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FRIENDS OF MERRYMEETING BAY 2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Media
Print: Approximately 17 articles:
- Archaeology, Education, DEP/Mussels, Land Conservation,
- Environmental Bond Issue
TV: 2 Networks:
- Archaeology
Radio: Maine Public Radio:
- Dam Removal/Fish Restoration

Membership
355 members [41 new members this year]
Volunteer days - over 300
Speaker Series - 500 people
Paddle Series - 16 people
Newsletters - 4

Funds Leveraged
$190,000

Outreach Presentations
- UMO MidCoast Senior College Kennebec Trip: 40 people
- Androscoggin Source to the Sea Trek-12 people

Education
- Bay Day (600 students - up from 275 in 2002)
- Hall-Dale on the Bay (100 students)
- Curriculum Binder, increased distribution
- Web site updates

Conservation and Stewardship
- Total Protected – 112 acres, 6,350' of shoreline
- Gallant - 25 acres, 3500' shoreline, 12 acres wetland, in Bowdoinham
- Peddicord - 33 acres, 1600' shoreline, 10 acres wetland in Bowdoinham
- Frye - 17 acres, Bowdoinham
- Easements
  - One easement, 35 acres, 1250'of shoreline, Dresden
  - Two easements in progress, 100 acres, 3600' shoreline in Richmond & Woolwich
- Stewardship
  - First easement violation (ATV Trail) resolved

Research
- Caged Mussel projects on Kennebec & Androscoggin
- Choice View Farm Archaeological Dig with Maine Historic Preservation Comm.

 HOW THE CHAIR SPENT HIS TIME

Research & Advocacy 55%
Administration 3%
Steering Committee 8% **
Conservation & Stewardship 20%
Education 6%
Membership Services 7% *

* Includes quarterly newsletter production and mailing
** One Time [hopefully] Event. Largely reflects major effort and expense of multiple Steering Committee meetings, facilitation and retreat.

Important to remember is that while our budget is relatively small, FOMB is exceptionally good at utilizing in-kind & small cash contributions to leverage funds from other organizations, companies, & state & federal agencies. In 2003 we leveraged approximately $190,000 towards research & land conservation efforts. Your donations to FOMB go a very long way!

Steve Taylor, [former] Treasurer

2003 FINANCIALS

Income $33,992
- Donations $13,992 42%
- Events $296 1%
- Grants $10,000 30%
- Membership Dues $9,027 27%

Expenses $32,725
- Program Work $23,558 72%
- Administration $1163 4%
- Member Services & Fundraising $3179 10% *
- Board Retreat/Facilitation $4500 14% **

Coordinated on Invasive Plant project with The Nature Conservancy
Water Quality Monitoring – 16 sites [up from 13]
Water Quality Monitoring – applying for EPA Certification

Advocacy ( postings, letters, testimony, etc)
- Speed Limit Signs
- Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Signs
- SAPPI Relicensing Permit
- Kennebec River Reclassification Upgrade [SUCEEDED]
- Sunday Hunting [LD 679 & 755]
- Land for Maine’s Future [LD 92 & 176]
- Limitation of State Funds for Land Conservation [LD 94]
- EPA-Right-To-Know Web Access, Toxic Use Reduction
- Gulf Island Pond

Primary Partners
- The Nature Conservancy
- Bowdoin College Environmental Studies Department
- Department of Environmental Protection
- Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Maine Natural Areas Program
- Department of Marine Resources
- Friends of Casco Bay
- Maine Toxics Action Coalition
- Applied Biomonitoring
- International Paper
- SAPPI
- Gardiner Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Maine Rivers
- Maine Historic Preservation Commission
- Environment Canada
- Maine Coast Heritage Trust
- Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition
- Patagonia Outlet, Freeport

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