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STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT for NH SEACOAST TOWNS MADE POSSIBLE FROM STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS The Great Bay Partnership awards \$33,123 for five Stewardship Projects

The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership announced the Fall 2024 recipients of Stewardship Grant Program awards. Five grant recipients received a total of \$33,123 in grant funds to support stewardship projects on 778 acres of conservation land in the Great Bay Watershed. Grant recipients provided over \$64,000 in matching funds.

The Stewardship Grant Program assists with stewardship costs for permanently protected conservation lands in the Great Bay Watershed of New Hampshire. Stewardship activities supported by this grant program include habitat management, existing trail maintenance, property and project planning, and natural resource inventory projects. Eligible applicants include the fee owner or conservation easement holder of an eligible conservation property, including land trusts, municipalities and units of governments.

The Spring 2025 grant recipients include:

- Town of Exeter, \$2,963. Habitat Management, Exeter, NH
- Moose Mountains Regional Greenways, \$2,250, Conservation Planning, Wakefield, NH
- NH Fish and Game Department, \$5,410 Habitat Management, Dover, NH
- Society for the Protection of NH Forests, \$15,000 Trail Maintenance, Portsmouth NH
- Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$7,500. Habitat Management & Conservation Planning, Newfields, NH

The Stewardship Grant Program will have a grant round in the Fall of 2025. 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 Stewardship Grant program is provided by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Great Bay 2030 Initiative. The Nature Conservancy serves as the fiscal agent for the Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership grant program.

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