launch is on Schoppee Point Road, 1/4 mile to the east. The primary landing site is on the southeast side of the island.

SPONSORING AGENCY: DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

APPRAISED VALUE: \$525,000

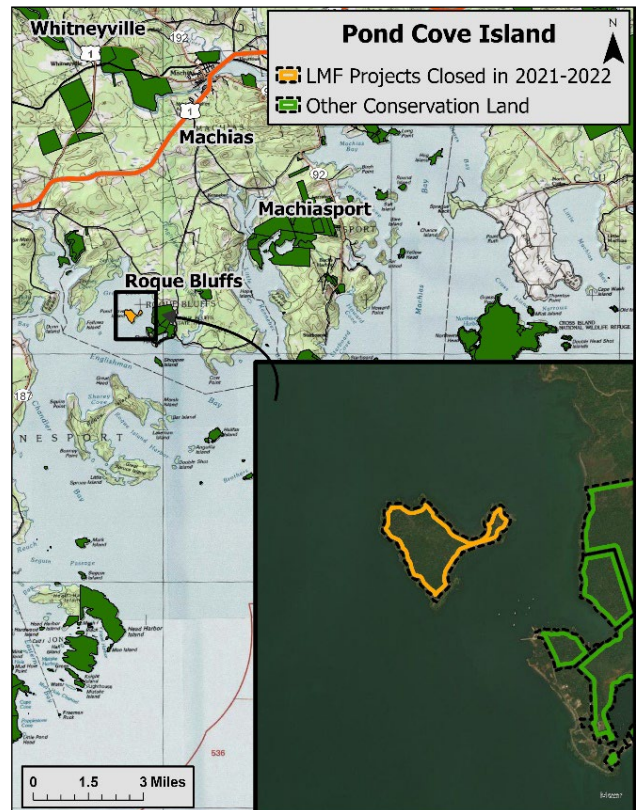
CLOSING DATE: 10/29/2021

LMF FUNDS: \$199,850

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$325,150

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Pond Cove Island is a 50-acre island located just 1,500 feet offshore from scenic Roque Bluffs State Park in Englishman Bay and managed as part of the park. The park includes hiking trails, a picnic area, a picturesque freshwater pond, and one of the area's only oceanfront sand beaches.



PROJECT SUMMARY: St. George River

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Town of Thomaston

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Water Access Lands

LOCATION: Thomaston, Knox County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 1.1

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee Acquisition by the Town of Thomaston, Project Agreement Recorded

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: Located on the west side of Wadsworth Street in Thomaston

