

2009 CELCP Projects Completed



Crow's Nest, Phase 2, Virginia

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation acquired 1,102 acres of wetlands and forests in the Potomac River watershed in Stafford County, in one of the Chesapeake Bay's most important and imperiled natural areas. It contains miles of streams and shoreline habitat, hundreds of acres of tidal and non-tidal wetlands --- some of the best remaining on the Potomac River -- and a large expanse of regionally significant, unfragmented coastal plain hardwood forest.



San Miguel Natural Reserve – Phase II, Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico's Department of Natural and Environmental Resources acquired two parcels totaling approximately 200 acres as part of a multi-phased effort to protect land in the Northeastern Ecological Corridor (NEC), one of the island's most ecologically valuable habitat corridors. The beaches of the San Miguel Natural Reserve are among the most important nesting grounds for Leatherback sea turtles, -- they serve as primary nesting habitat for as many as one-quarter of all Leatherbacks within U.S. jurisdiction



Great Neck Conservation Partnership, Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation acquired a conservation easement on 93 acres of important coastal land in Wareham—the largest remaining unprotected privately owned parcel of land left on Wareham's coastline. The site includes extensive salt marsh, vernal pools, forested upland, and freshwater wetlands that are home to several rare species and help enhance water quality. An additional 56 acres were protected as non-Federal match for CELCP funds.



Merrymeeting Bay, Maine

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife acquired 185 acres of tidal and freshwater marshes in the Kennebec River Estuary Focus Area. The project protects important habitat for numerous waterfowl, anadromous and catadromous fish, and other water-dependent species, provides seasonal and year-round recreational opportunities, and preserves one of the most scenic views of coastal Maine.



Peconic Estuary – Reeves Bay, New York

The Town of Southampton acquired approximately 26 acres of woods and wetlands within the Reeves Bay Complex, located in the watershed of the federally-designated Peconic Estuary Program. The project, part of a larger effort to protect 50+ acres in the region, provides high quality habitat for local flora and fauna, provides storm and flood water protection, preserves the natural shoreline, provides scenic views and offers numerous recreational opportunities for public enjoyment.



Kiket Island – Phase I Acquisition, Washington

This project funded acquisition of approximately 50 out of 93 acres on Kiket Island in northern Puget Sound. The property protects unique intact island habitat, salmon spawning and nursery grounds, and provides opportunities for nature-based recreation. The property, now called the Kukutali Nature Preserve, is co-owned and co-managed by Washington State Parks and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community.

Note: The following projects were funded but unable to be completed due to unforeseen circumstances: Cayo Costa State Park, Florida; Guana Tolomato-Matanzas NERR – Rogers Parcel, Florida; and Sellman Property at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, Maryland.