

# Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)

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## 2017 CELCP Projects

### **Wisconsin: Siskiwit River Estuary Preserve – 100 acres** **(2017 GLRI)**

Bayfield County protected 100 acres of coastal habitat along the Siskiwit River near its mouth at Lake Superior. The property has over three-quarters of a mile of river frontage, scenic waterfalls, exposed bedrock, sandstone cliffs, wetlands, and rare boreal forest. The property's acquisition will protect coastal freshwater estuarine wetlands, which in turn benefit wildlife and water quality; expand the watershed's intact forestland; preserve shoreline habitat; and decrease streambank erosion. The Siskiwit River supports spawning rainbow and brown trout, and its bay supports spawning whitefish; many other fish species live in these waters. Visitors to the site will be able to hike, paddle, fish, trap, hunt, and view wildlife and birds.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$ 194,773*

### **Wisconsin: Saxon Harbor Coastal Conservation – 112 acres** **(2017 GLRI)**

Iron County purchased 112 acres of coastal forest along Saxon Harbor, a property that includes 1,385 feet of Lake Superior coastline. This project preserves a variety of rich ecological features, among them, forested ravines and migratory bird stopover habitat. The property's bluffs, which tower 100 feet above Lake Superior, offer sweeping vistas. The land is also adjacent to the county's Saxon Harbor Marina and Campground, which was recently destroyed by flooding. Particularly while the facility is being rehabilitated, this property provides an important opportunity for recreation and public access for residents and visitors alike. A segment of the National Park Service's North Country Trail will be built on the property.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$125,000*

### **Michigan: Stearns Creek Corridor Protection – 117 acres** **(2017 GLRI)**

Ottawa County Parks acquired 117 acres that includes a portion of the Stearns Creek freshwater estuary, a site that supports wild rice and may provide spawning habitat for sturgeon. The "drowned river mouth" and its adjacent wetlands and upland forest also provide critical flood storage, and opportunities exist to restore the site to expand wild rice populations, improve habitat for other plants and wildlife, and manage invasive species. The property is managed as part of the Ottawa County Parks system and in support of its Grand River Greenway goals. The new park is available year-round for nature-based outdoor recreation, including hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, canoeing, kayaking, and environmental education, with an emphasis on protecting the wild rice stand.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$552,250*

### **Ohio: Red Brook Preserve – 118 acres** **(2017 GLRI)**

Ashtabula County Metroparks protected a 118-acre property along Red Brook in Ashtabula County. Approximately 1.5 miles of Red Brook meanders through the property before flowing directly into Lake Erie. The property provides valuable stopover habitat for neotropical migratory birds during their spring and fall migrations. The property has been used in the past for recreational purposes and will now continue to provide opportunities for outdoor recreation, such as hiking, cross-country skiing, and catch-and-release fishing. The property also affords opportunities to restore previously mowed portions to a more natural condition.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$ 367,232*

## 2016 CELCP Projects

### Ohio: Middle Bass Island Forested Wetlands – 22.7 acres

(2016 GLRI)

The Put-in-Bay Township Park District purchased over a dozen properties comprising approximately 23 acres of land on Middle Bass Island in Ottawa County. This land is adjacent to and more than doubles the size of park district's Middle Bass Island Forested Wetlands Preserve. The property has significant standing live and dead timber, small areas of permanent standing water, and small hummock areas.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$672,563*

### Wisconsin: Pebble Beach – 16.28 acres

(2016 GLRI)

The Village of Sister Bay protected the 16.28-acre Pebble Beach property, which contains 498 feet of undeveloped Green Bay shoreline, a mature white cedar forest, and thirteen late- and post-glacial beach ridges extending a distance of about 1,000 feet between today's shoreline and the wave-cut bluff of the Niagara Escarpment to the east. The property's contiguous mature white cedar forest provides critical habitat for migratory birds of high concern, and its natural shoreline will continue to provide public access to Lake Michigan for residents and tourists alike.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,000,000*

## 2015 CELCP Projects

### Ohio: Lifeboat Station Park, Phase I and II– 2.7 acres

(2015 GLRI)

