

MAINE NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

MAINE'S IN-LIEU FEE COMPENSATION PROGRAM



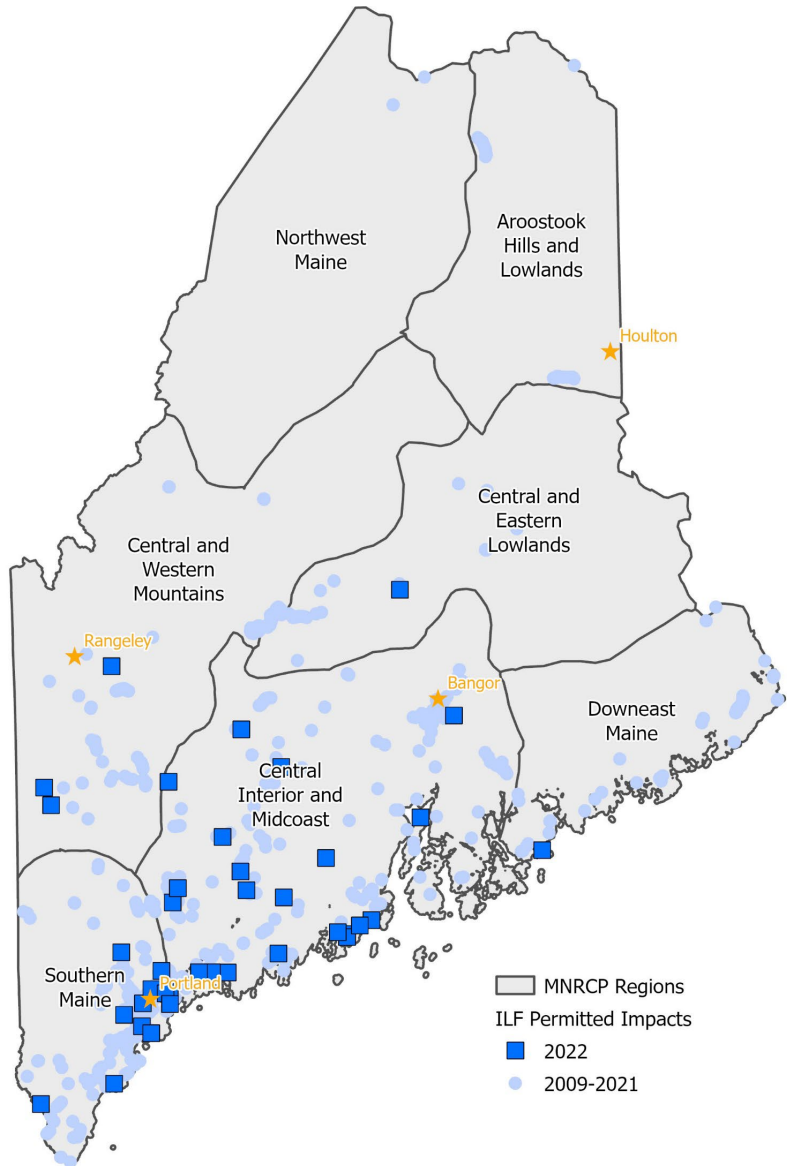
MAWS Meeting

March 21, 2024

MNRCP

Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program

MNRCP Overview

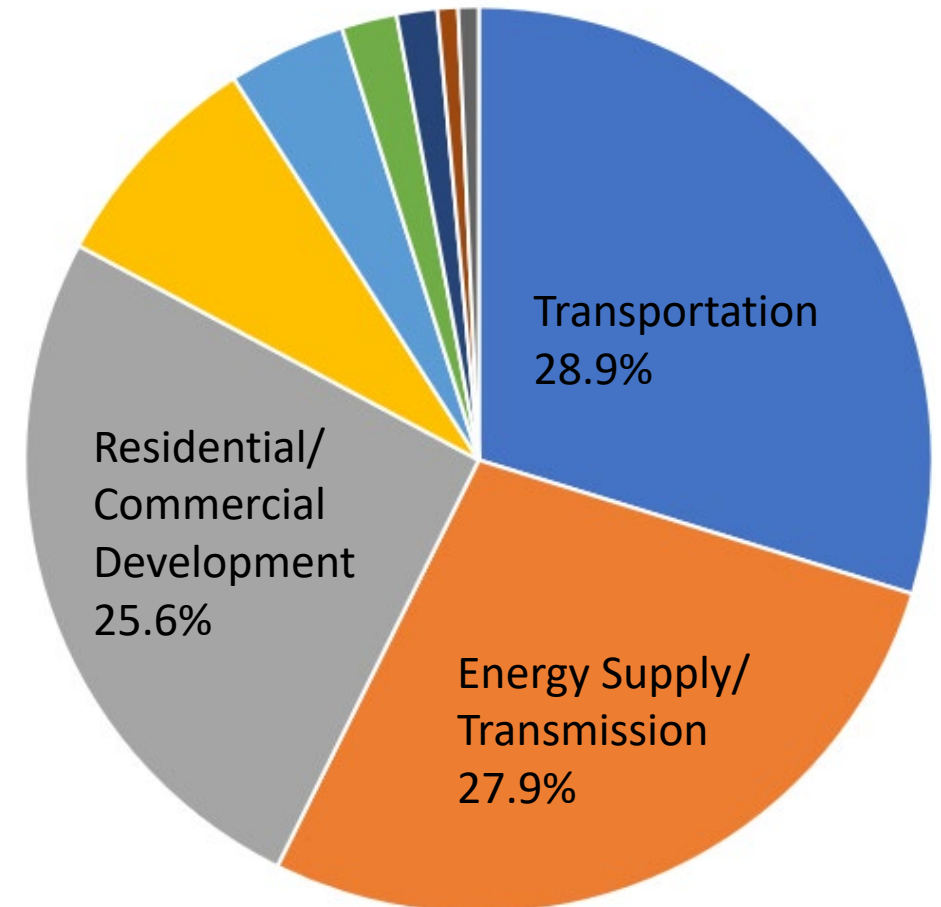


- Statewide In Lieu Fee Program
- Voluntary mitigation program for wetland and wildlife impacts
- Fees assessed by DEP/Army Corps during permitting
- Fees are collected in 7 regions
