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**LAND CONSERVATION SUPPORT for NH SEACOAST TOWNS  
MADE POSSIBLE FROM LAND TRANSACTION GRANT FUNDS**

***The Great Bay Partnership awards \$17,550 for land transaction costs to seven conservation projects.***

Durham, NH – The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership (GBRPP) has announced the Fall 2018 Land Protection Transaction Grants Program awards. A total of \$17,550 in grant funds will support conservation appraisal work on 730 acres of land. The seven conservation projects provided over \$17,750 in matching funds.

The Land Protection Transaction Grant Program assists land trusts, conservation organizations and municipal governments within the coastal watershed with the transaction costs associated with permanent land protection such as the donation and acquisition of land and conservation easements. The Fall 2018 grant round offered matching Appraisal Grants to assist with the initial transaction cost of a property appraisal.

This round of awardees includes conservation properties representing a diversity of natural resources including woodlands, agricultural lands and open fields, important wildlife habitats and water resources. The awarded conservation projects are located across the coastal watershed in six communities including Deerfield, Epping, Kingston, Portsmouth, Rye and Wakefield.

The Land Protection Transaction Grant Program will have a grant round in March 2019. Grants will be offered for both Appraisal Grants and Conservation Project Grants to assist with the transaction expenses for permanent land protection projects including survey, title, legal, baseline documentation and environmental assessment costs. See the Partnership website for additional details.

The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership is a collaboration of conservation organizations in the coastal region that promotes landscape-scale land conservation and stewardship. Funding for the Land Protection Transaction Grant program is provided by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the Thomas W. Haas Fund of New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The Nature Conservancy serves as the fiscal agent for the GBRPP grant program. <http://www.greatbaypartnership.org>

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**Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership Land Protection Transaction Grant Program Recipients, Fall 2018**

Bear Paw Regional Greenways, \$2,250. Town of Deerfield  
Town of Kingston, \$3,500. Town of Kingston  
Moose Mountain Regional Greenways, \$2,000. Town of Wakefield  
City of Portsmouth, \$3,500. City of Portsmouth  
Town of Rye, \$3,500. Town of Rye  
Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire, \$700. Town of Epping  
Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire, \$2,100. Town of Epping