A new lakefront park increases public access to Lake Erie, offers a place to launch nonmotorized boats along the Lake Erie Islands Water Trail, and provides for passive recreational activities such as birding and photography. The Village of Marblehead acquired 2.3 acres of land next to Lake Erie and a coastal inlet for Lifeboat Station Park, a singular opportunity to protect waterfront open space as a public park, a long-time goal of the community; the village also has plans to acquire an additional .4-acre parcel. The village intends to restore native vegetation on the site to provide additional resting habitat for birds migrating across Lake Erie.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$882,958*

## 2014 CELCP Projects

### Ohio: Lake Erie Islands Critical Habitat Protection – 11+ acres

(2014 GLRI)

The Put-in-Bay Township Park District has conserved 11 acres and approximately 250 feet of shoreline cliffs and wooded habitat on South Bass Island, the third largest and most populated U.S. island in Lake Erie. The township is working to conserve additional land on Middle Bass Island, consisting of mostly limestone plain wetland forest. The project sites are located either on or very near the shoreline of Lake Erie, and represent critical habitat for migratory birds. Lake Erie's western basin islands, including South Bass Island, have been identified as top priorities for conservation because of their high biodiversity and development threats.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$460,000*

## 2013 CELCP Projects

### Indiana: Coastal Habitat Protection – 137 acres

(2013 GLRI)

The Porter County Parks Department acquired 137 acres on Old Chicago Road in Pine Township, consisting of hardwood forest, wetlands, and fallow agricultural fields. The property is adjacent or close to several protected areas, including the Heron Rookery unit of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Reynolds Creek Game Bird Management Area, and protected dunes. Forested parcels provide stopover habitat for neotropical migrants near three important bird areas designated by the National Audubon Society. Over the long term, the site will be maintained for ecological preservation and passive recreational use by the public. Porter County Parks may restore the fallow agriculture fields to native prairie in the future.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$756,911*

## 2012 CELCP Projects

### Washington: Dabob Bay Natural Area, Phase II – 423 acres

(2012)

Eastern Jefferson County is growing fast, but 423 acres on Dabob Bay are no longer under threat of development. Now owned by the Washington Department of Ecology and Department of Natural Resources, this property on Dabob Bay is one of the most ecologically diverse and intact estuarine bays remaining in Puget Sound. The property furthers critical links between salt marsh spits, shorelines, feeder bluffs, and coastal forests and builds on existing conservation efforts in the area, which are vital to the recovery of several threatened or endangered species. These include steelhead trout and two salmon species. The land is managed as part of an expanded Dabob Bay Natural Area.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$2,700,000*

### Ohio: Lake Erie Bluff Preservation, Phase III – 154 acres

(2012 GLRI)

Along Ohio's Lake Erie shoreline, Lake Metroparks acquired an 85 acre parcel that includes dramatic shoreline bluffs as well as high-quality Lake Erie beaches that provide habitat for a number of rare beach plants. The protected land boasts the first documented nesting site for merlins (*Falco columbarius*) in Ohio since the 1830s. An additional 69 acres was protected as nonfederal match. Together, these parcels were part of the third phase of efforts to conserve a total of 600 acres of Lake Erie Bluffs in Lake County, which is managed as a passive recreational park and provides trails to improve access to Lake Erie.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$2,019,071*

## 2011 CELCP Projects

### Washington: Dabob Bay Natural Area, Phase I – 559 acres

(2011)

Dabob Bay is one of the most ecologically diverse and intact estuarine bays remaining in Puget Sound; it is also in a rapidly growing part of Jefferson County. The Washington Department of Ecology and Department of Natural Resources acquired 285 acres in the bay, stemming the threat of development, and protected an additional 274 acres as nonfederal match. This project preserves a mile of shoreline within the Hood Canal and contributes to the recovery of several threatened or endangered species,

including orca, marbled murrelet, two salmon species, and steelhead trout. The land is managed as part of an expanded Dabob Bay Natural Area.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$3,000,000*

**Oregon: Big Creek – 194 acres** (2011)

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department acquired 194 acres on Big Creek (Lane County) to conserve high-priority species such as trout, marbled murrelet, silverspot butterfly, and coho salmon, a federally threatened species. Big Creek extends Washburne State Park and is open to the public for recreation, including hiking and fishing. Big Creek was identified as a state and regional priority because of its biodiversity, mature forest, and habitat for several threatened or endangered species. Yet, the property was under threat of conversion by development.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$2,000,000*

