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Maine's In-Lieu Fee Compensation Program*



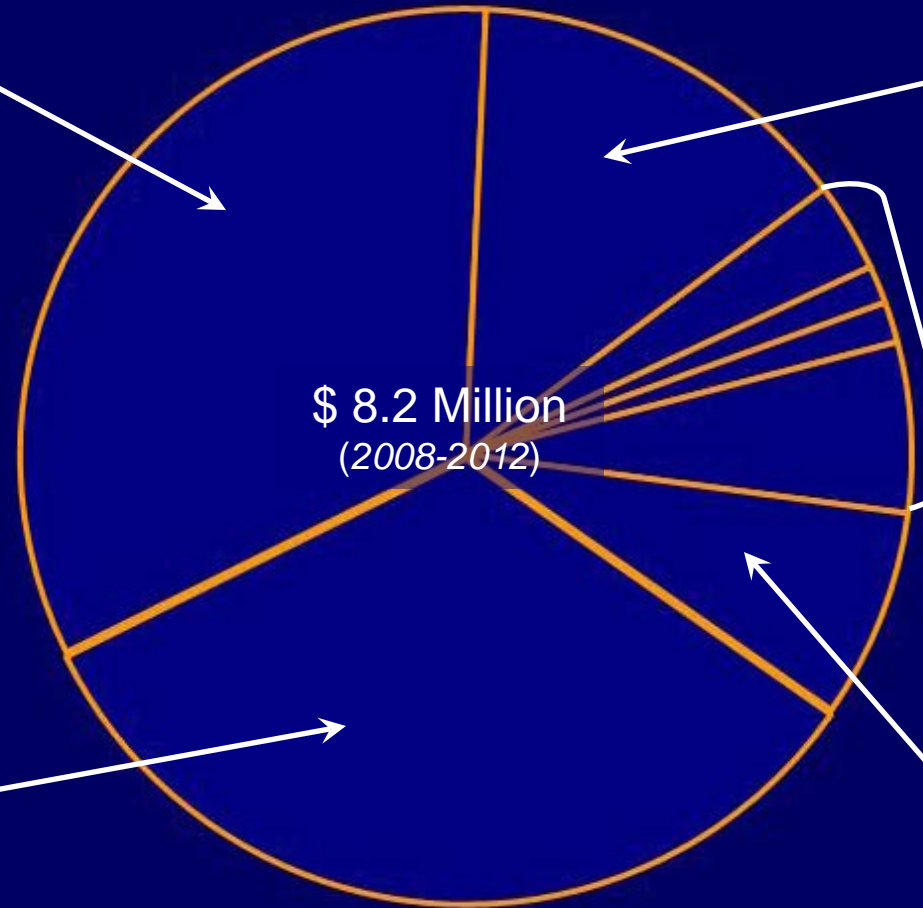
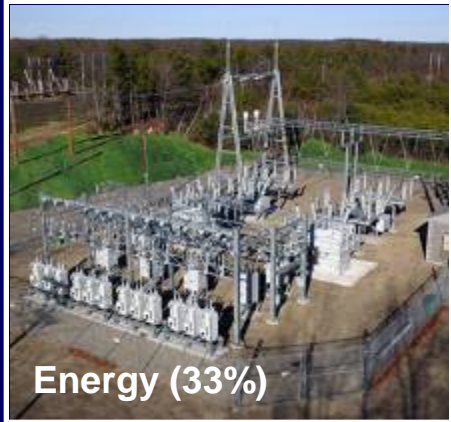
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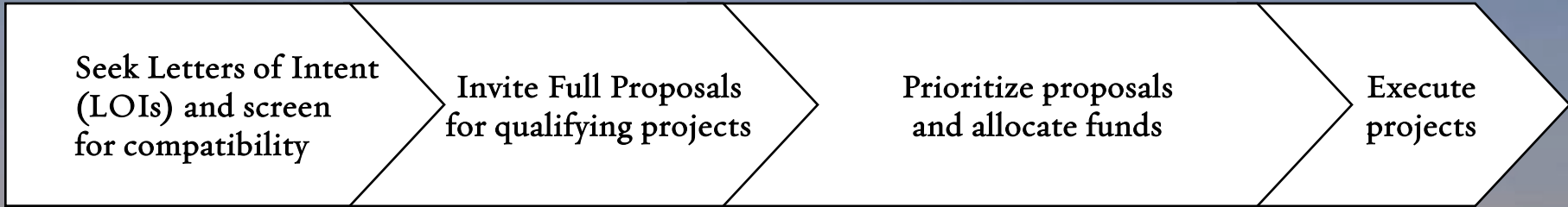
- Program launched in 2007 w/ DEP as sponsor and TNC contracted as administrator
- Impact fees assessed by DEP / Corps deposited in regional funds administered by TNC
- Funds are awarded through a competitive grants process to projects that compensate loss

