Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2004 Accomplishments

Media
Print: Approximately 24 articles:
- Archaeology
- Education
- DEP Enforcement
- Caged Mussels
- Land Conservation
- Dam Removal
- Fish Restoration
- American Eel kills

Volunteers
Minimum 300 volunteer days
123 volunteers

Membership
340 members (72 new members this year)
- Speaker Series - 150 people
- Outside 2004 [Paddle Series & Walks - 49 people]
- Newsletters - 4

Funds Leveraged
- $73,000 [land acquisition]

Grants
- $10,000 [staff]
- $50,000 [Current Study] ($22,000 in 04, balance in 05)

Outreach Presentations
- Androscoggin Source to the Sea Trek-k people
- Gulf of Maine Sea Kayak Symposium-5 people
- Maine Wastewater Association Training Conference-30 people
- Western Maine Audubon-30 people
- Kennebec Historic Waterway Conference-participant
- Toxics Action Center Conference-participant/display
- Portland Neighborhood Coalition Conference-40 people

Education
- Two Bay Days [320 students]
- Hall-Dale on the Bay [80 students]
- Curriculum Binder; increased distribution
- School Visits-22 [520 students]
- Web site updates

Conservation and Stewardship
- Total Protected – 191 acres, 8,000’ of shoreline
  - Acquisitions [with Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition] Umberhind - 96 acres, 5200’
    Abbagadassett R. shoreline, in Bowdoinham
  - Easements One easement, 70 acres, 1300’of shoreline-Kennebec; 1500’ of shoreline-Chops
    Creek, plus 25 acres tidal wetland, Woolwich
  - Stewardship All easements monitored

Research
- Completed & released Caged Mussel reports on Kennebec & Androscoggin
- East Brunswick Archaeological Dig with Bowdoin College & MI-IPC
- Coordinated on Invasive Plant project with The Nature Conservancy
- Water Quality Monitoring – 16 sites

Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc)
- Speed Limit Signs
- Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Signs
- Land for Maine’s Future
- American Eel Protection
- Dioxin Monitoring Program/Surface Water
  - Ambient Toxics Program
- Fort Halifax Dam Removal
  [Federal Energy Regulatory Commission]
- Gardiner Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades
- Fish Consumption Advisories
- Hydro Power Alternatives Analyses
- Gulf Island Pond
- Toxic Release Inventory
- Redrock Wilderness Act
- Kennebec Gravel Mining
- USFSW Salmon Hatchery Support
- Utah Wilderness Coalition
- Center for Environmental Health & Justice
- Bowdoinham Float Plane Dock
- USFSW Gulf of Maine Coastal Program
- Brunswick Aquifer Protection Zone

Primary Partners
- The Nature Conservancy
- Bowdoin College Environmental Studies
- 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
- SAPP
- Gardiner Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Maine Rivers
- Maine Historic Preservation Commission
- Environment Canada
- Maine Coast Heritage Trust
- Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition
- Patagonia Outlet, Freeport
- Grand View Neighborhood Group
- Land Trust Alliance
- Maine Eco
- Androscoggin Alliance
- Friends of Kennebec Salmon
- Maine Maritime Museum

2004 Financials

Expenses ($34,361)

Volunteer Energy (3000 hours)
(includes Chair, committee, & all other vols.)

Income ($60,645)

1 Includes archaeological dig & water quality testing
2 Includes Bay Days
3 Staff time went to 35% program work; 33% membership, outreach & fundraising; 22% admin (inc. setting up new computer and database); 10% newsletter
4 Includes quarterly newsletter printing and postage
5 Includes new computer