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**LAND PROTECTION SUPPORT for 1,970 ACRES IN 9 NH TOWNS MADE POSSIBLE FROM LAND TRANSACTION
GRANT FUNDS**

The GBRPP awards \$45,000 for land transaction costs to eight conservation projects.

Durham, NH – The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership (GBRPP) has announced the 2016 Land Protection Transaction Grants Program awards. A total of \$45,000 in grant funds will support the conservation of 1,970 acres of land. The projects provide over \$91,000 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. This round of awardees includes conservation properties located in nine designated Conservation Focus Areas, representing a diversity of natural resources including woodlands, agricultural lands, open fields, wetlands, ponds and riparian shoreline. The properties are located across the coastal watershed in nine communities including– Barrington, Candia, Deerfield, Durham, Farmington, Hampton Falls, Kensington, Portsmouth and Nottingham. In addition to protecting critical natural resources, many of the conservation projects promote pedestrian public access and recreational opportunities.

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (the Forest Society) was awarded grant funds for the protection of the Emery Farm on the Oyster River in Durham. “The Emery Farm on the Oyster River has been a top conservation priority for the Forest Society and our partners at the Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership”, said Jane Difley, President/Forester at the Forest Society. “We appreciate working with landowner David Hills on conserving over 1,900 feet of undeveloped tidal water frontage along the Oyster River and Smith Creek. Such undeveloped frontage is increasingly rare in the Great Bay watershed and is important in protecting water quality.”

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 GBRPP grant program. <http://www.greatbaypartnership.org>

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