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**LAND PROTECTION SUPPORT for over 1,000 acres in NH SEACOAST TOWNS
MADE POSSIBLE FROM LAND TRANSACTION GRANT FUNDS**

The Great Bay Partnership awards \$53,120 for land transaction costs to nine conservation projects.

Durham, NH – The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership (GBRPP) has announced the Spring 2017 Land Protection Transaction Grants Program awards. A total of \$53,120 in grant funds will support conservation work on over 1,000 acres of land. The projects provide over \$92,000 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 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 and Middleton. In addition to protecting critical natural resources, many of the conservation projects promote pedestrian public access and recreational opportunities.

The Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELT) was awarded grant funds for the protection of the Bodwell Dairy Farm in Kensington. “Conserving the Bodwell Farm has long been a priority for SELT and other conservation partners, and this effort was made possible with help from the Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership”, said Brian Hart, Executive Director of SELT. “As one of the last remaining dairy farms in Rockingham County, Bodwell Farm provides a bounty of local food, economic activity, and open space to the surrounding community, and SELT is proud to conserve these resources for generations to come.”

The Land Protection Transaction Grant Program will have a summer grant round, with applications due August 14, 2017.

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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