

**2010 PROJECT CANOPY ASSISTANCE
PLANNING AND EDUCATION**

USDA FOREST SERVICE-URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY CFDA 10:675

Applicant Name: Greg Foster, Forester

*Designated Representative: Don Willard

Title: Raymond Town Manager

Address: 401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

Phone Number: 207-655-4742 x 31

Email Address: don.willard@raymondmaine.org

Applicant's Federal Identification Number: 01-6000342

Project/Program will take place on non-federal land owned or controlled

by: Town of Raymond Population: 4208, per voter Registration

Previously Received Community Forestry Assistance Funding Yes No

A. Amount of Project Canopy Funds Requested \$ 2496
B. Local Match: (See Guidelines) \$ 2496
C. Total Project Cost (A + B = C) \$ 4992

Does your community have a comprehensive plan that includes forestry? Yes No

Date certified by State Planning Office: 2003

Short Project Title: Raymond Forest Management Plan

Brief Description of Project:

(Describe the project, including what is to be developed, produced, performed, and/or implemented. Include project purpose and objectives)

See Attached

Name of State Senator William "Bill" Diamond
Name of State Representative Michael McClellan

Description of Proposed Raymond Forest Management Plan

The Town of Raymond has two forested properties, totaling approximately 220 acres. Each of these properties, at one time, contained the Town's landfill, both of which are now closed and monitored for discharge. Approximately 190 acres are forested. It is the desire of the Raymond Board of Selectmen to properly manage the forested sections of these properties, both of which are within the Presumpscot watershed (see map).

Multiple goals are the desire of the Raymond Selectmen, which include the following:

1. Wisely manage the parcels for the protection of natural resources, including water, plants and animals.
2. Conduct cultural forestry practices that enhance the quality and health of existing and future forests.
3. Demonstrate the capability of good forestry that generates income to pay the cost of owning and maintaining property, as well as the protection of the resources mentioned above.
4. Produce pertinent information about these forested parcels for Raymond residents and others for educational purposes.
5. Consider conducting per-commercial cultural forestry practices, including thinning, weeding, and pruning. These practices may be conducted by volunteer and/or be paid for with the proceeds from timber sales or other municipal funds.
6. Leave these parcels open for examination by any group or individual that wants to view commercially managed forests.
7. Establish or locate existing property lines and maintain them on a regular basis.

Creating a forest management plan is the first step to attaining these goals. Examining these parcels by conducting timber inventory will reveal the condition of each forest type and respective cultural treatment necessary for proper forest management. Important features of the property, including mapping of surface drainage, wildlife habitat, archaeological sites and other potential issues will be addressed as they arise during the inventory process. Consideration to accessing the property with timber harvesting equipment will be addressed in terms of minimizing soil disturbance and reducing or eliminating sedimentation entering the Presumpscot watershed. This can be accomplished by anticipating drainage crossings and minimizing the number of drainage crossings. In addition, it will be addressed if constructed crossings, ie. Skidder bridges, are necessary.

The Raymond Selectmen also acknowledge the importance of producing quality timber for the periodic sales to generate income. Timber sales are the only viable source of income that pays the cost of all demands for the maintenance of Open Space property. While the purpose of wise forest management for Project Canopy is to protect the watershed, it is equally important to grow quality trees with the intent of selling them to cover the costs of boundary line maintenance, constructing water crossings, as well as constructing properly drained access roads and landings, among other things.

The timber inventory and resulting culture recommendation for each forest type are intended to create a long term, sustainable forest that generates periodic income. This will be achieved, while, at the same time, maintaining quality Open Space and quality cover to protect the Presumpscot watershed.

Grant applications must include:

(Refer to the Project Canopy Planning and Education Grant guidelines for specific instructions)

- **Completed Application Form**
- **Narrative**
- **Detailed Budget**
- **3-Year Maintenance Plan**
- **Letters of Support**

*As designated representative of said applicant, I hereby agree to implement this project according to the attached cost and technical proposals and to abide by all local ordinances and restrictions that apply.

Don Willard 1-26-11
Signature Town Manager Date

**As official representative of said applicant, I hereby authorize the project submitted for the proposed Project Canopy Grant.

[Signature] 1/27/11
Signature Date

An original application and **four copies** must be in our office by **5 PM, January 28, 2011**. Please send applications to: Maine Forest Service, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.