**New York: Hudson River NERR Enhancement – 296 acres** (2011)

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation protected 296 acres in the Stockport Creek and Flats Biologically Important Area in Columbia County. This addition connects protected land to the north and south, leading to almost five miles of contiguous conserved shoreline within the Stockport Flats component of the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve. The property provides migratory fish spawning and nursery habitats and protects 64 acres of globally rare freshwater tidal wetlands. The state manages the site as wildlife habitat and for passive recreational activities.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$993,000*

**Maine: Merriland River Corridor – 166 acres** (2011)

The Town of Wells (York County) protected 166 acres of ecologically significant wetlands and associated uplands along the banks of the Merriland River, a major freshwater source and one of three estuaries within the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve. This project protects nearly a mile of shoreline along the Merriland River and connects adjacent protected lands to create a 670-acre conservation “node” in Maine’s coastal zone. The land is available to the public for low-impact recreational use.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$287,000*

**Oregon: South Slough Reserve – 1,417 acres** (2011)

The South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, part of Oregon’s Department of State Lands, protected 1,417 acres in the watersheds surrounding the reserve at the south end of the Coos estuary. These watersheds are primary freshwater contributors to the South Slough estuary and are directly upstream from tidal wetland and native oyster restoration projects undertaken by the reserve. The properties consist of forested uplands, tidal swamps, salt marshes, and freshwater streams, some that support Coho salmon.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,683,000*

**Wisconsin: Frog Bay Tribal National Park – 88 acres** (2011 GLRI)

The country’s first tribal national park was created on 88 acres acquired by the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The land protects a more than quarter-mile stretch of pristine Lake Superior shoreline in the Frog Bay estuary, which supports wild rice populations traditionally harvested by the Ojibwe people. The park is open to both tribal members and the general public for activities such as hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. Visitors can also learn about the cultural and ecological significance of the park from interpretive signage along its trails.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$488,400*

**Wisconsin: Lost Creek Watershed Protection – 359 acres** (2011 GLRI)

In an effort to reduce runoff and soil erosion and provide brook trout habitat and public recreation, Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources acquired 359 acres in Bayfield County. These acquisitions protected more than 1.5 miles of stream-bank frontage along three small creeks in the Lost Creek Watershed, all of which feed Lost Creek Slough, a significant coastal wetland on Lake Superior. This natural area protects the unique estuarine land of Lake Superior's Siskiwit Bay. These parcels also provide habitat connectivity between two high-quality conservation sites.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$283,750*

**Ohio: Lake Erie Bluff Preservation, Phase II – 40 acres** (2011 GLRI)

Lake Metroparks acquired a 40-acre property that includes 1,500 feet of forested lakeshore bluffs, coastal wetlands, and inland wet deciduous forests. This acquisition is part of a second phase in efforts to protect the Lake Erie Bluffs in Lake County, where 80 percent of the coast has already been developed. Lake Metroparks manages the site as a passive recreational park, providing trails to improve access to Lake Erie.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$177,094*

## 2010 CELCP Projects

**Hawai'i: Lapakahi Marine Life Conservation District – 17 acres** (2010)

The Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources acquired 17 acres of breathtaking coastline, including lava rock and interspersed coves of boulder, pebble, and coral beach, in North Kohala on the Island of Hawai'i. The property supports 112 different species of fish, two species of lobster, and several species of sea cucumber and sea urchins, as well as enhancing recreational access along the shoreline.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,250,000*

**Washington: Kiket Island, Phase II – 43 acres** (2010)

This project completed protection of Kiket Island by acquiring the remaining 43 acres of the 93-acre island in the Puget Sound. The island, located entirely within the Swinomish Reservation, is now co-owned and co-managed by Washington State Parks and the Swinomish in a first-of-its-kind agreement to protect the unique and ecologically valuable property.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$3,000,000*

**Maryland: Ayers Creek-Holly Grove Swamp, Phase II – 440 acres** (2010)

In honor of the lifelong achievements of a beloved local conservationist, the Ilia Fehrer Nature Reserve was created when the Worcester County Recreation and Parks Department acquired 440 acres of coastal forests and high-quality estuarine and forested wetland complexes.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,375,000*

