



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

April 16, 2024



His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
 and the Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to enter into a contract with the Rockingham County Conservation District (VC #154584-B001), Brentwood, NH, in the amount of \$61,850 for the *Coastal Resilience at Odiorne Point State Park on the Little Harbor shoreline* project, effective upon Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2025. 100% Federal funds.

Funds are available in the following account:

	<u>FY 2024</u>
03-44-44-442010-3642-102-500731	\$61,850
Dept. of Environmental Services, Coastal Zone Management, Contracts for Program Services	

EXPLANATION

NHDES requests approval to enter into a contract with the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) to complete the Coastal Resilience at Odiorne Point State Park on the Little Harbor Shoreline project (the Project). The NHDES Coastal Program (NHCP) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on May 13, 2023, for coastal community and habitat resilience projects. Projects eligible to receive funding from NHCP's competitive Coastal Resilience Grant funding opportunity included projects that build neighborhood, grassroots, or municipal capacity for coastal resilience work; integrate coastal flood risk guidance into local plans and regulations; and site-specific projects that increase the resilience of physical assets. Nine eligible proposals were received and ranked according to selection criteria and selection committee discussion. Four proposals were selected and three accepted to receive funding, including the proposal submitted by RCCD for the Project. A scoring matrix that includes a list of the selection committee, along with their titles and level of experience is provided in Attachment B.

RCCD will work with Odiorne State Park and various partners to conduct natural and cultural resource assessments within the Little Harbor Shoreline area. This data will be used to create a conceptual resiliency plan to improve ecosystem functions and values of degraded resources. This product will include modifications to existing trail systems that are currently impacting environmental resources and ecosystem services.

Since 2009, the RCCD has actively worked on maintaining the function and integrity of the coastal resources in two-thirds of Odiorne State Park. The area of the Park for this project has been one of the last areas evaluated for habitat restoration due to the dense invasive vegetation. Additionally, increased visitation since 2020 has led to an expansion of unauthorized trail development, leading to flattened

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vegetation, dune and wetland resources, and salt marsh habitat. The Project includes designing signage and trail mapping to help navigate new changes to combat these threats to the Park and its resources.

Total project costs are budget at \$80,706. NHDES will provide \$61,850 of the project costs through this federal grant. RCCD will provide \$18,856 in non-federal matching funds. A budget breakdown is provided in Attachment A.

In the event federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program. The agreement has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General as to form, execution, and content.

We respectfully request your approval.



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

Notice: This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IDENTIFICATION.

1.1 State Agency Name New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services		1.2 State Agency Address 29 Hazen Dr., Concord, NH 03301	
1.3 Contractor Name Rockingham County Conservation District		1.4 Contractor Address 110 North Rd, Brentwood, NH 03833	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number (603) 679-2790	1.6 Account Unit and Class 03-44-44-442010-3642-102-500731	1.7 Completion Date December 31, 2025	1.8 Price Limitation \$61,850
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Kevin Lucey		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-559-0026	
1.11 Contractor Signature  Date: 3/20/24		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Samantha Cyr Board of Supervisors Chair for RCCD	
1.13 State Agency Signature  Date: 4/25/24		1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Robert R. Scott, Commissioner NHDES	
1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable) By:  , Melissa Feles On: 4/29/24			
1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable) G&C Item number: _____ G&C Meeting Date: _____			

2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 (“State”), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 (“Contractor”) to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference (“Services”).

3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 (“Effective Date”).

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed.

3.3 Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/ PAYMENT.

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8. The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance

hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 The State’s liability under this Agreement shall be limited to monetary damages not to exceed the total fees paid. The Contractor agrees that it has an adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Agreement by the State and hereby waives any right to specific performance or other equitable remedies against the State.

6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws and the Governor’s order on Respect and Civility in the Workplace, Executive order 2020-01. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, religious creed, national origin, gender identity, or gender expression, and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination, unless exempt by state or federal law. The Contractor shall ensure any subcontractors comply with these nondiscrimination requirements.

6.3 No payments or transfers of value by Contractor or its representatives in connection with this Agreement have or shall be made which have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery, or acceptance of or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks, or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining business.

6.4. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor’s books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with this Agreement and all rules, regulations and orders pertaining to the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7. PERSONNEL.

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or any successor, shall be the State’s point of contact pertaining to this Agreement.

8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

- 8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;
- 8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or
- 8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) calendar days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

9. TERMINATION.

9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State's discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a transition plan for Services under the Agreement.

10. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP/DISCLOSURE.