SPONSORING AGENCY: DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

APPRAISED VALUE: \$90,000

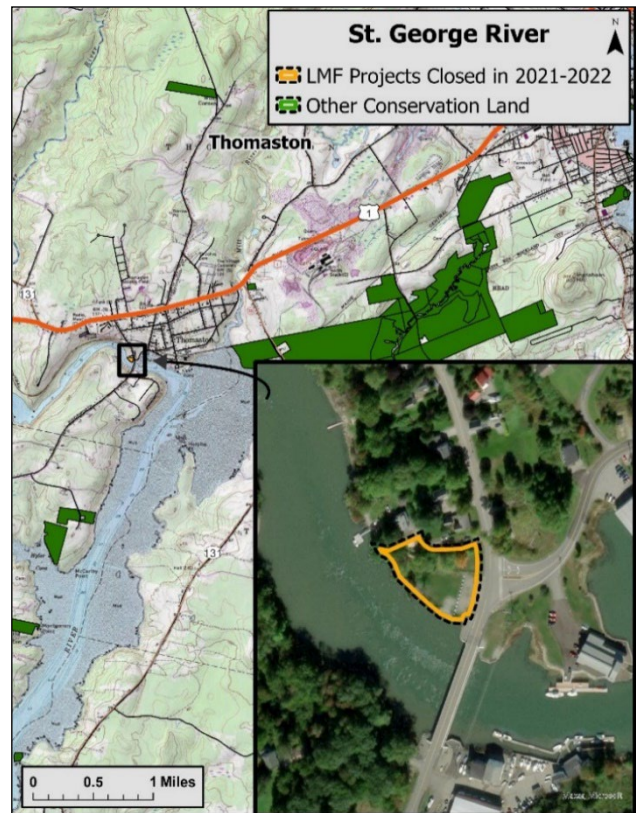
CLOSING DATE: 6/7/2022

LMF FUNDS: \$45,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$45,000

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Wadsworth Street parcel on the St. George River provides a waterfront park with hand-carry boat access and a small picnic area. The property also includes a historic kiln site at the north end of the parcel.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Sysladobsis and Horseshoe Lakes

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Trust for Public Land

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Water Access Lands

LOCATION: Lakeville, Penobscot County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 2,015.0

PROJECT DESIGN: Fee Acquisition by Trust for Public Land, Project Agreement Recorded

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: Take Bottle Lake Rd. south from Route 6 in Springfield. Turn right onto Depot Road. Turn left onto East Shore Road and continue to the property.

SPONSORING AGENCY: DACF, Bureau of Parks and Lands

APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,800,000

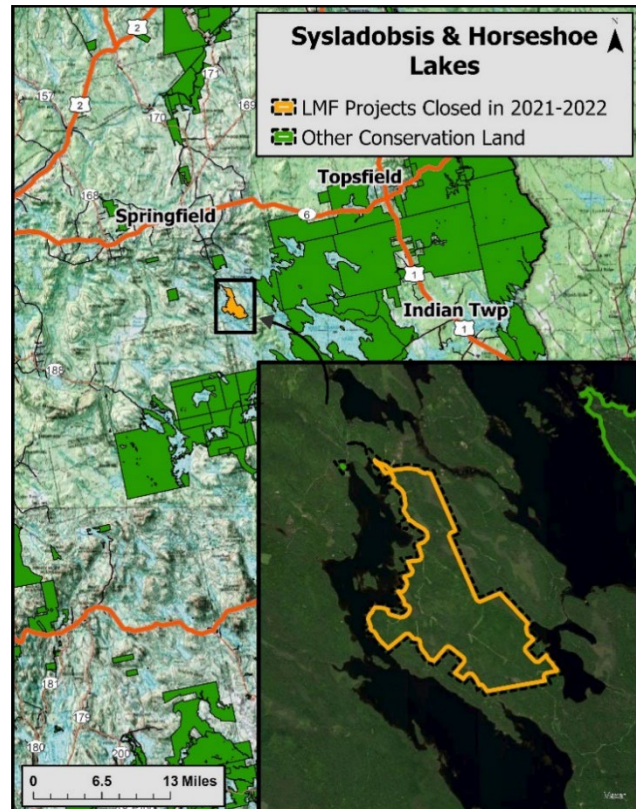
CLOSING DATE: 11/19/2021

LMF FUNDS: \$710,000

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$2,090,000

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Lakeville tract is part of the Downeast Lakes Community Forest, a hub for outdoor recreation in downeast Maine. This tract includes over 2,000 acres on Sysladobsis and Horseshoe Lakes. Planned improvements include boat launches on both lakes, a water-access campsite on Sysladobsis Lake, and shoreline trails.



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PROJECT SUMMARY: Carter's Wharf - Sea Pier

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: The Boothbay Region Maritime Foundation

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Working Waterfront

LOCATION: Boothbay Harbor, Lincoln County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 0.2

PROJECT DESIGN: WWF Covenant by The Boothbay Region Maritime Foundation

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: Public access (from viewing platforms and other locations that do not interfere with fishing operations) will be welcomed when the project is complete.