- MNRCP – awards funds annually through competitive grant process to projects that serve as compensation for impacts

Program Usage

~\$39.7 Million
461 Permitted Projects

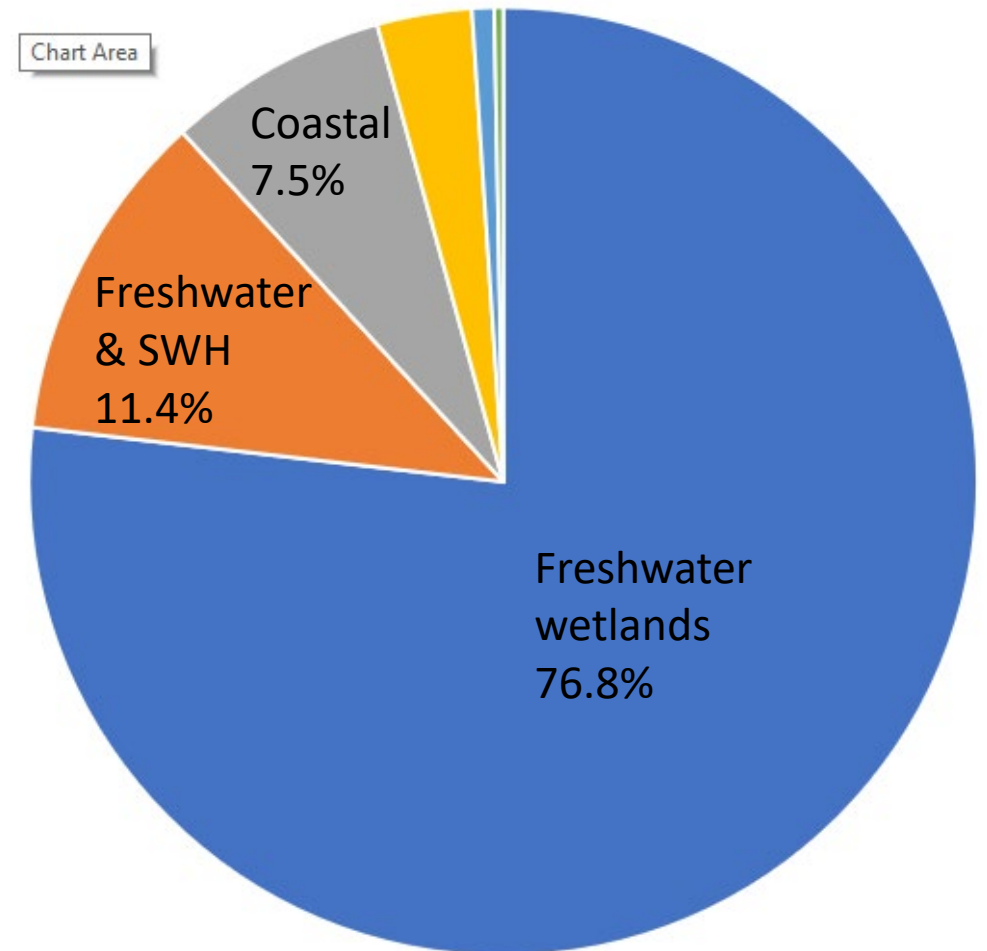
Impact Category	% of Total
Transportation	28.9%
Energy Supply/Transmission	27.9%
Residential/Commercial Development	25.6%
Education/Health Facility	8.2%
Federal Government	4.2%
Municipal	2.0%
Working Waterfront	1.4%
Recreation	0.7%
Other	0.7%



