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March 19, 2025

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire, 03301

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) requests authorization to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$368,755 from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for the purpose of acquiring 782 +/- acres in the town of Milan, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2025. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION						
03-75-75-751520-21550000						
Fiscal Year 2025						
	Expense	Class Description	Revenue	Current	Requested Action	Adjusted
000		FEDERAL FUNDS	404705-16	\$796,882	\$368,755	\$1,165,637
007		AGENCY INCOME	407629-24	40,388	0	40,388
008		AGENCY INCOME	405234-10	361,237	0	361,237
009		AGENCY INCOME	405462-14	3,082	0	3,082
Total				\$1,201,589	\$368,755	\$1,570,344
Expense						
010	500100	PERSONAL SERVICES		64,170	0	64,170
020	500200	CURRENT EXPENSES		1,300	0	1,300
022	500255	RENTS/LEASES		564	0	564
029	500290	INTRA-AGENCY TNFRS		15,000	0	15,000
030	500311	EQUIPMENT		60,659	0	60,659
033	500150	LAND ACQUISITIONS	404705-16	359,900	368,386	728,286
041	500801	AUDIT FUND SET	404705-16	790	369	1,159
049	584935	TSFRS TO OTH AGEN.		49,513	0	49,513
050	500109	PERSONAL SVCS TEMP		38,211	0	38,211
060	500602	BENEFITS		28,076	0	28,076
070	500704	IN STATE TRAVEL		2,000	0	2,000
073	500578	GRANTS NON FEDERAL		60,000	0	60,000
080	500710	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL		4,000	0	4,000
304	500841	RESEARCH &		456,458	0	456,458
305	500845	HABITAT, ACQIS. &		60,948	0	60,948
Total				\$1,201,589	\$368,755	\$1,570,344

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EXPLANATION

NHFG proposes to acquire conservation easements from the Town of Milan (the Town), acting by and through its Milan Community Forest Committee, on two parcels totaling approximately 782 +/- acres. The first parcel of 646.76 acres, referred to as the "woodland tract," is located south of Milan Hill Rd and west of Route 16. The second parcel of 135.32 acres, referred to as "the river land tract," is located between Route 16 and East Side River Road. These acquisitions will ensure protection of important wildlife habitat for a wide variety of species.

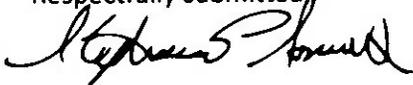
The 646.76-acre woodland tract has been managed as undeveloped timberland. The conservation of the lowland spruce-fir, northern hardwoods, and shrub wetlands on this tract will conserve habitat for a variety of wild birds and mammals including deer, bear, turkey, Canada lynx, and more than 60 recorded species of birds including ruffed grouse, bald eagle, and northern harrier. It will also build on other land conservation efforts along the Androscoggin River watershed. This tract includes a 2-mile snowmobile trail (NH Snowmobile Corridor #19) that will continue to be permitted.

Acquisition of a conservation easement on the river lands tract will permanently conserve 135.32 acres of terrestrial habitat and over two (2) miles of river frontage on the Androscoggin River and Stearns Brook ensuring habitat connectivity for a significant number of wild birds and mammals, and improving water quality by enhancing buffers. The enhanced riparian buffers that will be installed along Stearns brook will protect native stream or river dwelling species including eastern brook trout. The combination of farmland that will continue to be cropped, wetlands, woodland, and future floodplain forests on the river land tract is beneficial to a myriad of game species, furbearers, and other wildlife including high numbers of wood duck and other waterfowl. Public access would be provided on both tracts so today's and future generations can benefit from these wildlife resources. Public access will include, but not be limited to, hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife watching. The town will also have the right to allow other public uses including walking, hiking, running, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling per the terms of the easement.

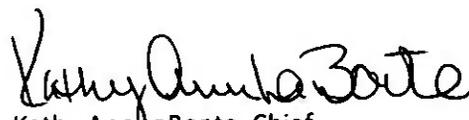
Total projects costs, including cost of the easements, appraisal, appraisal review, environmental review, property survey, and title, are \$499,855. The fair market value to purchase the easements is \$440,000 based on an appraisal. This cost will be covered by NHFG by the \$368,755 in available federal funds from the USFWS with the remainder provided by a portion of the non-federal match. All match is being provided by a contribution from the NHDES Drinking Water Fund, a contribution from NHFG's Fish Habitat fund, and fundraising from The Conservation Fund, a non-profit partner assisting with this project.