**Wisconsin: Nemadji River – 3,995 acres** (2010)

Douglas County acquired nearly 4,000 acres within the Nemadji River watershed, safeguarding habitat for a number of wildlife species, including the gray wolf, American marten, wood turtle, bald eagle, and a variety of migratory birds. Wetlands on the property are also critical to maintaining water quality in the Lake Superior wetlands downstream. Many surrounding wetlands have been lost or altered, making the job of these wetlands that much more important.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,912,000*

**California: Paradise Beach-Tognazzini Parcel- 172 acres** (2010)

Santa Barbara County acquired 172 acres of coastal land, including a portion of Paradise Beach, framed by coastal dune scrub and willow riparian forest. This acquisition, within the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes, completes conservation of the Point Sal Reserve Management Area, which is considered a national natural landmark. The Department of Defense also contributed to this property, which buffers an adjacent military base from encroaching uses.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,200,000*

**Florida: Keewaydin Island – 4.6 acres** (2010)

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection acquired 4.6 acres of a pristine southwest Florida barrier island ecosystem in the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. Preserving the site protects habitat for the Atlantic loggerhead turtle, indigo snake, gopher tortoise, bald eagle, piping plover, and the West Indian manatee. This ensures the property will be protected and managed as part of the reserve and removes the threat that it would be developed.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,500,000*

**Michigan: Saugatuck Harbor Natural Area – 173 acres** (2010)

The City of Saugatuck (Allegan County) acquired 173 acres of undeveloped dune land that boasts populations of prairie warbler and Blanchard's cricket frog, as well as open dunes, natural jack pine forest, and hardwood pine dune forest. The property, which had been threatened by development, will be managed as a natural area as an addition to the adjacent Oval Beach City Park.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$3,000,000*

**Puerto Rico: San Miguel Natural Reserve, Phase III – 203 acres** (2010)

The San Miguel Natural Reserve project is a multi-phased effort by the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources to protect acreage in the biologically diverse Northeastern Ecological Corridor. The corridor enhances protection of coral reefs and mangroves, preserves nesting grounds for the leatherback sea turtle, and connects existing conservation areas. Two parcels acquired in Phase III protect another 203 acres of diverse upland and wetland habitats in the corridor, preventing habitat fragmentation and benefiting many species, including the people that enjoy the use of this natural area.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$3,000,000*

**Mississippi: Cat Island – 91 acres** (2010)

Cat Island, a barrier island located within the estuarine complex of the Mississippi Sound in Harrison County, is an ecological and recreational gem. And the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has acquired and thus ensured that another 91 acres on the island's eastern tip will remain that way in perpetuity. The island contains many pristine habitats identified for species of conservation need, including Gulf sturgeon, three species of sea turtles, and manatees, and the property abuts other conservation land, including the Gulf Islands National Seashore. The entire property is open to the public, accessible by boat or foot.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,206,575*

**Georgia: Altamaha River-Rayonier Tract, Phase II – 14,092 acres** (2010)

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources acquired the 6,912-acre Rayonier tract in Harrison County, which is part of a more than 40,000-acre contiguous block of permanently protected land in the lower Altamaha River floodplain. The floodplain is one of the state's most valuable ecological corridors. An additional 7,180 acres were protected through the project as nonfederal match. Stretching along 10

miles of the Altamaha River, and made up of freshwater wetlands, inland maritime forests, and sandhill-longleaf pine forests, this acreage contains a variety of critical wildlife habitats, buffers an important military installation, and allows for hiking, boating, and hunting.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,537,425*

**Michigan: Bete Grise Wetlands – 1,669 acres** (2010 GLRI)

The Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District protected two parcels totaling nearly 1,670 acres along Lake Superior in Keweenaw County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The properties expand the Bete Grise Preserve, protecting in perpetuity one of the highest quality dune and wetland complexes in the upper Great Lakes, 3,500 feet of Lac La Belle frontage, and 9,100 feet of Lake Superior shoreline. The dune-swale wetlands provide prime habitat, as well as play an important role in filtering nutrients and protecting the water quality of Lake Superior. The southern end of this property includes an oft-used small picnic spot.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,719,500*

**Wisconsin: Houghton Falls – 76 acres** (2010 GLRI)

The Town of Bayfield acquired 76 acres of ecologically significant land known as Houghton Falls, which includes more than 2,200 feet of Lake Superior shoreline and a sandstone gorge that drains into a cove. Houghton Falls supports many resident and migratory birds, including bald eagle, merlin, least flycatcher, veery, wood thrush, and Canada warbler. The property will be managed as a state natural area and will provide public access for low-impact recreational activities such as bird watching and hiking.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,416,300*