SPONSORING AGENCY: DMR

APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,000,000

LMF FUNDS: \$250,000

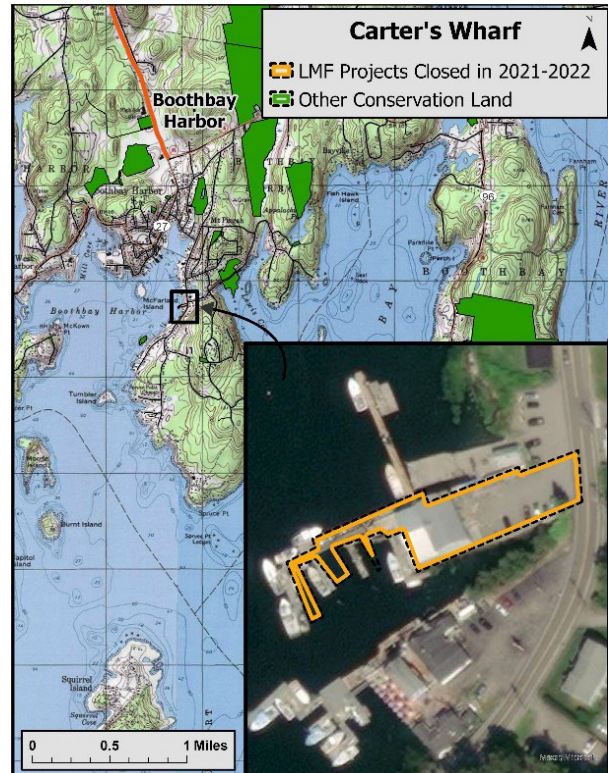
CLOSING DATE: 6/1/2022

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$750,000

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This is an acquisition of a working waterfront covenant that ensures future uses of the property are restricted to commercial fishing and educational access for the public. Locals and visitors alike will soon be able to walk the pier, view commercial fishing in action, and learn about our maritime heritage.

Currently an active year-round lobster buying station with expectations of future landings that will include crab, tuna, and possibly aquaculture, it is home to around 30 vessels. Combined with sternmen and dockside help, this wharf currently supports between 50 and 55 families and expects those numbers to grow as the wharf is improved.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Interstate Lobster, Inc.

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Interstate Lobster, Inc.

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Working Waterfront

LOCATION: Harpswell, Cumberland County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 0.4

PROJECT DESIGN: WWF Covenant by Interstate Lobster, Inc.