This acquisition is part of an effort to use Wildlife Restoration Program funds from the USFWS to expand and enhance the statewide Wildlife Management Area system under grant F21AF04030 (W-108-L-2).

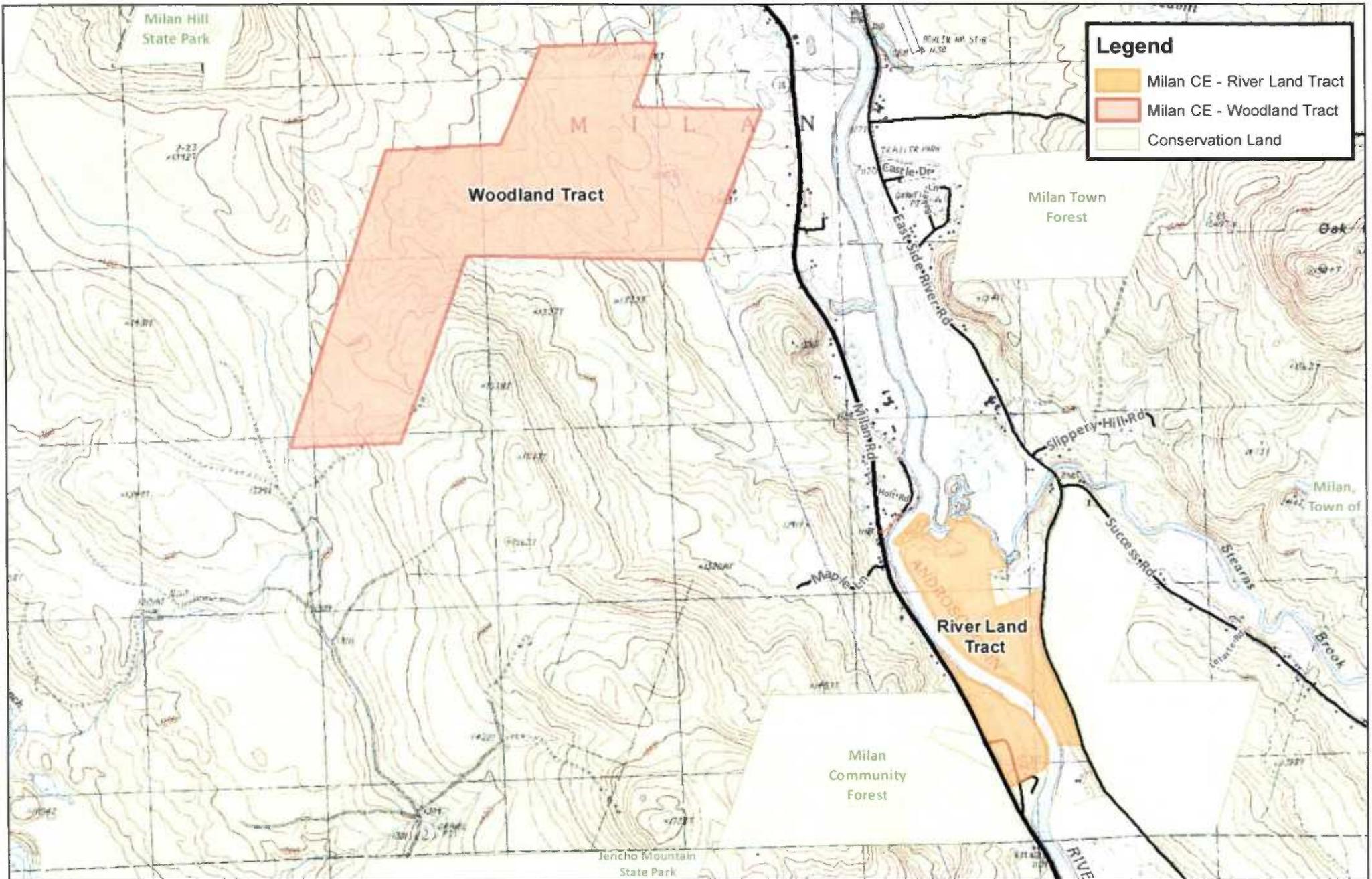
Respectfully submitted,



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Kathy Ann LaBonte, Chief
Business Division



**Milan Community Forest
Conservation Easement Parcels**



**NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT
FY25 FISCAL SITUATION**

**WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION
03-75-75-751520-21550000**

Total Federal Authorization	\$ 9,509,302.00
Less Budgeted in 2155 FY25	\$ 500,000.00
Less Budgeted in 2150 FY25	\$ 70,000.00
Less Budgeted Indirect FY25	\$ 14,000.00
Less Funds Expended in Prior Fiscal Years	\$ 3,015,983.04
Total Available for Budgeting	\$ 5,909,318.96

