

# Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2019 Accomplishments

## Media

Print: (Over 12), Archaeology, Presumpscot River CWA, BIW, Habitat Assessment Project, Education, Speaker Series, the Bay, Outings, etc.

## Volunteers

Approximately 3073 volunteer hours (384 days)  
85 volunteers

## Membership

450 households  
Speaker Series – (308 people)  
Outside 2019 (Paddle Series, Walks, etc.) – 130 people.  
Newsletters – 3

## Grants

\$5,000- Education  
\$3,000-Water Quality Monitoring  
\$25,000-Vegetation Mapping & Habitat Assessment

## Outreach Presentations

Maine Maritime Museum Cruises (80 participants)

## Education

One Bay Day (160 students, 3 different schools) (Spring Bay day weathered out)  
School Visits (312 students)  
Non-School Visits (450 people): library, summer series and science night  
Web site updates

## Conservation and Stewardship

Additional easements in progress  
Continuous landowner outreach  
Ongoing stewardship activities  
Control one phragmites stand in Bowdoinham  
Monitor all easement & fee properties  
Initiate Centers Pt. protection/acquisition efforts

## Research

Water Quality Monitoring – 17 sites  
Dresden Falls Archaeology Radiocarbon Dating  
10-year Vegetation and Land Use Update Completed  
Compile Historic Altered River Flow Research

## Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc.)

Submit/ testify Lower Androscoggin Upgrade Proposal  
Lawsuit-GMO Atlantic salmon ongoing  
Healthy Rivers/Healthy Gulf promoting safe fish passage  
Smart Meters-On request: submit amicus brief for PA ratepayers with no opt outs  
Climate Change-Green New Deal  
Various National Efforts-National Environmental Policy Act, Ocean Plastics, ESA, etc.  
Posting Fish Consumption Advisories  
Presumpscot R. CWA-FERC & DEP Comments & Legal  
CMP Chops Tower Lighting  
Union River fish passage

### Primary Partners

The Archaeological Conservancy  
Kennebec Reborn  
Avian Haven  
Maine Coalition to Stop Smart Meters  
Quebec Labrador Foundation  
Maine Historic Preservation Commission  
Bowdoin College Environmental Studies  
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Maine Maritime Museum  
Department of Marine Resources  
Bowdoinham Public Library  
Maine Land Trust Network  
Friends of Sebago Lake  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Patagonia Outlet, Freeport  
Chop Point School  
Curtis Memorial Library  
Green Justice Legal  
Downeast Salmon Federation  
Earthjustice  
Center for Food Safety