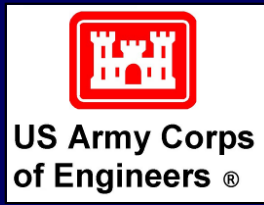
Fees received



Other (12%)

Award process





Review Committee

Dawn Hallowell (Chair), *Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection*

Jay Clement, *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* • Oliver Cox, *Maine Dept. of Marine Resources*

Sarah Demers, *Dept. of Inland Fish. & Wildlife* • Molly Docherty, *ME Natural Areas Program*

Garvan Donegan, *Maine Association of Conservation Commissions*

Sally Stockwell, *Maine Audubon Society* • Deane VanDusen, *Maine Dept. of Transportation*

Alex Mas (ex-officio), *The Nature Conservancy in Maine*



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Proposal review

Biophysical Region: **Central Interior & Midcoast**

Priority Resources: Coastal Estuarine subtidal, Marine subtidal, Freshwater wetland Emergent (PEM), Scrub-Shrub (PSS), Vernal pool, Vernal Pool critical terrestrial habitat

Goals Met: Coastal Estuarine intertidal, Marine intertidal, Forested (PFO), River/Stream

Project Name	Project Sponsor	Request	Type of Conservation (P, R, E and/or C)	Potential to Meet MNRCP Goals (30 pts)	Landscape Context (20 pts)	Project Readiness / Feasibility (20 pts)	Project Sponsor Capacity (15 pts)	Cost Effectiveness (10 pts)	Other Benefits (5 pts)	TOTAL SCORE (100 points)	RANK in BIOPHYSICAL REGION	Suggested Funding
Caribou Bog - Dorion	Orono Land Trust	\$ 223,300	P,R	26	17	16	14	7	3	82	1	\$ 223,300
Weskeag Wetlands Project	Georges River Land Trust	\$ 350,000	P,R	23	18	15	13	8	3	80	2	\$ 350,000
Moulton's Mill Part 2	Sebasticook Reg. Land Trust	\$ 199,000	P,E	24	17	14	13	6	4	78	3	\$ 199,000
Penjajawoc Marsh-Severnce	Bangor Land Trust	\$ 282,000	P	22	18	14	13	6	3	77	4	\$ 282,000
Davis/Holbrook Fishway	Atlantic Salmon Federation	\$ 50,000	R	19	14	15	14	8	3	73.1	5	\$ 50,000
Morse Pond II Wetlands	Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	\$ 195,300	P	21	16	14	13	5	3	72.9	6	\$ 195,300
White Island (Stevens)	Harpwell Heritage Land Trust	\$ 295,000	P	19	10	14	13	4	2	62	7	\$ -
Great Moose Lake Acq.	Sebasticook Reg. Land Trust	\$ 36,000	P	16	10	14	14	5	2	61	8	\$ -
Broad Cove West - Geele	Medomak Valley Land Trust	\$ 171,000	P	16	10	13	11	5	2	57	9	\$ -
Broad Cove East - Jones	Medomak Valley Land Trust	\$ 56,500	P	16	9	12	11	5	2	54	10	\$ -

Total Requested: \$ 1,858,100
 Funds Available: \$ 1,591,668
 Difference: \$ (266,432)

Total Suggested: \$ 1,299,600
 Funds Available: \$ 1,591,668
 Difference: \$ **292,068**

Interagency Review

Patricia Aho (Co-Chair), *Maine Department of Environmental Protection*

Ruth Ladd (Co-Chair), *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District*

