



Update

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Here's an update on recent Maine Association of Conservation Commission news. See our website for more details about these and other related activities: www.meacc.net.

Case Studies Showcase

The Maine Association of Conservation Commissions is sponsoring workshops in Ellsworth, Waldoboro, Falmouth and Wells designed to showcase the work of local conservation commissions that are having a significant impact on their community's environment and quality of place.

Each session will feature presentations by conservation commissions that have done exemplary job of protecting their community's natural resources. Some workshops will include an orientation to the various local conservation planning tools developed by the *Beginning with Habitat* program; others will include information on how a community that does not have a conservation commission might create one. (Specific agendas vary by location.)

The featured projects were developed by the conservation commissions in Wells, Lamoine, Falmouth, Rockport and Kennebunkport.

Each workshop is free and open to all conservation commission members, elected and appointed town officials and other people interested in learning more about the work of conservation commissions and the value they offer municipalities. Details, including registration information can be found at www.meacc.net.

Welcome New Members

Brunswick, Lincolnville, South Portland & Vassalboro are MEACC's newest members. We are now 46 commissions strong. If your town is not yet a member, please plan now on joining next year. Dues will remain unchanged.

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Were you one of the more than 2,150 people who logged onto MEACC's website in January? If not, check it out for the latest news about organizational events and to find a wide variety of helpful resources.

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Grant Writing Workshops

MEACC and the Maine Land Trust Network are co-sponsoring two workshops designed to improve your chances of successfully obtaining funding from three major conservation grant programs in Maine. The three include the Maine Natural Resources Conservation Program (open space acquisition); The Recreational Trails Program (trail building projects); and Project Canopy (forest management, shade trees). In addition, information will also be presented regarding Land for Maine's Future grants and various private foundation grant sources.

The workshops will be held in Augusta on April 15th and Scarborough on May 5th. Details, including registration information can be found at www.meacc.net.