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LAND CONSERVATION SUPPORT for NH SEACOAST TOWNS MADE POSSIBLE FROM LAND PROTECTION TRANSACTION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS The Great Bay Partnership awards \$37,490 for land transaction costs to six conservation projects

The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership announced the Fall 2024 recipients of Land Protection Transaction Grant Program grant awards. A total of \$37,490 in grant funds will support conservation work on 630 acres of land. The six conservation projects provide \$74,850 in matching funds.

The Land Protection Transaction Grant Program assists land trusts, conservation organizations and municipal governments in the Coastal watershed of New Hampshire with land protection transaction costs including appraisal, land survey, legal, title, recording fees, easement baseline documentation and environmental assessments. The eligible properties are permanently protected through donation or acquisition of land and conservation easements.

The Fall 2024 grant awards include conservation properties representing a diversity of natural resources including woodlands, agricultural lands and open fields, important wildlife habitats and water resources. The Fall 2024 Land Protection Transaction Grant Recipients:

- Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$20,000, Conservation Project Grant, Rochester, NH
- Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$7,390, Conservation Project Grant, Newmarket, NH
- Southeast Land Trust of NH, 4,000, Appraisal Grant, Epping, NH
- Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$3,000, Appraisal Grant, Kingston, NH
- Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$1,800, Appraisal Grant, Nottingham, NH
- Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$1,300, Appraisal Grant, Madbury, NH

The Land Protection Transaction Grant Program will have a grant round in the Spring of 2025. Grants will be offered for both Appraisal Grants and Conservation Project Grants. 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 Land Protection Transaction 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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