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: N/A

SPONSORING AGENCY: DMR

APPRAISED VALUE: \$850,000

LMF FUNDS: \$212,500

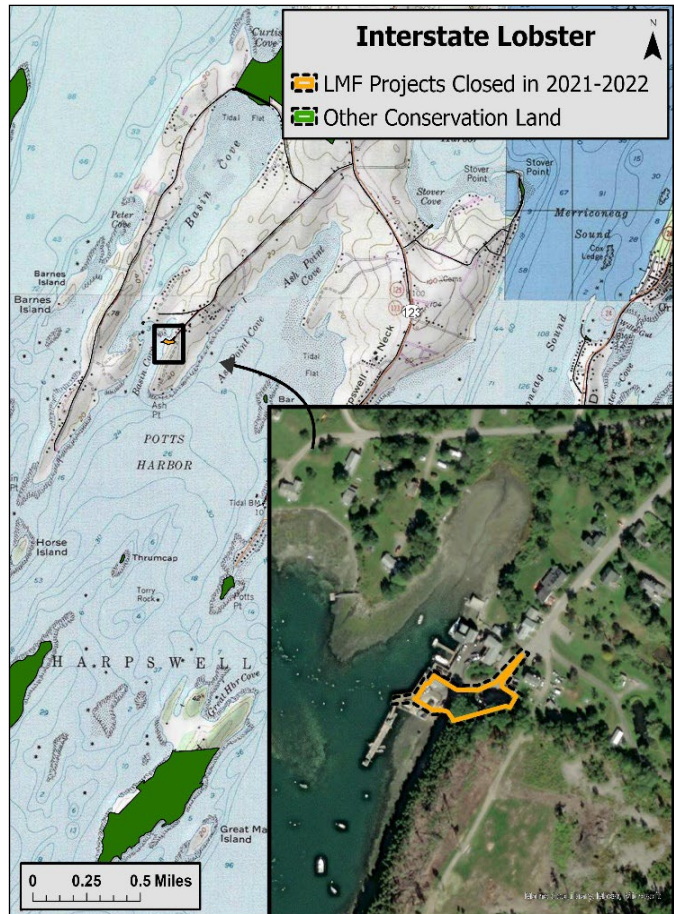
CLOSING DATE: 3/31/2021

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$637,500

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This is an acquisition of a working waterfront covenant that ensures future uses of the property are restricted to commercial fishing.

The primary fishery is lobster with some scallops and pogies. Interstate Lobster is a significant wharf in the Harpswell region, supporting the families of roughly 106 fishermen, crew, and dock workers.



PROJECT SUMMARY: Spruce Head Fisherman's Co-op (2)

CONSERVATION PARTNERS: Spruce Head Fisherman's Co-operative

LAND TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Working Waterfront

LOCATION: South Thomaston, Knox County

PROJECT ACREAGE: 0.5

PROJECT DESIGN: WWF Covenant by Spruce Head Fisherman's Co-operative

PUBLIC ACCESS DESCRIPTION: N/A

SPONSORING AGENCY: DMR

APPRAISED VALUE: \$570,000

LMF FUNDS: \$255,000

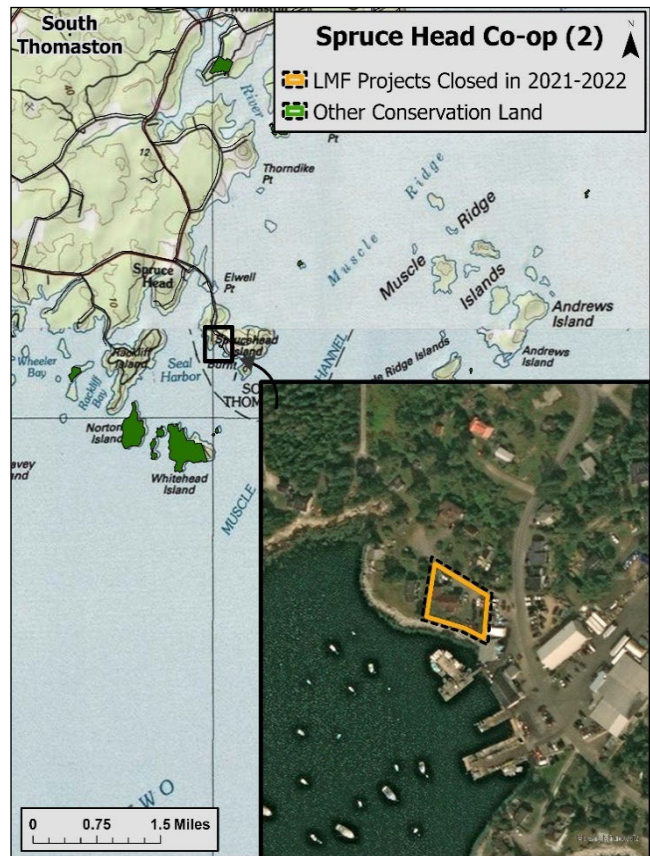
CLOSING DATE: 3/12/2021

MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: \$315,000

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

This is an acquisition of a working waterfront covenant that ensures future uses of the property are restricted to commercial fishing.

With over 54 active fishermen, providing income to 40 local families, Spruce Head Co-op averages landings of more than 2,000,000 pounds of lobster each year. In addition to the lobster, some fishermen still land and sell crabs, scallops, halibut, and tuna.