**Ohio: Kelleys Island Monagan Road Preserve – 18.5 acres** (2010 GLRI)

Kelleys Island Village Park District and Western Reserve Land Conservancy partnered to purchase 18.5 acres of red cedar forest habitat on Kelleys Island, the largest U.S. island in Lake Erie. The property is further protected by a conservation easement. The Quinn Preserve, as the property will be known, together with adjacent protected lands, creates an interconnected system of conservation land comprising one-third of the island. It is open to the public for passive recreational uses such as bird watching and hiking.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$332,500*

**Wisconsin: Mashek Creek – 25 acres** (2010 GLRI)

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources acquired a 25-acre property that includes nearly 1,700 feet of undisturbed Lake Michigan shoreline, and 1,400 feet of frontage along both banks of Mashek Creek. It protects a natural-reproduction trout and salmon stream and provides an important stopover location for neotropical migratory birds. While there are important areas of habitat preserved and protected both south and north of Mashek Creek, this property also fills a great need for public access. Apart from parkland in the Cities of Algoma and Kewaunee, this property is the only public land ownership along Lake Michigan in Kewaunee County. Acquisition of the parcel provides the public with opportunities for angling and other nature-based recreational and educational activities.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$398,000*

**Ohio: Lake Erie Bluff Preservation – 96 acres** (2010 GLRI)

Lake Metroparks added 96 acres to the largest block of undeveloped shoreline property along Lake Erie in Lake County, part of the broader Lake Erie Bluffs Preservation initiative. The property protects more than 1,000 feet of bluffs and beaches along the Lake Erie shoreline and provides habitat for seven state-

listed plant species. Catalyzed in part by limited public access to the lake, Lake Erie Bluffs Park gives visitors the opportunity to take in the sweeping vistas, picnic, hike, fish, kayak, or swim.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$883,700*

## 2009 CELCP Projects

### **Virginia: Crow's Nest, Phase II – 1,102 acres** (2009)

The Potomac River watershed in Stafford County is one of the Chesapeake Bay's most important and imperiled natural areas. The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation acquired 1,102 acres in the watershed, containing 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. The property brings the Crow's Nest Natural Area Preserve to 2,872 acres, a remarkable conservation feat near a major population center and, now, an excellent opportunity for recreation.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$3,000,000*

### **Puerto Rico: San Miguel Natural Reserve, Phase II – 152 acres** (2009)

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 Northeast Ecological Corridor, one of the island's most ecologically valuable habitat corridors. The beaches of the San Miguel Natural Reserve, to which these parcels contribute, 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.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$3,000,000*

### **Massachusetts: Great Neck Conservation Partnership – 93 acres** (2009)

Cape Cod waterfront is in high demand. By acquiring a conservation easement over 93 acres in Wareham in Barnstable County, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation protected the largest remaining privately owned parcel on the town'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 40 acres were protected as non-federal match for CELCP funds.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,986,750*

### **Maine: Merrymeeting Bay – 185 acres** (2009)

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife acquired 96 acres of tidal and freshwater marshes along Merrymeeting Bay in Sagadahoc County, part of the Kennebec River Estuary Focus Area; an additional 89 acres were conserved as non-federal match. 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.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$344,000*

### **New York: Peconic Estuary at Reeves Bay – 22 acres** (2009)

Contributing to a larger effort to protect more than 50 acres, the Long Island Town of Southampton in Suffolk County acquired approximately 22 acres of woods and wetlands within the Reeves Bay Complex,



located in the watershed of the federally designated Peconic Estuary Program. Demand for waterfront views and access is high, and this property was targeted for residential development. Today and forever, it now provides high-quality habitat for local flora and fauna, storm and flood water protection, and scenic views; preserves the natural shoreline; and offers numerous public recreational opportunities.  
*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$835,000*