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "Property" shall mean all data, information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

10.2 All data and any Property which has been received from the State, or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

10.3 Disclosure of data, information and other records shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A and/or other applicable law. Disclosure requires prior written approval of the State.

11. **CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.

12.1 Contractor shall provide the State written notice at least fifteen (15) calendar days before any proposed assignment, delegation, or other transfer of any interest in this Agreement. No such assignment, delegation, or other transfer shall be effective without the written consent of the State.

12.2 For purposes of paragraph 12, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. "Change of Control" means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.

12.3 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State.

12.4 The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

13. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State, its officers, and employees from and against all actions, claims, damages, demands, judgments, fines, liabilities, losses, and other expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or relating to this Agreement directly or indirectly arising from death, personal injury, property damage, intellectual property infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers, or employees caused by the acts or omissions of negligence, reckless or willful misconduct, or fraud by the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the State's sovereign immunity, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. INSURANCE.

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all Property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the Property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. At the request of the Contracting Officer, or any successor, the Contractor shall provide certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. WAIVER OF BREACH. A State's failure to enforce its rights with respect to any single or continuing breach of this Agreement shall not act as a waiver of the right of the State to later enforce any such rights or to enforce any other or any subsequent breach.

17. NOTICE. Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

18. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

19. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.

19.1 This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

19.2 Any actions arising out of this Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration, but must, instead, be brought and maintained in the Merrimack County Superior Court of New Hampshire which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

20. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and any other portion of this Agreement including any attachments thereto, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

21. THIRD PARTIES. This Agreement is being entered into for the sole benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or will confer any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature upon any other person.

22. HEADINGS. The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

23. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

24. FURTHER ASSURANCES. The Contractor, along with its agents and affiliates, shall, at its own cost and expense, execute any additional documents and take such further actions as may be reasonably required to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and give effect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

25. SEVERABILITY. In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

26. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Exhibit A
Special Provisions

Federal Funds paid under this agreement are from a Contract Agreement to the State from the US Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under CFDA # 11.419. All applicable requirements, regulations, provisions, terms and conditions of this Federal Contract Agreement are hereby adopted in full force and effect to the relationship between this Department and the Contractor.

In addition to the General Provisions of Paragraph 1 through 26, the following provisions as required by federal regulations apply to this Agreement:

I) ***Nondiscrimination.*** The Contractor shall comply with 15 CFR part 8 which prohibits discrimination under any program or activity receiving DOC assistance on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or handicap, and 15 CFR part 20 which prohibits discrimination based on age.

II) ***Financial management.*** The Contractor shall comply with 2 CFR part 200 Subpart D and the specific standards regarding financial reporting, accounting records, internal control, budget control, allowable cost, source documentation, and cash management outlined therein.

III) ***Allowable costs.*** All costs charged to this Agreement shall be eligible, necessary, and reasonable for performing the tasks outlined in the approved project scope of services. The costs, including match, shall be incurred during the period of performance of the project, and shall be allowable, meaning that the costs must conform to specific federal requirements detailed in 2 CFR part 200 Subpart E.

IV) ***Matching funds.*** All matching funds contributed by the Contractor shall conform to the same laws, regulations, and Contract conditions as the federal funds in the Agreement and referenced in 2 CFR part 200 Subpart E.

V) ***Property Management.*** The Contractor shall comply with the property management and procedures detailed in 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D.

VI) ***Debarment and Suspension.*** The Contractor shall comply with 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart C. By signing and submitting the Agreement, the Contractor certifies that they have not been debarred or suspended by a government agency. The Contractor will not make any award or permit any award (subcontract) at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension.

VII) ***Procurement.*** When purchasing goods or services with contract or match funds, the Contractor shall comply with procurement regulations as detailed in 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D which include procurement standards, competition, methods of procurement, contract cost and price, agency review, bonding requirements, and contract provisions.

a. **Assignment of Subcontracts.** The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this contract without the prior written consent of the Contract Owner and the State.

b. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall:

- i. Ensure that every subcontract includes provisions for compliance with Federal and State standards applicable to the contract;
- ii. Ensure that every subcontract includes any clauses required by Federal statute and executive orders and their implementing regulations; and
- iii. Ensure that subcontractors are aware of requirements imposed upon them by State and Federal statutes and regulations.

VIII) *Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.* The Contractor shall comply with the terms of 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D, which requires that organizations conduct a competitive procurement process making a good faith effort to utilize goods and services provided by disadvantaged businesses.