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Appendix 1
Project Summaries by County – January 2021 – December 2022

COUNTY	Projects by County	Funding Type	Acres	Appraised Value	LMF Contribution	Match	LMF Funding Source
Cumberland	Interstate Lobster, Inc.	Working Waterfront	0.40	\$850,000.00	\$212,500.00	\$637,500.00	LMF 2011 PL C696
	Merrymeeting Park	Water Access	121.00	\$672,500.00	\$247,500.00	\$425,000.00	LMF 2011 PL C696
	North Falmouth Conservation Corridor	Conservation & Recreation	263.80	\$768,000.00	\$243,750.00	\$524,250.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
			385.20	\$2,290,500.00	\$703,750.00	\$1,586,750.00	
Franklin	Kennebec Highlands – Vienna Mtn & York Hill	Conservation & Recreation	147.00	\$165,000.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	LMF 2021 PL C 398 FFFF
			147.00	\$165,000.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	
Hancock	Caterpillar Hill	Conservation & Recreation	32.00	\$398,000.00	\$199,000.00	\$199,000.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
	Eggmoggin Reach & Mill Pond	Water Access	15.30	\$425,000.00	\$212,500.00	\$212,500.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
			47.30	\$823,000.00	\$411,500.00	\$411,500.00	
Kennebec	Kennebec Highlands – Vienna Mtn & York Hill	Conservation & Recreation	666.00	\$710,000.00	\$355,000.00	\$355,000.00	LMF 2021 PL C 398 FFFF
	Madison Branch Multi-Use RR/TRAIL	Conservation & Recreation	40.00	\$111,808.00	\$55,904.00	\$55,904.50	LMF 2011 PL C696
			706.00	\$821,808.00	\$410,904.00	\$410,904.50	
Knox	Spruce Head Fisherman's Co-op (2)	Working Waterfront	0.50	\$570,000.00	\$255,000.00	\$315,000.00	LMF 2011 PL C696
	St. George River	Water Access	1.10	\$90,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	LMF 2011 PL C696
	Plaisted Preserve Expansion	Conservation & Recreation	7.10	\$140,000.00	\$64,500.00	\$75,500.00	LMF 2011 PL C696
			8.70	\$800,000.00	\$364,500.00	\$435,500.00	
Lincoln	Carter's Wharf – Sea Pier	Working Waterfront	0.20	\$1,000,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$750,000.00	WF 2009 PL C 645 J
			0.20	\$1,000,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$750,000.00	
Oxford	Buck's Ledge Community Forest	Conservation & Recreation	646.00	\$659,000.00	\$329,500.00	\$329,500.00	LMF 2021 PL C 398 FFFF
			646.00	\$659,000.00	\$329,500.00	\$329,500.00	

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COUNTY	Projects by County	Funding Type	Acres	Appraised Value	LMF Contribution	Match	LMF Funding Source
Penobscot	Sysladobsis and Horseshoe Lakes	Water Access	2,015.00	\$2,800,000.00	\$710,000.00	\$2,090,000.00	LMF 2011 PL C696
			2,015.00	\$2,800,000.00	\$710,000.00	\$2,090,000.00	
Somerset	Madison Branch Multi-Use RR/TRAIL	Conservation & Recreation	317.00	\$904,629.00	\$452,314.00	\$452,314.50	LMF 2011 PL C696
			317.00	\$904,629.00	\$452,314.00	\$452,314.50	
Washington	Schooner Cove & Reversing Falls	Conservation & Recreation	48.20	\$251,000.00	\$125,500.00	\$125,500.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
	Pond Cove Island WA	Water Access	49.80	\$525,000.00	\$199,850.00	\$325,150.00	LMF 2009 PL C 645 J
			98.00	\$776,000.00	\$325,350.00	\$450,650.00	

Totals: 4,370.40 \$11,039,937.00 \$4,040,318.00 \$6,999,619.00

Appendix 2
Funds Available During the Biennium

<i>FUND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>	<i>Available Balance 12/31/2022</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		<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 	\$1,949 \$153,095 \$0
<i>FUND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>	<i>Available Balance 12/31/2022</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.	\$412,248