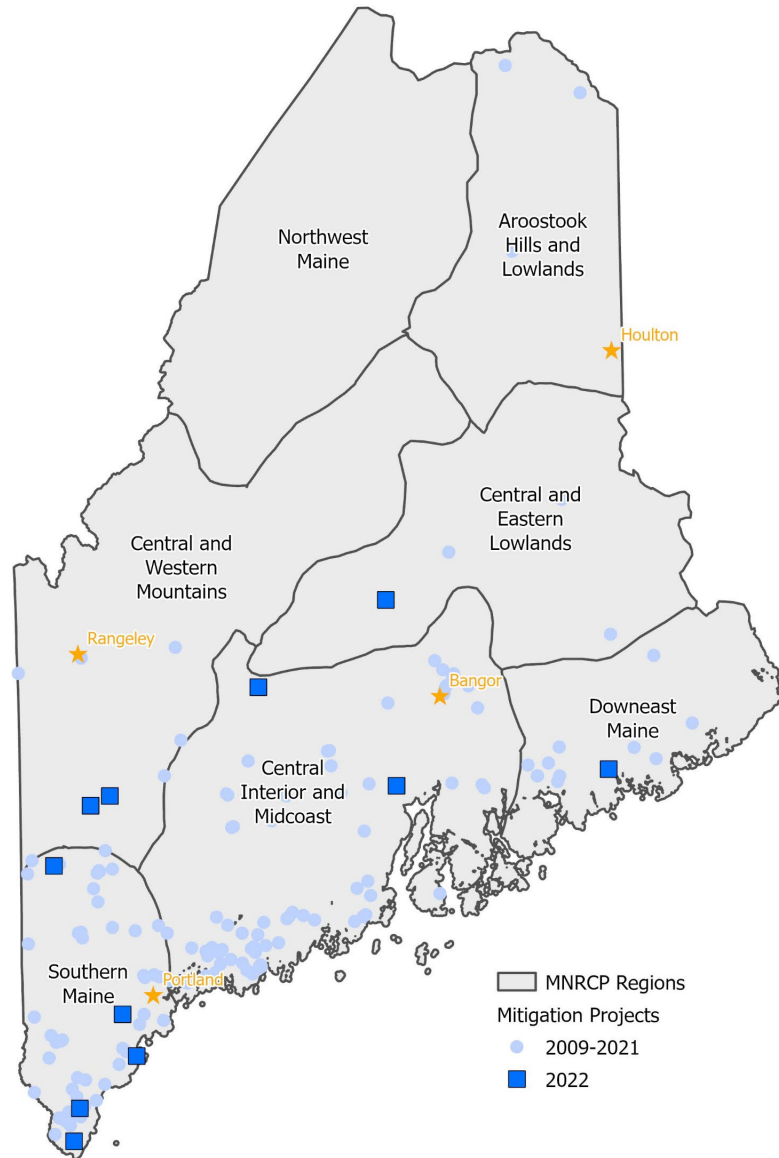
Program Impacts

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Habitat Category	% of Total
Freshwater wetlands	76.8
Freshwater wetlands & SWH	11.4
Coastal wetlands	7.5
Significant Wildlife Habitat	3.2
Freshwater & coastal wetlands	0.8
Groundwater	0.3



