

Tenny River Corridor Protection Project

Request to Town of Raymond

Funding Request

- The request is for \$15,000 from the funds overseen by the Raymond Conservation Commission (RCC). These funds are available and the RCC has endorsed this amount for this purpose. The funds will be used to complete the acquisition of a roughly 30-acre parcel along the southeastern side of the Tenny River.
- The purchase price for the Cole parcel is \$200,000; of this, \$130,000 has been raised to date.

What's the Plan?

- The Boy Scouts Pine Tree Council (PTC) will own the land with a conservation easement held by Loon Echo Land Trust (LELT), which has conserved 4,000 acres of land in its 25 year history.
- The PTC has signed a purchase agreement with the owner of the parcel that abuts PTC land on the east side of the river. Successfully acquiring this will mean that the PTC owns all the land on both sides of the southern half of the river.
- The conservation easement has been drafted and agreed to by the PTC and LELT. It will be signed when the acquisition of the initial parcel is complete.
- The long term goal is to preserve all the land on both sides of the Tenny, through easements and/or additional land acquisition.

Why the Tenny?

- The river is bookended at one end by Panther Pond and at the other by Route 85, where a public boat launch on Crescent Lake provides access for boaters.
- The Tenny is part of the Casco Bay watershed; water flows into Panther Pond, and from there into Sebago Lake which supplies drinking water for Portland.
- In 2010 a “Greenprint” for the Lakes Region, completed with the help of the Trust for Public Land, Loon Echo Land Trust, and the Raymond Conservation Commission, rated land bordering the Tenny as high priority for protection of water resources, and very high/high on the preserving plant and animal habitat map.
- The Town of Raymond has zoned the riverfront land for 2-acre lots; with the housing market strengthening, there will be growing pressure to develop the land for house lots.
- The Tenny is valued by boaters, bird watchers, and fishing enthusiasts for its wild feel and scenic views.