Available to Budget at Later Date	\$ 5,540,563.96
REQUESTED ACTION	\$ 368,755.00

Federal Grant	Grant Amount	Expended or Budgeted	Balance
F21AF04030 (W108L2)	\$ 9,509,302.00	\$ 3,599,983.04	\$ 5,909,318.96

Note: The Department's Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) allows indirect costs on salaries and benefits only. The figure shown above for budgeted indirect includes the total estimated amount of federal reimbursement for agency indirect costs associated with this grant.

1. DATE ISSUED MM/DD/YYYY 01/22/2025
 1a. SUPERSEDES AWARD NOTICE dated 08/20/2024 except that any additions or restrictions previously imposed remain in effect unless specifically rescinded

NOTICE OF AWARD



AUTHORIZATION (Legislation/Regulations)

Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act—Wildlife Restoration and Basic Hunter Education (16 U.S.C. §669 et seq., except as Pub. L. 106-

2. ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER
15.611 - Wildlife Restoration and Basic Hunter Education

3. ASSISTANCE TYPE Formula Grant

4. GRANT NO. F21AF04030-07
Originating MCA #

5. TYPE OF AWARD
Other

4a. FAIN F21AF04030
5a. ACTION TYPE Post Award Amendment

6. PROJECT PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY
From 08/01/2021 Through 06/30/2026

7. BUDGET PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY
From 08/01/2021 Through 06/30/2026

8. TITLE OF PROJECT (OR PROGRAM)
NH W-108-L-2 State Wildlife Management Area Enhancement

9a. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS
NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH & GAME
11 HAZEN DR
CONCORD, NH, 03301-6502

9b. GRANTEE PROJECT DIRECTOR
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10a. GRANTEE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL
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10b. FEDERAL PROJECT OFFICER
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Phone: 0000000000

ALL AMOUNTS ARE SHOWN IN USD

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Excludes Direct Assistance)

I Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only	—
II Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation	II
a. Salaries and Wages	\$ 128,000.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 72,000.00
c. Total Personnel Costs	\$ 200,000.00
d. Equipment	\$ 0.00
e. Supplies	\$ 0.00
f. Travel	\$ 3,000.00
g. Construction	\$ 0.00
h. Other	\$ 12,170,485.54
i. Contractual	\$ 515,797.00
j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 12,889,282.54
k. INDIRECT COSTS	\$ 40,000.00
l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET	\$ 12,929,282.54
m. Federal Share	\$ 9,509,302.00
n. Non-Federal Share	\$ 3,419,980.54

12. AWARD COMPUTATION

a. Amount of Federal Financial Assistance (from item 11m)	\$ 9,509,302.00
b. Less Unobligated Balance From Prior Budget Periods	\$ 0.00
c. Less Cumulative Prior Award(s) This Budget Period	\$ 9,509,302.00
d. AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACTION	\$ 0.00
13. Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date for Project Period	\$ 9,509,302.00

14. RECOMMENDED FUTURE SUPPORT
(Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project):

YEAR	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	YEAR	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS
a. 2	\$	d. 5	\$
b. 3	\$	e. 6	\$
c. 4	\$	f. 7	\$

15. PROGRAM INCOME SHALL BE USED IN ACCORD WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:

- a. DEDUCTION
- b. ADDITIONAL COSTS
- c. MATCHING
- d. OTHER RESEARCH (Add / Deduct Option)
- e. OTHER (See REMARKS)

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16. THIS AWARD IS BASED ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO, AND AS APPROVED BY, THE FEDERAL AWARING AGENCY ON THE ABOVE TITLED PROJECT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY REFERENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:

- a. The grant program legislation
- b. The grant program regulations
- c. This award notice including terms and conditions, if any, noted below under REMARKS
- d. Federal administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements applicable to this grant.

In the event there are conflicting or otherwise inconsistent policies applicable to the grant, the above order of precedence shall prevail. Acceptance of the grant terms and conditions is acknowledged by the grantee when funds are drawn or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.

REMARKS (Other Terms and Conditions Attached - Yes No)

A revision to update the scope of work and remove grant conditions has been approved. Grant conditions have been removed on the River Land and Woodland CE project, therefore NH Fish and Game is approved to acquire the River Land and Woodland conservation easements and draw down the associated federal funds.

No program income estimated

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