IX) *New Restrictions on Lobbying: Interim Final Rule.* The Contractor shall comply with the terms of 15 CFR part 28 and 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E which prohibit the use of federal Contract funds to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal employee, and requires the submission of Standard Form LLL ("Disclosure of Lobbying Activities") if *nonfederal* funds have been used to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal employee.

X) *Drug-Free Workplace.* The Contractor shall comply with the terms of 2 CFR part 1329 which require that as a condition of the Agreement, certification that they maintain a drug-free workplace. By signing and submitting the Agreement, the Contractor certifies that he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity associated with the Agreement.

XI) *Bonding requirements.* The Contractor shall comply with 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D for construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$150,000), the minimum requirements shall be as follows:

- a. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantee" shall consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of his bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.
- b. A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.
- c. A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "payment bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

XII) *Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA).* The Contractor shall comply with the terms of the FFATA by providing NHDES with their Unique Entity Number (UEI), and all applicable Executive Compensation Data information as required under the FFATA. The UEI is SAXZLVXHUDD9.

Exhibit B
Scope of Services

Project Title: Coastal Resilience at Odiorne Point State Park on the Little Harbor shoreline

Project Goal: The goal of this project is to conduct resource assessments and create designs of resiliency practices suitable for this sensitive coastal area. The Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) will guide coastal habitat resilience through a collaborative process with partners (listed below) and end with a conceptual design aimed to include modifications to existing trail systems that are currently impacting environmental resources and ecosystem services.

Project Partners: New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People (COWASS North American, Inc.), University of New Hampshire SeaGrant (UNH-NHSG), Seacoast Science Center (SSC), New Hampshire Fish & Game (NHFG)

Task 1. Project Management

Estimated timeframe: Upon G&C approval – December 2025

Task 1.1 Project Management

RCCD to complete project management and coordination, administration, and all financial reporting throughout entire grant - to include all match documentation.

Task 2: Project Kickoff

Estimated timeframe: Winter/Spring 2024

Task 2.1 Initial Partner Meetings

Partner meetings with DNCR, UNH-NHSG, NHFG, COWASS, and other stakeholders to lay out expected timeframe and details.

Deliverable(s):

- Agenda and meeting notes.

Task 3: GPS Natural Resources & Maps

Estimated timeframe: April 2024 – May 2025

3.1: GPS Natural Resources and Mapping

RCCD staff to flag, GPS locate, and photograph all wetlands within focus area and update all mapping products with data collected.

Deliverable(s):

- GPS data of all resources delineated, updated resource maps, and any needed photographs.

3.2: Cultural Data Review and GPS

GPS locations and mapping of cultural resources, reviewed by partners, review and updates to cultural findings, write up with any additional cultural resource recommendations.

Deliverable(s):

- GPS data all cultural resources, maps, photographs, any written documents, reviewed with any updated recommendations.

Task 4: Outreach Sessions and Site Walks

Estimated timeframe: April 2024 – December 2024

4.1 Outreach Sessions

RCCD to work with partners on outreach materials and best targeted audiences, to offer at least two initial outreach sessions.

Deliverable(s):

- Distributed materials and attendance sheets.

Task 5: Signage Design

Estimated timeframe: October 2024- October 2025

5.1 Collaborative Community Design

Signage designs with partner input on logos, text and colors, and consistent messaging regarding protecting natural and cultural resources, supplies. Sign design will comply with NHCP funding credit and ADA compliance requirements. Sign installation will occur in a subsequent phase.

Deliverable(s):

- Sign design including size, content, graphics, supplies, reviewed with partners including estimated locations for future posting.

Task 6. Prepare Baseline Map and Consult with Stakeholders

Estimated timeframe: April 2024- October 2025

6.1 Prepare Baseline Map and Consult with Partners

Prepare a comprehensive baseline map of existing conditions and incorporate new data types (LIDAR, SLAMM modeling, etc.). Utilize baseline map to conduct on and off-site consultation with partners to develop concepts and recommendations for a resilient shoreline and trail design.

Deliverable(s):

- Baseline Map
- Draft maps depicting initial partner recommendations for phased coastal restoration and trail modification.

6.2 Prepare Proposed Condition Map and Conduct Pre-Permitting Consultation

Prepare a proposed condition map depicting concepts for trail modification and habitat restoration, including priority phasing. Utilize proposed condition map to convene pre-permitting consultation with NHDES Wetlands Bureau.

Deliverable(s):

- Proposed condition maps
- Meeting notes

Task 7. Prepare Conceptual Design Plan

Estimated timeframe: December 2024- December 2025

7.1 Prepare Conceptual Design Plan and Present at Two Outreach Opportunities

Present proposed conditions map to stakeholders at two outreach opportunities, including the DNCR, Lands Management Committee for final input and recommendations for phased modification plans, next steps, possible labor and materials, preliminary costs estimates of phased designs, and priority funding opportunities.