**Washington: Kiket Island, Phase I – 50 acres** (2009)

Protecting 50 acres of the 93-acre Kiket Island in northern Puget Sound launched a new partnership in Washington. The property, now called the Kukutali Preserve, is co-owned and co-managed by Washington State Parks and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. This acquisition protects unique intact island habitat and salmon spawning and nursery grounds, and provides opportunities for nature-based recreation. The rest of Kiket Island was protected through a fiscal year 2010 CELCP grant.  
*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$3,000,000*

## 2008 CELCP Projects

**New Hampshire: Isinglass River – 869 acres** (2008)

The Town of Strafford acquired 286 acres of forest and wetlands along the Isinglass River in Strafford County. The tract, which was threatened by a large residential development, features high-quality fish and wildlife habitat in a rapidly growing area on the New Hampshire seacoast. It also provides a wide range of recreational opportunities, including hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing. Another 583 acres in the watershed were permanently protected as non-federal match.  
*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,300,000*

**North Carolina: Chowan Swamp – 6,449 acres** (2008)

North Carolina's Department of Environment and Natural Resources protected a 6,449 acre property in Gates County, which includes large swaths of forested wetlands, stream buffer, and mixed forest habitats. The property also includes more than 14 miles of river and stream frontage and a direct connection to the existing 14,000-acre Chowan Swamp Game Land. The project contributes to the state's efforts to conserve the coastal tributaries of Albemarle Sound, North America's second largest and highest-quality estuarine system.  
*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$3,000,000*

**California: Jenner Headlands, Phases I and II – 5,630 acres** (2007 and 2008)

Through this project's two phases, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, working with the Sonoma Land Trust, permanently protected Jenner Headlands, a 5,630-acre property in Sonoma County, through a conservation easement that protects its natural resources and prevents development. The property offers valuable habitat for fish and wildlife in the lower Russian River watershed, spectacular coastal views, and excellent opportunities for recreation, particularly by adding to the California Coastal Trail.  
*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$5,850,000 (\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2007 and \$2,850,000 fiscal year 2008)*

**Alaska: Agulowak River and Salmon Habitat Conservation – 1,833 acres** (2008)

The Agulowak River offers high-value spawning habitat for sockeye, coho, king, chum, and pink salmon, supporting a rich fishery for subsistence, recreational, and commercial use. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources protected 1,833 acres of key salmon habitat in Aleknagik County, adding to the

Wood-Tikchik State Park in Southwest Alaska. The property, which was facing development pressure, consists mainly of forests and forested wetlands, with approximately 42 miles of shoreline along Lakes Nerka and Aleknagik.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$750,000*

**New York: Peconic Estuary at Pipes Cove-Stackler Parcels – 35 acres (2008)**

The Town of Southold in Suffolk County protected approximately 35 acres of undeveloped waterfront in the Pipes Cove area of the Peconic Estuary, recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as an “estuary of national significance.” This acreage acquired on the North Fork of Long Island was a key piece in a corridor of protected lands from the estuary to Long Island Sound and includes tidal marsh, freshwater wetlands, upland wooded areas, and over 3,000 feet of frontage on Pipes Cove and Pipes Neck Creek.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,996,822*

## **2007 CELCP Projects**

**Maine: Maquoit Bay – 167 acres (2007)**

The Town of Brunswick acquired two properties totaling 167 acres of uplands, with an additional 61 of subtidal habitats, all located at the head of Maquoit Bay in southern Maine’s Cumberland County. Together, the properties protect a half mile of shoreline, forested uplands, and streams within the Casco Bay watershed, and enable public access to the waterfront. The project also enhances ongoing conservation efforts in the area.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,964,715 (\$1,450,000 in fiscal year 2007 and \$514,715 in fiscal year 2006)*

**Massachusetts: Center Hill Beach, Plymouth – 82.3 acres (2007)**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation acquired a conservation easement on 25.5 acres of oceanfront and coastal forest on Cape Cod Bay, as well as a second conservation easement over another 56.8 upland acres. This project, in partnership with the Town of Plymouth, conserves one of largest remaining blocks of pristine coastal land available for purchase for open space protection, contributing to the conservation context of adjacent areas and creating additional opportunities for public access. In addition to the ecological features that the project protects, archaeological and horticultural resources are also preserved.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$2,250,000*

