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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 \$75,400 for land transaction costs to seven conservation projects

The Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership announced the Spring 2024 recipients of Land Protection Transaction Grant Program grant awards. A total of \$75,400 in grant funds will support conservation work on over 1,100 acres of land. The seven conservation projects provide over \$154,000 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 Spring 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 Spring 2024 Land Protection Transaction Grant Recipients:

- Town of Hampton, \$12,100, Conservation Project Grant, Hampton, NH
- Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, \$25,000, Conservation Project, Northwood, NH
- Moose Mountains Regional Greenways, \$5,000, Conservation Project, Milton, NH
- Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$3,500, Appraisal Grant, Barrington, NH
- Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$3,500, Appraisal Grant, Durham, NH
- Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$10,800, Conservation Project Grant, Brentwood, NH
- Southeast Land Trust of NH, \$15,000, Conservation Project Grant, Kensington, Exeter and East Kingston, NH

The Land Protection Transaction Grant Program will have a grant round in the Fall of 2024. 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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