Deliverable(s):

- Draft conceptual design plan
- Preliminary cost estimates
- Distributed materials, presentation, notes from meetings, and attendance sheets (if applicable)

7.2 Develop Final Conceptual Design Plan

Partner meeting presenting final mapping plans, and completion of conceptual plans for 2050/2100, including most relevant funding options.

Deliverable(s):

- Final Conceptual Design Plan
- Final presentation, sign in sheets.

Task 8. Reporting

Timeframe: June 2024 – December 2025

RCCD will prepare and submit interim reports by every June 30th and December 31st during the project period, and one final report by the last day of the project, December 31st, 2025.

Deliverable(s):

- Interim Reports (June 2024, December 2024, June 2025)
 - o Interim reporting activities as required by NHDES Coastal Program (NHCP).
- Final Project Report to NHCP (December 2025).
 - o Final reporting activities as required by NHCP.

Funding credit and ADA Compliance:

All final work products and outreach materials shall include the NOAA, NHDES and NHCP logos and shall state that "This project was funded, in part, by NOAA's Office for Coastal Management under the Coastal Zone Management Act in conjunction with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program." All final work products must meet the applicable Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II Regulations to the extent practicable and shall be guided by best practices outlined in the Revised Section 508 Standards of the Rehabilitation Act and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). At minimum, final work products shall include sans-serif fonts, underlined and descriptive text links, color best practices, captions for audio and video content, headers in tables, images with alt text, gender-neutral text, and consideration of the Plain Writing Act. Examples of final work products and outreach materials include, but are not limited to, project reports, press releases, newsletter articles, websites, videos and signage.

Exhibit C
Method of Payment and Contract Price

The State shall pay to the Contractor the total reimbursable program costs in accordance with the following requirements:

Reimbursement requests for program costs shall be made by the Contractor using a payment request form as supplied by the State, which shall be completed and signed by the Contractor. The payment request form shall be accompanied by proper supporting documentation in the amount of each requested disbursement and required matching funds. Documentation of reimbursable and matching costs may include invoices for supplies, equipment, services, contractual services, and a report of personnel, travel and indirect costs. For projects that demonstrate progress solely through the submission of interim progress reports, payments shall be made upon receipt, review and approval of the interim progress report and accompanying payment request form. Payments shall be made to the Contractor no more frequently than monthly.

The total reimbursement shall not exceed the grant award of \$61,850. Matching funds provided by the Contractor shall total at least \$18,856 of non-federal cash and in-kind services.

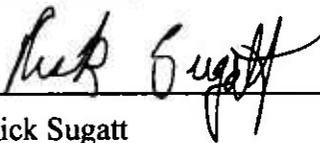
CERTIFICATE of AUTHORITY

I, Rick Sugatt, of the Rockingham County Conservation District, do hereby certify that:

- (1) I am the duly elected Secretary;
- (2) at the meeting held on February 21, 2024, the Rockingham County Conservation District voted to accept DES funds and to enter into a contract with the Department of Environmental Services;
- (3) the Rockingham County Conservation District further authorized the Chair to execute any documents which may be necessary for this contract;
- (4) this authorization has not been revoked, annulled, or amended in any manner whatsoever, and remains in full force and effect as of the date hereof; and
- (5) the following person has been appointed to and now occupies the office indicated in (3) above:

Samanth Cyr, Chair

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as the Secretary of the Rockingham County Conservation District, this 20 day of March 2024.



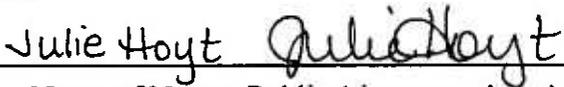
 Rick Sugatt

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
County of Rockingham

On this the 20 day of March, 2024 before me Rick Sugatt the undersigned officer, personally appeared Greg Balog who acknowledged him/herself to be the Secretary of the Rockingham County Conservation District being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and official seal.

