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**LAND CONSERVATION SUPPORT for NH SEACOAST TOWNS
MADE POSSIBLE FROM LAND TRANSACTION GRANT FUNDS**

The Great Bay Partnership awards \$48,680 for land transaction costs to seven conservation projects.

Durham, NH – The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership (GBRPP) has announced the Fall 2017 Land Protection Transaction Grants Program awards. A total of \$48,680 in grant funds will support conservation work on over 1,000 acres of land. The seven conservation projects provided over \$64,000 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 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 five communities including Barrington, Brentwood, Epping, Farmington and Fremont. In addition to protecting critical natural resources, many of the conservation projects promote pedestrian public access and recreational opportunities.

The Land Protection Transaction Grant Program will have a grant round in the Winter of 2018. See the 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 and the Thomas W. Haas Fund of 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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**Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership
Land Protection Transaction Grant Program
Grant Awards, Fall 2017**

Project Town	Project Name	Recipient	Award
Barrington	Mendum's Pond	Town of Barrington	\$1,750.00
Brentwood	Martin	Town of Brentwood	\$3,000.00
Farmington	Carlsen Farm and Forest	Town of Farmington	\$1,650.00
Farmington	Hills Farm	Town of Farmington	\$15,000.00
Fremont	Mullen-Brown Brook	Southeast Land Trust of NH	\$2,500.00
Epping	Snow Property	Southeast Land Trust of NH	\$5,195.00
Barrington	Stonehouse Forest	Southeast Land Trust of NH	\$15,685.00