<i>FUND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>	<i>Available Balance 12/31/2022</i>
Minimum amounts specified		<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 & Forestry and the Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife to be proactive in pursuing conservation of priority deer wintering areas.¹ Land and easements purchased by the State for wildlife or fish habitat protection must be managed using protocols provided by the DIFW. 	
PL 2011, Chapter 696, Sec. 6 Voter approved 11/6/2012		<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.² 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. 	
<i>FUND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>	<i>Available Balance 12/31/22</i>
2021, Chapter 398, Part FFFF Land for Maine's Future – Community Conservation Projects Other Special Revenue Fund	\$40,000,000	Proceeds are to be expended for the purpose of acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat and working farmland preservation in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 353 and Title 12, section 6042, including all costs associated with such acquisitions	\$39,800,292*
Minimum amounts specified		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5% of the funds must be made available for the acquisition of land or an interest in land to provide or improve public access to water in accordance with Title 5, section 6203-A, subsection 3. 3. At least 10% of the funds must be made available for the acquisition of land or an interest in land to protect farmland in accordance with Title 5, section 6207. 4. 	

¹ 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.

² 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).

<i>FUND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>	<i>Available Balance 12/31/2022</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10% of the funds must be made available for the acquisition of land or an interest in land to preserve and access working waterfront properties in accordance with Title 12, section 6042. 5. • Each expenditure of funds under this Part must be matched with matching funds, as defined by Title 5, section 6201, subsection 3, at least equal to the amount of the expenditure. • No more than \$10,000,000 of the funds may be spent in the first year by the department and no more than \$10,000,000 plus any unused balance from prior years may be spent by the department in each of the 3 subsequent years. 	

Appendix 3

Program Partners During Biennium

There are many individuals and organizations that assist the Land for Maine's Future 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 2021-2022 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 Department of Agriculture³ - Forest Service, Community Forest Program
US Department of Transportation – Federal Highway Administration, Recreational Trails Program
US Department of the Interior, Land and Water Conservation Fund
Northern Border Regional Commission

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 Brunswick
Town of Falmouth
Town of Owls Head
Town of Thomaston
Town of Woodstock

Conservation organizations

Blue Hill Heritage Trust
Downeast Coastal Conservancy
Downeast Lakes Land Trust
Georges River Land Trust
Maine Coast Heritage Trust
The Trust for Public Land

Other Partners

The Boothbay Region Maritime Foundation
Interstate Lobster, Inc.
Spruce Head Fisherman's Co-operative

