

Project(s) Proposal

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New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

Wildlife Restoration Grants

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Project Statement Details

Project Snapshot #60046000 - BMP_Land Acquisition_ NH Blackwater Connector Project

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Primary Agency	New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
Start Date	April 27, 2010
End Date	June 28, 2011
Project Categories	Conservation/Management

Project Statement Details #60046002 - BMP NH Blackwater Connector Land Acquisition

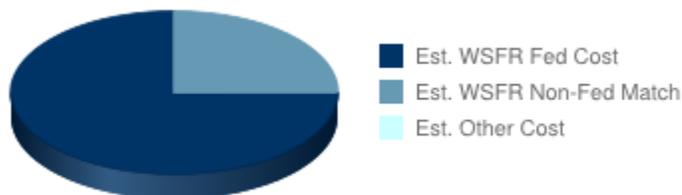
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Properties

Is Revision?	No
Grant Programs	Wildlife Restoration Grants

Project Statement	Estimated WSFR Federal Cost:	\$54,211
Cost Breakdown	Estimated WSFR Non-Federal Match:	\$18,070
	Estimated Other Cost:	\$0
	Total Estimated Cost:	\$72,281

Cost Breakdown Graph



Need Statement

The NH DFG, the Nature Conservancy and the Audbon-Sargent Land Preservation Trust have been cooperating for several years to protect important wildlife habitats in the Schoodac Brook Watershed. When this project is complete, more than 1,240 acres of private lands will be protected through conservation easements. This project will contribute an additional 137 acres that will be conserved and managed as part of the larger Wildlife Management Areas. These lands are necessary to provide early-successional habitat amongst an overwhelming number of acres of older growth

forest land. These nearly denuded areas provide habitat to species which cannot use the old growth forests and are thus in serious decline. According to the recently published State of New Hampshire's Birds, "A disproportionate number of early successional species are in clear and persistent decline. Within the shrub-scrub and grassland habitat groups, ten times as many species are decreasing as increasing, a pattern repeated across much of the Northeast. The reasons for these declines are relatively clear, and involve a gradual reversion of open habitats to forest as a result of agricultural abandonment or altered natural disturbance regimes, as well as direct loss to development."

Approach

The NH DFG will acquire title to 137 acres from the Nature Conservancy for \$61,500 by June 30, 2011. The NH DFG will use \$46,125 in Wildlife Restoration funding toward the purchase and an additional amount toward other costs associated with the appraisal, survey and closing costs. These lands will be added to the Knight's Wildlife Management Area.

Expected Results

The protection of 137 acres of early successional lands will ensure permanent conservation and management of the subject parcels to protect and enhance its wildlife habitat values. Specifically, the proposed project will address these mutually supporting purposes: protection of the natural habitats and species; protection and conservation of open space; and protection of land for outdoor recreation and education.

General

NA

Useful Life

NA

Program Income

NA

Multipurpose Projects

NA

Relationship with Other Grants

NA

Timeline

NA

SMART Objectives - Purpose/Targets

Purpose/Target ID - Conserve species habitat

Purpose/Target Description	Acquire 137 acres of early successional habitat to be managed as part of the NH DFG WMA
Viability Status	Increase
Viability Status Justification	These special concern species are expected to increase with the protection and active management of these parcels of early successional forest land.

Indirectly Benefited Habitats

Habitat Name	Habitat Level	Parent Habitat
Montane	2	GRASSLAND(temperate, non-desert)

Indirectly Benefited Species

Scientific Name	Common Name	Status
Pipilo erythrophthalmus	Rufous-sided Towhee, Eastern Towhee	
Catharus fuscescens	Veery	
Bonasa umbellus	Ruffed Grouse	

Objectives

Objective ID - Objective #1

Objective Name	Acquire 137 acres of early successional forest land
Objective Statement	The NH DFG will acquire 137 acres of early successional forest lands in fee simple from the Nature Conservancy to add to the Knight's Wildlife Management Area.

Standard Indicators

Desired Future Value	Base Value	Output	Deadline
137	0	Acres	June 30, 2011

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Status	Active
Primary Agency	New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
Start Date	April 27, 2010
End Date	June 28, 2011
Is Project Sensitive?	No
Project Categories	Conservation/Management
Action Categories	Land and Water Rights Acquisition and Protection

Project Description

The New Hampshire Department of Fish and Wildlife will acquire in fee-title approximately 137 acres of forest land to be included in the Knight's Meadow Wildlife Management Area in Merrimack County, New Hampshire. This acquisition will ensure the permanent protection and management of habitat for an array of wild birds and mammals including moose, white-tailed deer and black bear, and will ensure public access for wildlife-oriented recreation and hunting and fishing. In addition, the project will protect early successional habitat important for several species of greatest conservation need, including Eastern towhee, ruffed grouse, and veery, identified in New Hampshire's Wildlife Action Plan.

Location Details

Is Statewide Project?	No
Acres	138.3

Project Statement Summaries

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Action Summaries

Action # 60254451 - Blackwater Connector Acquisition

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Start Date	April 30, 2010
End Date	June 29, 2011
Action Category	Land and Water Rights Acquisition and Protection
Action Strategy	Land acquisition