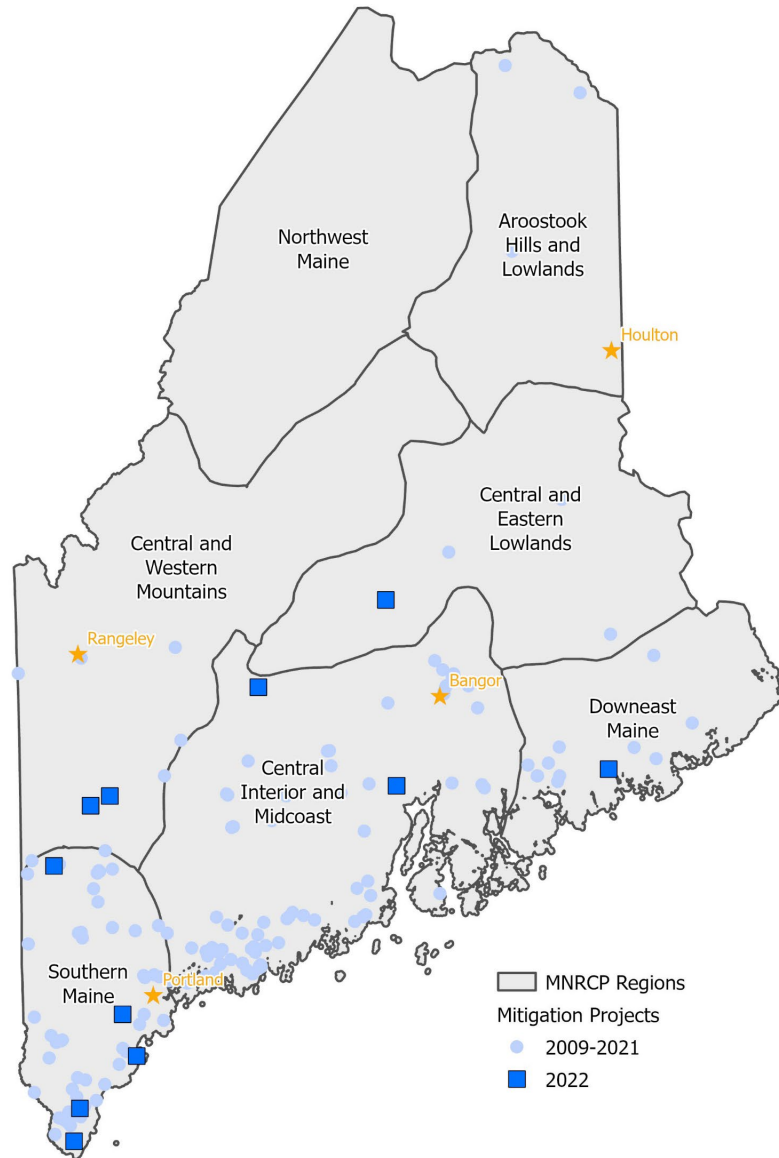
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174 Projects

Region	Projects
Aroostook Hills & Lowlands	3
Central & Eastern Lowlands	4
Central & Western Mountains	11
Central Interior & Midcoast	77
Downeast Maine	13
Northwest Maine	0
Southern Maine	66
TOTAL:	174

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Compensation Type	# of Projects
Preservation Only	109
Preservation + Restoration/ Enhancement	20
Restoration or Enhancement	37
Fish passage	8
TOTAL:	174

Credits

Region	Debits	Credits	Balance
Aroostook Hills & Lowlands	6.74	7.5	0.75
Central & Eastern Lowlands	16.02	76.94	60.92
Central & Western Mountains	53.2	46.62	-6.55
Central Interior & Midcoast	141.07	394.04	252.99
Downeast Maine	11.56	17.72	6.15
Northwest Maine	0.32	0	-0.32
Southern Maine	93.89	282.14	188.23
TOTAL:	322.8	824.9	502.2

* Data as of October 23, 2023

How do we get more Restoration?

- Prioritizing restoration at LOI phase and in final review
- Outreach
- TNC restoration opportunity modeling



Restoration Site ID

Kennebunkport Conservation
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Restoration Projects

- Fill/structure removal
- Dam, culvert, barrier removals
- Tidal marsh restoration
- Restoration of agricultural fields
- Eelgrass restoration