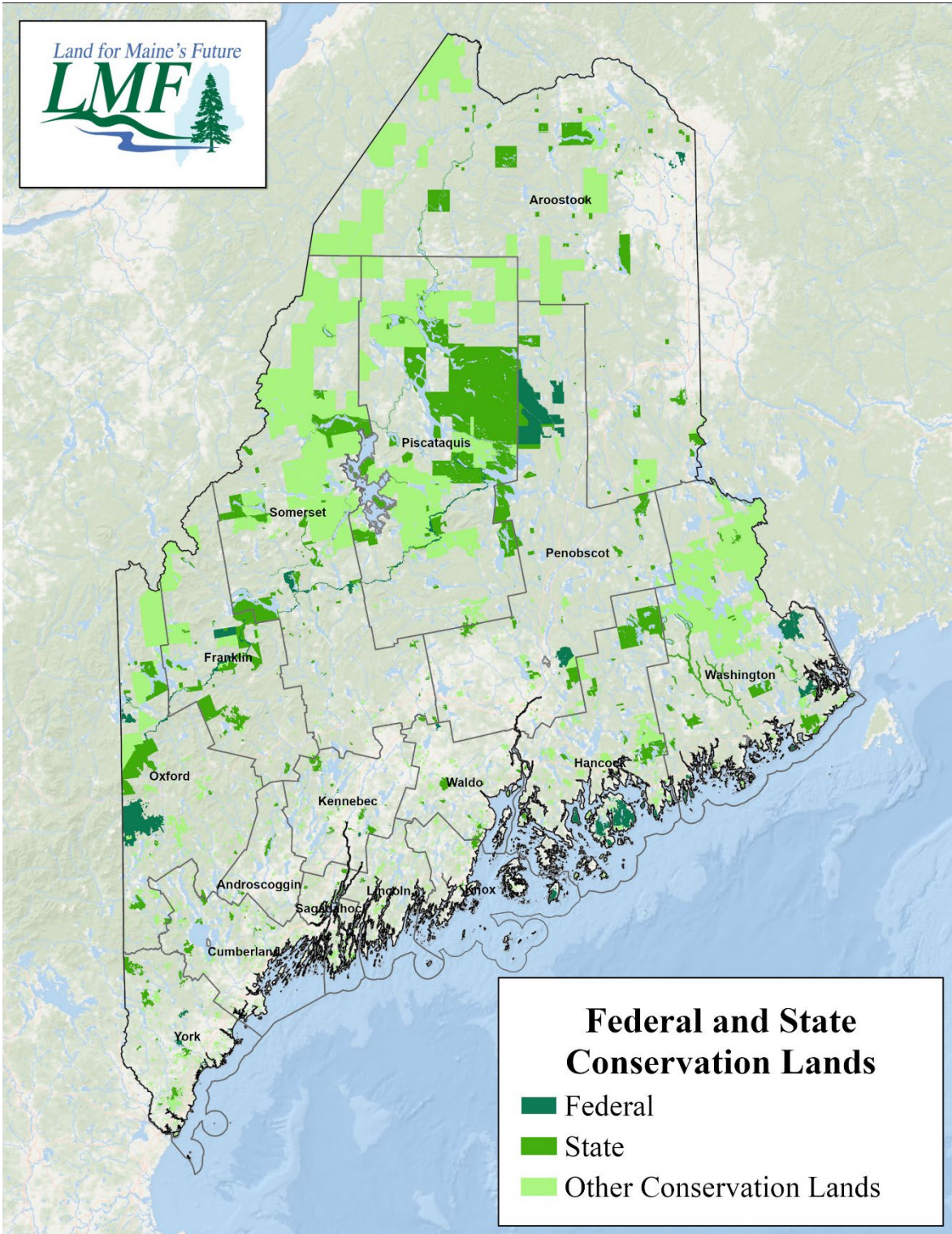
³ Note: Some projects include matching funds from USDA which requires the following statement in all publications related to its program: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national 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