Mike Johnson, *NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service*

Patrick Keliher, *Maine Department of Marine Resources*

Mark Kern, *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

Walter Whitcomb, *Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry*

Chandler Woodcock, *Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife*

Laury Zicari, *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*

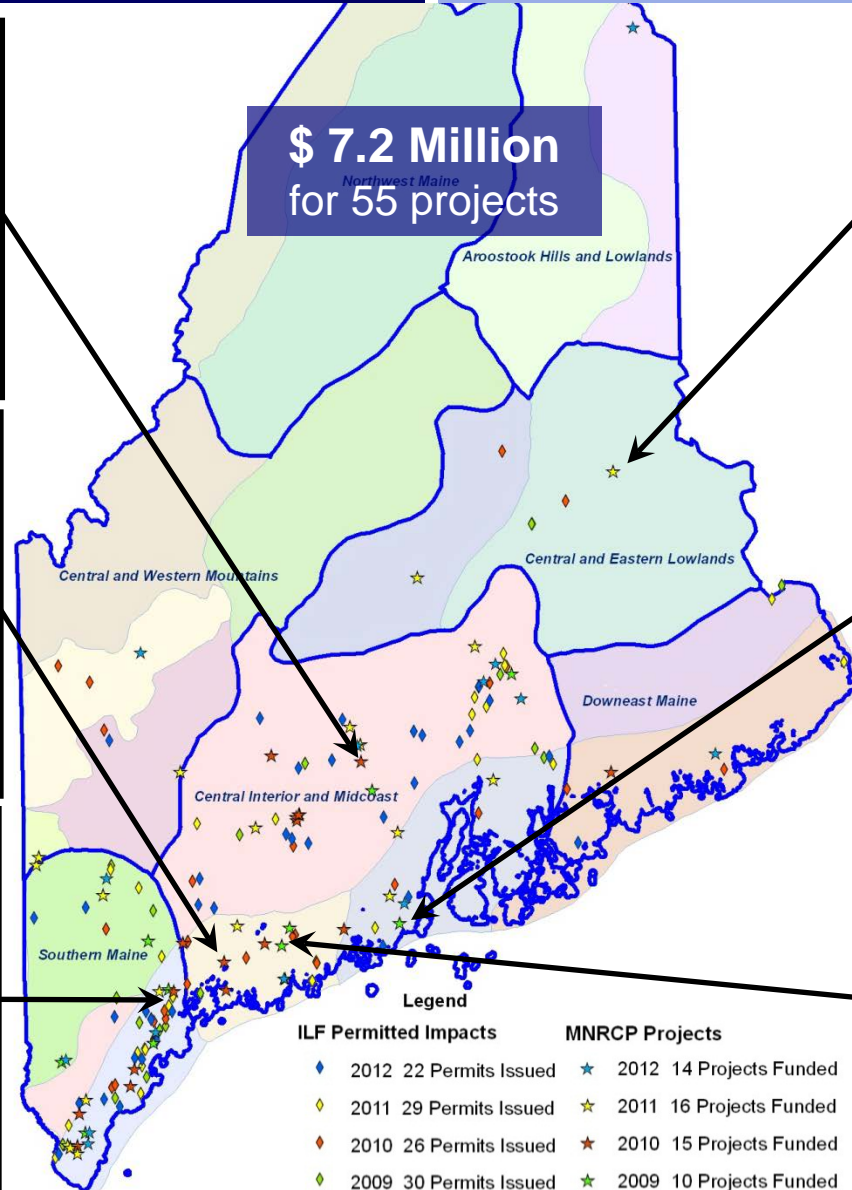


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Funds awarded

\$ 7.2 Million
for 55 projects



Kanokolus Bog



Mattawamkeag River



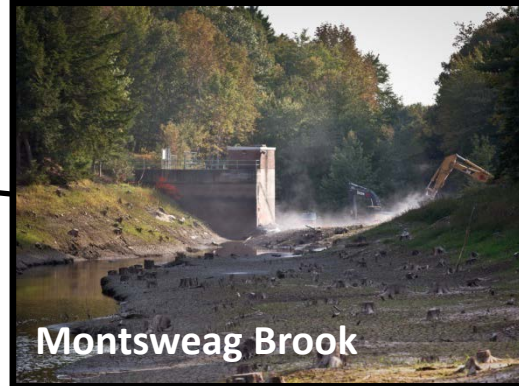
Brookings Bay