**California: Jenner Headlands, Phases I and II – 5,630 acres (2007 and 2008)**

Through this project’s two phases, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, working with the Sonoma Land Trust, permanently protected Jenner Headlands, a 5,630-acre property in Sonoma County, through a conservation easement that protects its natural resources and prevents development. The property offers valuable habitat for fish and wildlife in the lower Russian River watershed, spectacular coastal views, and excellent opportunities for recreation, particularly by adding to the California Coastal Trail.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$5,850,000 (\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2007 and \$2,850,000 fiscal year 2008)*

**Connecticut: East River Corridor – 548 acres (2007)**

The Town of Guilford, in association with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, acquired 534 acres and conserved an additional 14 acres through easement along two miles of the East River, an estuarine embayment of Long Island Sound. No longer threatened by development, the property is and will remain mixed coastal hardwood forest, forested wetlands, open grassland fields, and tidal marsh, one of the largest and healthiest remaining in the state. The property is in New Haven County.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$3,000,000*

**Ohio: Bratenahl – 7.9 acres (2007)**

In 2009, the Village of Bratenahl partnered with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy to acquire a 7.9-acre property that conserves riparian forest habitat along Dugway Creek near its outlet to Lake Erie. Together with another parcel acquired in 2007 with CELCP funding, these acquisitions created the 19.5-acre Lake Erie Coastal and Riparian Forest Preserve, capitalizing on a rare opportunity to protect natural lands along Cleveland's Great Lakes shoreline. Located in Cuyahoga County, the preserve provides migratory bird stopover habitat, passive recreation, and scenic views for travelers of the Lakeshore Boulevard, a National Scenic Byway.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$714,000*

**New Jersey: Delaware Bayshore at Cohansey River-Streep Parcel – 750.65 acres (2007)**

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection acquired 750 acres along the Cohansey River in Cumberland County to protect forested uplands and wetlands, laying the groundwork to restore degraded wetlands and fields along the river. It is now managed as part of the Dix Wildlife Management Area.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$2,000,000*

**Delaware: Delaware Reserve-Blackbird Creek Reserve-Eagles Nest Road Area – 659 acres (2007)**

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control acquired 367 acres adjacent to the core area of the Blackbird Creek Reserve component of the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve in New Castle County, and another five properties totaling 292 acres as in-kind match. Together, these lands conserve large swaths of intact mature forest, numerous coastal plain ponds, and rare species and natural communities. At the time of this conservation win, the area was considered one of the most rapidly growing in the nation.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$3,000,000*

**Ohio: Port Clinton Waterfront – 14.7 acres (2007)**

The City of Port Clinton acquired a 14.7-acre parcel along the shore of Lake Erie. The property is part of the Atlantic and Mississippi Flyways for migratory birds and is an Audubon Ohio Designated Important Bird Area. The property builds on birdwatching and passive recreational opportunities in Ottawa County, connecting conserved lands to both the east and west, altogether preserving a three-quarter-mile stretch of beach.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$875,000*

**Maine: Stockton Harbor – 1.2 acres**

**(2007)**

The Town of Stockton Springs acquired 1.2 acres on Stockton Harbor, a small harbor of Penobscot Bay in Waldo County. The property provides public access and protects tidal shorelands containing significant aquatic beds and mudflats that serve as shellfish habitat.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$222,500*

**Oregon: Fort Stevens – 440 acres**

**(2007)**

In 2009, Oregon's Parks and Recreation Department protected 440 acres and 1.4 miles of Pacific Ocean shoreline in Clatsop County. Known as Delaura Beach, the property has extensive coastal dunes and upland forests, as well as sandy beaches and marine intertidal zones. The land, which is adjacent to Fort Stevens State Park, expands the park and improves coastal recreation, including walking and hiking trails and beach access.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$660,000*

**Georgia: Altamaha River Sand Ridges – 4,162 acres**

**(2007)**

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources acquired 4,162 acres along the Altamaha River in McIntosh County. This property is primarily composed of palustrine forested wetlands and evergreen forests. It is home to longleaf pine, gopher tortoises, and the globally imperiled plant, Radford's mint, found only in the Altamaha sand ridges. A broad partnership has conserved tens of thousands of acres in the lower Altamaha River corridor in the decades since it was first recognized as a conservation priority in the early 1970s. The area preserves rich riparian forests, healthy aquatic habitats, and connection to the Atlantic Ocean, where among other benefits, it feeds two barrier island complexes.

*CELCP Dollars Awarded: \$1,149,271*