

Please Help Save This Parcel

In order to help FOMB protect this important Dresden parcel, a “Bridge Buyer” was able to purchase it from the owner at a price substantially reduced from that listed and what he was willing to sell it to the state for. We have a limited time to repay our buyer and see the land receive permanent protection.

We need to close by December 31, 2010 on this core parcel and need your help!

As of 11/8/10 we have raised \$373,000 of the \$410,000 needed to close on the entire core parcel. **We still need \$37,000.**

Please contribute 5K, 10K, 20K, 30K, 50K or as much as you can!

Smaller amounts help as well. Any donations beyond the total needed for this piece will go to acquisition of the adjoining field and waterfront to the north on which we are exercising our purchase option and that is aesthetically, biologically and archaeologically part of the site. Purchase price of this Phase II parcel is estimated at 200K.

In a recent rare plant survey of the shoreline with Maine Natural Areas Ecologist Andy Cutko, five species of rare plants were identified: Spongy Arrowhead, Eaton’s Bur Marigold, Estuary Bur Marigold, Parker’s Pipewort and Rigid Arrowhead. The first four are “species of concern” and the last one “threatened.”

“In particular, the population of Spongy arrowhead is one of the largest observed in Merrymeeting Bay, consisting of hundreds (if not thousands) of plants carpeting the low flats for a stretch of 30 or 40 meters. Accordingly, protection of this stretch of shoreline would help to safeguard a valuable piece of the Bay’s shoreline.” ...Andy Cutko, MNAP

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Bruce Bourque, Chief Archaeologist at the Maine State Museum writes: “I can think of no site that remotely approaches its importance for the study of this early period (5,000-8,500 years ago) of Maine’s prehistory.”

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Enclosed please find my \$ _____ tax-deductible contribution to protect lands encompassed by the Houdlette Conservation Project. Gifts of securities are also welcome.

Name: _____ Public acknowledgement is OK...X

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