Clark Island









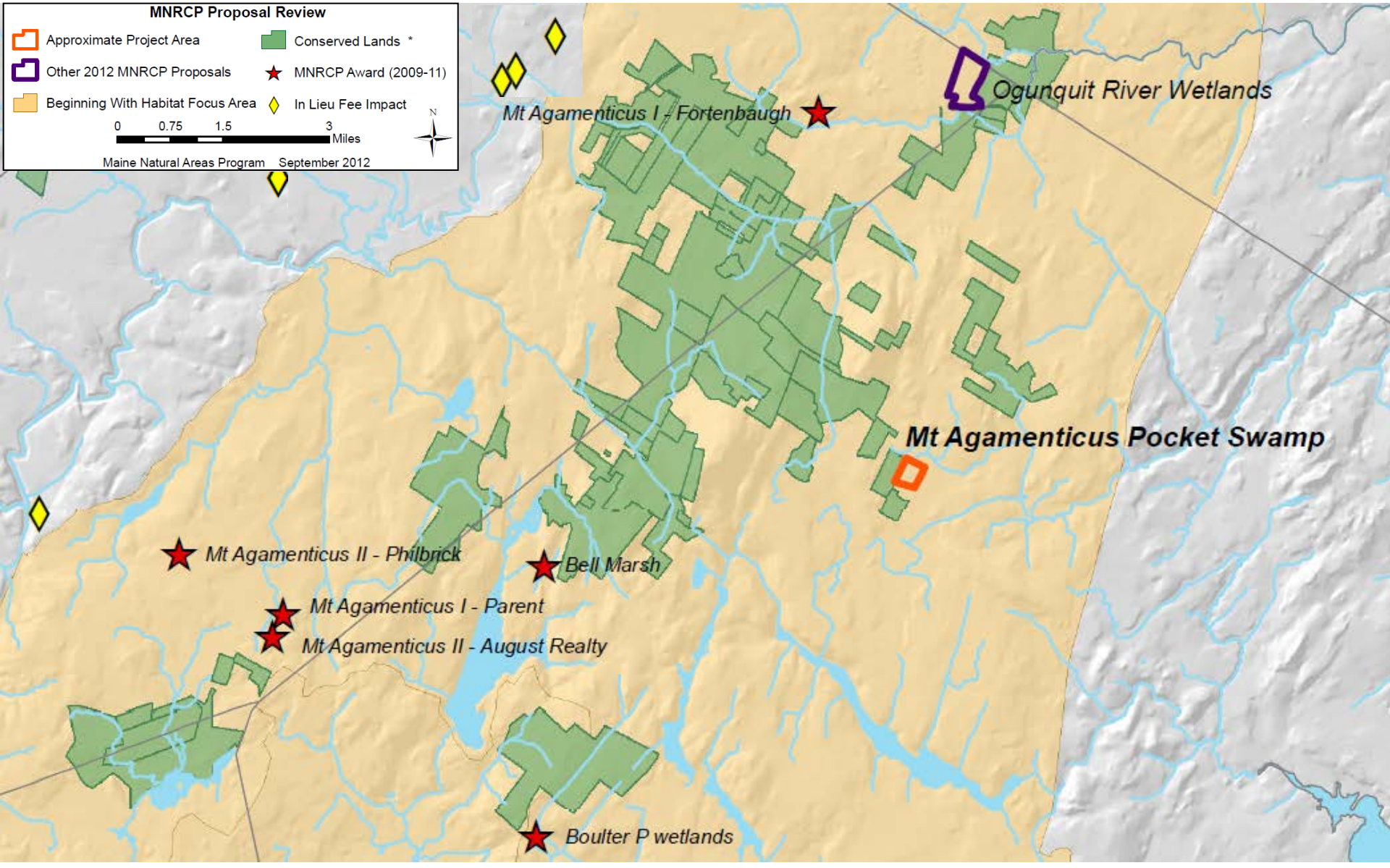
Suckfish Brook



Montsweag Brook

MNRCP Proposal Review

-  Approximate Project Area
 -  Conserved Lands *
 -  Other 2012 MNRCP Proposals
 -  MNRCP Award (2009-11)
 -  In Lieu Fee Impact
 -  Beginning With Habitat Focus Area
- 0 0.75 1.5 3 Miles
- Maine Natural Areas Program September 2012





What we've learned

- Competitive grant model has many strengths and some limitations
- Two-step RFP has many advantages
- Clearly communicating requirements is essential (e.g., easements, forestry)
- Opportunity to amplify the conservation value of mitigation funding

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