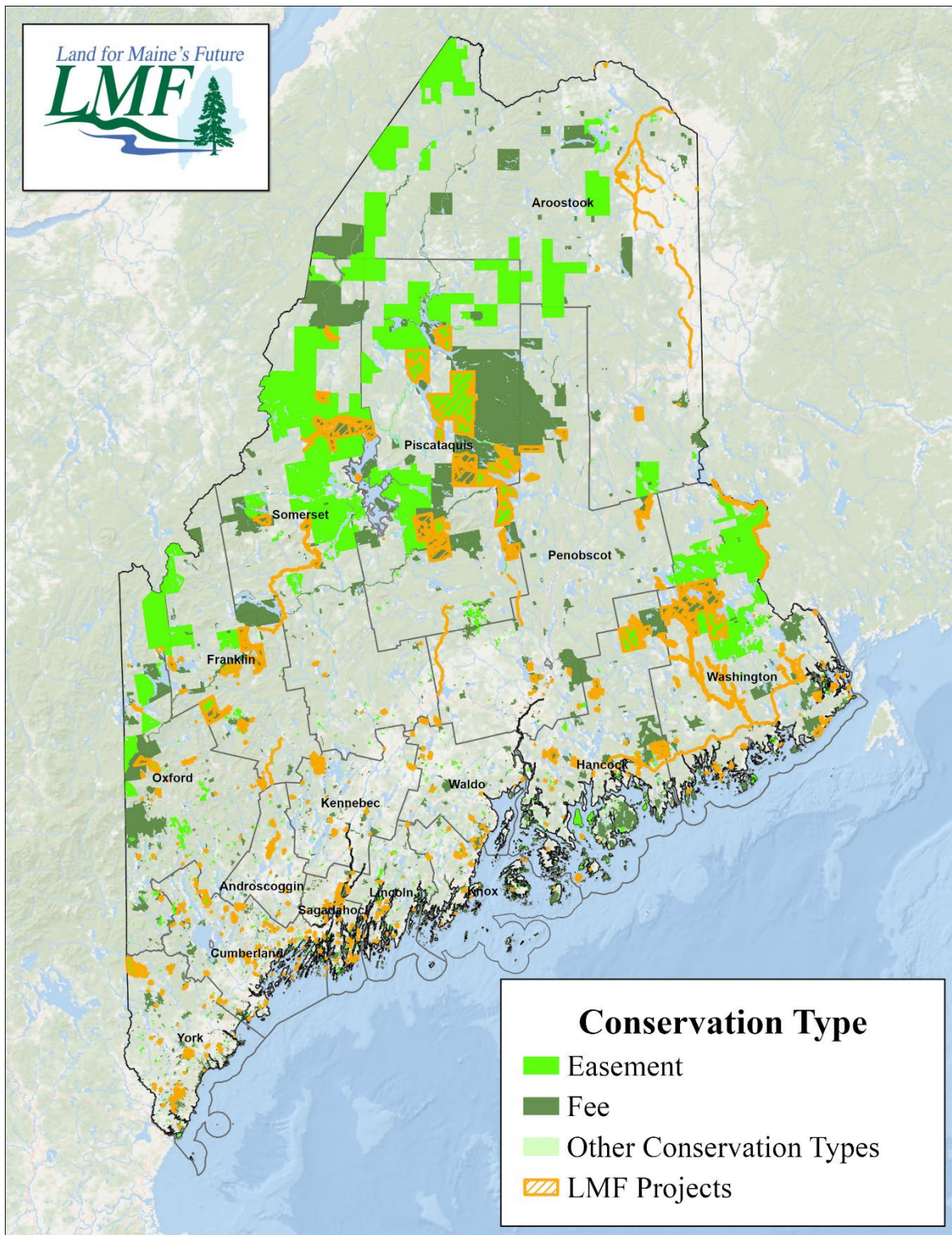
Federal, State, Other ownership



Appendix 5

Maine Conservation Lands

Fee and Easement Lands



Appendix 6

Cumulative Summary of Completed LMF Projects by County 1987-2022

	Conservation and Recreation		Water Access		Farmland		Working Waterfront		TOTAL	
	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres	Project #	Acres
Androscoggin	9	4,582	3	33	4	679	0	0	16	5,294
Aroostook	7	6,648	2	12	0	0	0	0	9	6,660
Cumberland	38	7,030	9	455	12	3550	4	4	63	11,039
Franklin	13	48,181	2	1	0	0	0	0	15	48,182
Hancock	14	44,089	9	62	3	409	2	2	28	44,560
Kennebec	5	8,156	5	53	5	1184	0	0	15	9,393
Knox	13	2,290	1	1	2	242	10	7	26	2,539
Lincoln	12	1,302	2	7	1	92	8	28	23	1,428
Oxford	17	15,465	8	256	0	0	0	0	25	15,721
Penobscot	13	17,872	4	2,023	0	0	0	0	17	19,895
Piscataquis	9	279,529	5	55	0	0	0	0	14	279,584
Sagadahoc	6	3,029	2	11	4	561	0	0	12	3,600
Somerset	8	63,357	4	174	0	0	0	0	12	63,530
Waldo	7	2,684	2	2	4	818	0	0	13	3,504
Washington	35	91,578	13	110	1	1523	5	4	54	93,214
York	28	15,188	1	0	5	828	1	1	35	16,016
TOTALS	234	610,978	72	3,253	41	9,884	30	44	377	624,159
	* 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, 2022.									

