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LAND CONSERVATION SUPPORT for NH SEACOAST TOWNS MADE POSSIBLE FROM LAND PROTECTION TRANSACTION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS The Great Bay Partnership awards \$45,568 for land transaction costs to three conservation projects

The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership announced the Spring 2022 recipients of Land Protection Transaction Grant Program grant awards. A total of \$45,568 in grant funds will support conservation work on over 235 acres of land. The three conservation projects provide over \$81,000 in matching funds. The Land Protection Transaction Grant Program assists land trusts, conservation organizations and municipal governments in the coastal watershed of New Hampshire and Maine with land protection transaction costs including appraisal, land survey, legal, title, recording fees, easement baseline documentation and environmental assessments. The eligible properties are permanently protected through donation or acquisition of land and conservation easements.

The Spring 2022 grant awards include conservation properties representing a diversity of natural resources including woodlands, agricultural lands and open fields, important wildlife habitats and water resources. The Spring 2022 Land Protection Transaction Grant Recipients:

- Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, \$6,500 Conservation Project Grant, Town of Nottingham, NH
- Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$20,000 Conservation Project Grant, Town of Epping NH
- Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$19,068 Conservation Project Grant, Town of Deerfield NH

The Land Protection Transaction Grant Program will have a grant round in Fall 2022. Grants will be offered for both Appraisal Grants and Conservation Project Grants. See the Great Bay 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. The Nature Conservancy serves as the fiscal agent for the Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership grant program.

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