



Summary: Implementation Grants Recipients

Description: The Implementation Grants Program is assisting selected organizations who are leading the Initiative's strategic efforts to create data, training, and partnerships identified by the MCPI coalition as vital for advancing protection of the coast.

MCPI Goal: A viable network of conserved land that protects priority coastal and estuarine habitat, adequate coastal access to support commercial fisheries and recreational pursuits, and sufficient scenic viewsheds to preserve the unique character of the Maine coast.

Maine Audubon

Project:

Updated Diadromous Fish GIS layer for Maine

Project Summary:

Maine Audubon will collaborate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to create an updated diadromous fish GIS layer for Maine, a critical first step in identifying Coastal Focus Areas of Ecological Significance. This project will benefit coast-wide conservation efforts by filling an important habitat data gap.

Funding Award: \$12,950

Island Institute

Project:

Working waterfront access mapping project

Project Summary:

This project will map the working waterfront infrastructure of the Maine coast. This knowledge will then help coastal communities establish conservation priorities and provide solid information upon which to build public policy.

Funding Award: \$25,000

Maine State Planning Office - Coastal Program

Project:

Inventory & prioritization of scenic and cultural resources coastal zone

Project Summary:

The Maine Coastal Program proposes to lead a project aimed at producing an updated methodology for identifying, inventorying, evaluating, and prioritizing scenic and cultural resources along the Maine coast.

Funding Award: \$23,000

Georges River Land Trust

Project:

Creating Integrated Conservation Priority Maps and Advancing Collaborative Action Plans in the Georges River Watershed

Project Summary:

Working with diverse local, regional, and statewide partners, GRLT will identify, prioritize, and take action to protect the three MCPI-outlined resource themes of a) coastal habitat, b) public/working access, and c) historical/cultural/scenic features. We will focus activity at both the broad watershed scale and at the community level in the coastal towns of Warren, Thomaston, South Thomaston, Owls Head, St. George, and Cushing.

Funding Award: \$25,000

Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Project:

Conserved lands GIS database for South Coast Land Trusts

Project Summary:

MCHT in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy seeks to create a comprehensive conserved lands GIS database encompassing all the conserved properties within the service areas of three local land trusts: Great Works Regional Land Trust, Kittery Land Trust, and the York Land Trust.

Funding Award: \$7,000

MCPI Goal: Strong support and increased funding for coastal land conservation efforts.

Mid-Coast Council for Business Development & Planning

Project:

Sagadahoc Region Rural Resource Initiative (SRRRI)

Project Summary:

MCBDP will work with twelve (12) towns and the local midcoast land trusts to implement the strategic regional open space plan and accompanying tools being prepared by the Sagadahoc Region Rural Resource Initiative (SRRRI) so as to promote and increase land conservation in the region.

Funding Award: \$15,000

York Land Trust - Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative

Project:

Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission conservation planning project

Project Summary:

The Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative and Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission will undertake a model, regional project that will provide tools and technical assistance to help six (6) towns in southern coastal Maine to achieve their conservation goals as stated in their Comprehensive Plans, as a region. Data, metadata, and results will be shared with MCPI and others.

Funding Award: \$5,000

Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association

Project:

GIS/Digitization of town-wide tax parcels for coastal land trusts

Project Summary:

SVCA will digitize all remaining tax parcel data for 26 towns in Midcoast Maine, create a weighted habitat analysis of natural resource GIS data for the region, and provide this data to eight (8) local land trusts to help them prioritize sensitive areas for conservation. Documents describing the process will be made available to others across the state.

Funding Award: \$20,000

Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Project:

Coastal Conservation Communications Campaign Messaging and Communications Toolkit

Project Summary:

The project is a comprehensive communications plan designed to support Implementation Strategy 3.1 of the MCPI Strategic Conservation Framework.

Funding Award: \$30,000