Preservation

- Vernal pools
- Significant Wildlife Habitat (IWWH)
- Marsh migration

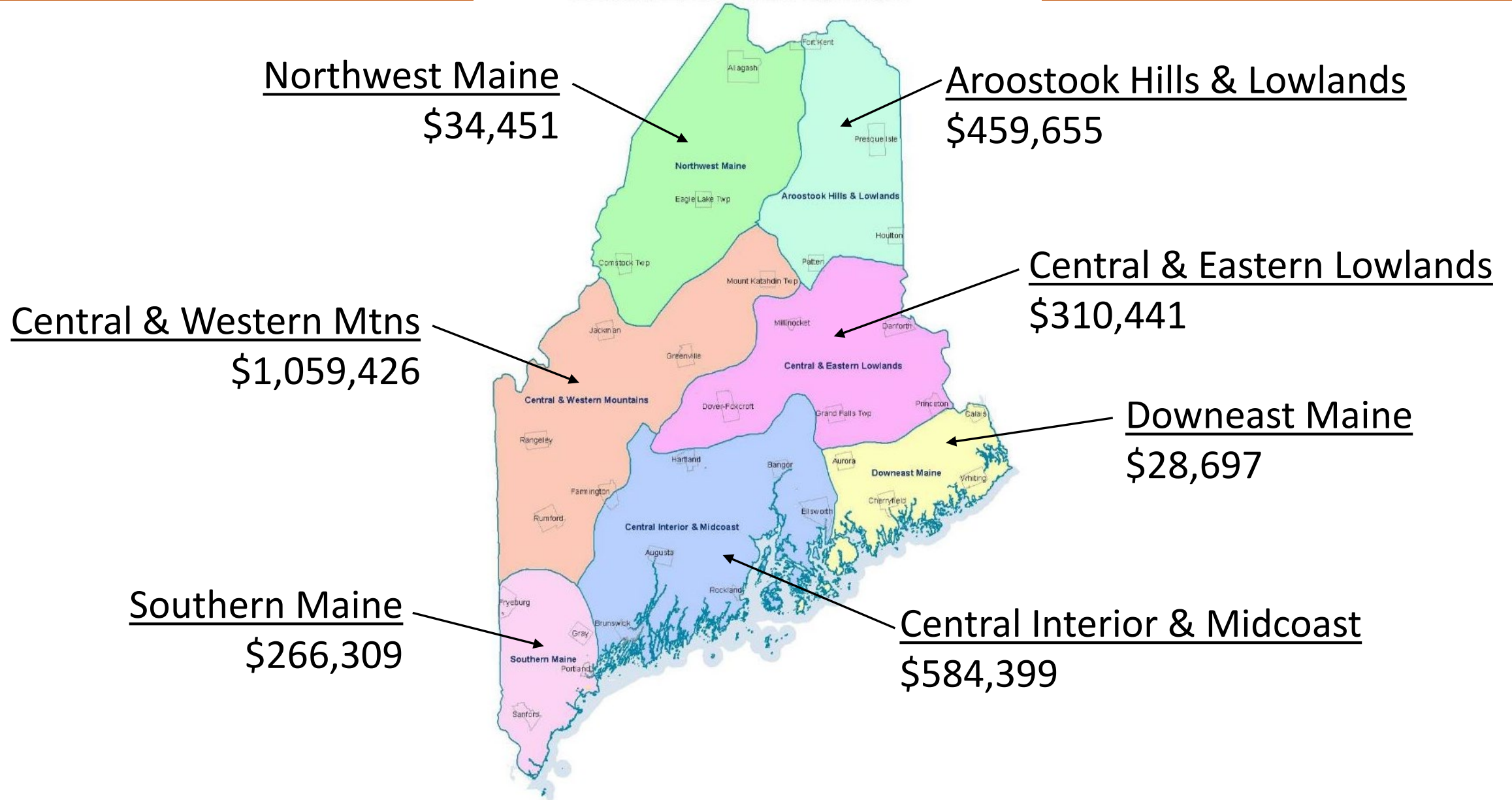




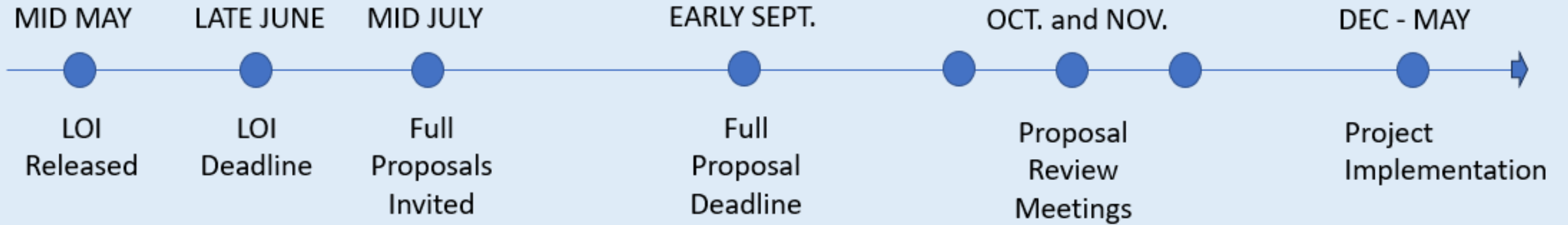
Important MNRCPC Reminders

- Restoration Projects Needed
- Conservation groups need expertise/capacity
- MNRCPC can (and wants to) pay for:
 - Project management
 - Baseline surveys
 - Design
 - Permitting
 - Long-term monitoring
 - Adaptive management
- Don't need a final design for proposal

FUNDS AVAILABLE



MNRCP Timeline



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Thank you!

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