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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 \$36,945 for land transaction costs to eight conservation projects.

The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership announced the Spring 2020 recipients of Land Protection Transaction Grant Program grant awards. A total of \$36,945 in grant funds will support conservation work on 416 acres of land. The eight conservation projects provide over \$43,000 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 2020 grant awards include conservation properties representing a diversity of natural resources including woodlands, agricultural lands and open fields, important wildlife habitats and water resources. **Land Protection Transaction Grant Recipients:**

Town of Barrington, \$3,775 Conservation Project Grant Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, \$2,000 Appraisal Grant, Town of Strafford Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, \$6,700 Conservation Project Grant, Town of Strafford Town of Madbury, \$2,000 Appraisal Grant Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$2,500 Appraisal Grant, Town of Newington Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$12,000 Conservation Project Grant, Town of Farmington Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$3,500 Appraisal Grant, Towns of Durham & Lee Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$4,470 Conservation Project Grant, Town of Lee

The Land Protection Transaction Grant Program will have a grant round in Fall 2020. 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. http://www.greatbaypartnership.org

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