JULIE A. HOYT, Notary Public
My Commission Expires February 3, 2026



 Name of Notary Public (signature above)

Commission Expiration Date:
(Seal)



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

08/30/2023

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER		CONTACT NAME: Joyce Torrey	
Cross Insurance-Laconia		PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (603) 524-2425	FAX (A/C, No): (603) 524-3666
155 Court Street		E-MAIL ADDRESS: joyce.torrey@crossagency.com	
Laconia		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	
NH 03246		INSURER A : Ohio Security Ins Co	NAIC # 24082
INSURED		INSURER B : Safety Insurance Co	39454
Rockingham County Conservation District		INSURER C :	
110 North Road		INSURER D :	
Brentwood		INSURER E :	
NH 03833-6614		INSURER F :	

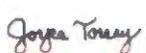
COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 23-24 Master - All lines **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER			BKS57752315	07/08/2023	07/08/2024	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 500,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 15,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMPIOP AGG \$ 2,000,000
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			6235245	08/26/2023	08/26/2024	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ Uninsured motorist BI \$ 1,000,000
	UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED RETENTION \$						EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$
A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N	N/A	XWS57752315	07/08/2023	07/08/2024	PER STATUTE OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 500,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 500,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

New Hampshire Workers' Compensation = Executive Officers or Members excluded are: Cris Blackstone, Richard Lutz and Samantha Cyr

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	CANCELLATION
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program P.O. Box 95 Concord NH 03302	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 

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Attachment A
Project Budget

Item	Federal (NHCP)	Non-federal	Match Type (K = in-kind; C = cash; K/C = both)	Total
Personnel	\$26,335.91	\$5,118.72	K	\$31,454.63
Fringe (included in Indirect)	\$16,141.36	\$3,137.28	K	\$19,278.64
Equipment	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	C	\$6,000.00
Travel	\$500.00	\$0.00		\$500.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sub-Contractual	\$10,250.00	\$0.00		\$10,250.00
Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$7,600.00	K	\$7,600.00
Indirect	\$5,622.73	\$0.00	K	\$5,622.73
Totals	\$61,850	\$18,856		\$80,706

Attachment B
Grant Proposal Scoring Matrix

Applicant	Project Title	Reviewers									Avg.	Rank
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I		
Rockingham Conservation Commission	Environmental and Usage Assessment of Seabrook's Dune Walkways	96	92	94	83	88	88	94	92	74	89.00	1
Stafford Regional Planning Commission/Town of Newmarket	Town of Newmarket Downtown Riverfront Master Plan	93	95	90	89	88	80	81	93	78	87.44	2
Rockingham County Conservation District	Coastal Resilience at Odiorne Point State Park Little Harbor shoreline	93	89	85	90	86	82	88	87	84	87.11	3
Town of Hampton	Building and Expanding the Coastal Resilience Coordinator Staff Position	85	88	89	84	85	75	86	77	73	82.44	4
Town of Hampton	North Side Park Dune Restoration and Accessibility Design	92	87	84	79	83	82	83	81	67	82.33	5
Town of Hampton	Bank Stabilization and Flood Resilience - Now and For the Future: The Hampton Seabrook Estuary and Eel Creek at Winnacunnet Road	84	76	84	75	84	84	85	75	67	79.33	6
St. Anselm College	Gaming Climate Change: Supporting Faith and Mental	85	67	75	68	82	82	85	79	65	76.44	7

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	Health Community Coastal Resilience											
Town of Hampton	Implementing North Hampton and Little Boar's Head Village District Coastal Hazards and Adaptation Master Plan Actions	84	53	75	71.5	74	71	78	70	54	70.06	8
Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce	Business Education & Future Action Plan	85	67	55	67.5	70	68	51	47	61	63.50	9

Review Team Members:

- Abigail Lyon - Community Engagement Manager for the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) and Chair for the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup (NHCAW), 9 years of community experience in the coastal watershed on coastal resilience, water quality, and natural resources
- Aidan Barry - Coastal Resilience & Habitat Specialist, NHDES Coastal Program, 3 years of habitat restoration work
- Becca Katz - Coastal Resilience Grants Specialist, NHDES Coastal Program, 1 year of grants management and application experience and 0.5 years of coastal resilience policy
- Christian Williams - Program Coordinator, NHDES Coastal Program, 18 years of coastal and ocean policy and regulatory experience
- Kevin Lucey - Habitat Coordinator, NHDES Coastal Program, 20 years of habitat assessment and restoration work
- Kirsten Howard - Resilience Program Coordinator, NHDES Coastal Program, 14 years of coastal resilience policy and project management experience
- Lisa Wise - Climate Adaptation Program Manager, NH Sea Grant and UNH Extension, 7 years of coastal resilience related outreach and engagement experience
- Lucy Perkins - NOAA Coastal Management Fellow, NHDES Coastal Program, 4 years of experience in municipal government, with a focus on coastal resilience program management, and master's degree in urban and environmental planning and policy
- Polly Crocker - Watershed Management Specialist, NHDES Coastal Program, 14 years of stormwater management and project management experience