* Designated representative refers to the person authorized by the applicant to submit a grant application, sign documents and take necessary actions to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

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Project Canopy
Community Capacity Checklist



Please rate your community's capacity for urban and community forestry management. Put a check mark next to each capacity component that applies to your community.

1. Inventories and management plans: X

Community has a tree and forest management plan developed from professionally-based resource assessments and inventories.

2. Professional staff: X

Community employs or has written agreement with professional forestry staff who possess at least one of the following credentials: degree in forestry or related field, and ISA certified arborist or equivalent professional certification.

3. Tree care ordinance: X

Community has local ordinances or policies that focus on planting, protecting, and maintaining urban and community trees and forests.

4. Local advisory /advocacy organization: X

Community has local advocacy/advisory organizations such as active tree boards, commissions, or non-profit organizations that are formalized or chartered to advise and/or advocate for the planting, protection, and maintenance of urban and community trees and forests.

2010 PROJECT CANOPY PLANNING AND EDUCATION GRANT – BUDGET ITEM EXPLANATION

Total Amount of Project Canopy Funds Requested: \$ 2496.00

1. Consultants and Services
Timberstate G., Inc.

			Reimbursable Costs	Non-reimbursable Costs	
Name	Title	Work Description	A. Costs Eligible for Reimbursement	B. Applicant's Share (Match)	C. Total Project Cost
Greg Foster	Forester, #595	Woodswise type forest Management. Plan on est 208 acres	\$2496.00	\$2496.00	\$4992.00

2. Educational and Promotional Supplies *N/A*

				Reimbursable Costs	Non-reimbursable Costs	
Item	Description	Cost/ Unit	# of Units	A. Costs Eligible for Reimbursement	B. Applicant's Share (Match)	C. Total Project Cost

3. Tree Purchase, Planting and Maintenance *N/A*

				Reimbursable Costs	Non-reimbursable Costs	
Job Description	Cost/ Tree	# of Trees	Tree Caliper Size	A. Costs Eligible for Reimbursement	B. Applicant's Share (Match)	C. Total Project Cost

4. Administrative Costs *N/A*

				Reimbursable Costs	Non-reimbursable Costs	
Employee Name	Title	Cost/ Hour	# of Hours	A. Costs Eligible for Reimbursement	B. Applicant's Share (Match)	C. Total Project Cost
				Not Applicable		
				Not Applicable		
				Not Applicable		
				Not Applicable		

5. Volunteer Labor, Machinery and Equipment *N/A*

				Reimbursable Costs	Non-reimbursable Costs	
Name	Description	Cost/ Hour	# of Hours	A. Costs Eligible for Reimbursement	B. Applicant's Share (Match)	C. Total Project Cost
				Not Applicable		
				Not Applicable		
				Not Applicable		
				Not Applicable		

6. Donated Materials *N/A*

				Reimbursable Costs	Non-reimbursable Costs	
Item	Description	Cost/ Unit	# of Units	A. Costs Eligible for Reimbursement	B. Applicant's Share (Match)	C. Total Project Cost
				Not Applicable		
				Not Applicable		
				Not Applicable		
				Not Applicable		

7. Other Costs

Item	Description	Cost/ Unit	# of Units	Reimbursable Costs	Non-reimbursable Costs	C. Total Project Cost
				A. Costs Eligible for Reimbursement	B. Applicant's Share (Match)	

A. Total Costs Eligible for Reimbursement: \$ 2496.00

B. Total Costs Not Eligible for Reimbursement: \$ 2496.00

C. Total Project Cost (A+B=C): \$ 4992.00

Note: Amount Eligible for Reimbursement is Limited to \$10,000.
Please attach additional information and explanation of budget items on a separate sheet.



Portland Water District

FROM SEBAGO LAKE TO CASCO BAY

January 24, 2011

Project Canopy
Maine Forest Service
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Town of Raymond Project Canopy Grant Application

Dear Maine Forest Service,

This letter is provided in support of the Town of Raymond's application for a Project Canopy Assistance Grant. Sebago Lake is the water supply for nearly 200,000 residents in the Greater Portland area, and as such, the Portland Water District has been working to monitor and protect its water quality for the past 100 years. The Town of Raymond is located in the direct watershed of Sebago Lake and has long been a partner with the Portland Water District in our lake protection efforts.

The Portland Water District is also a partner in the Maine Forest Service's Presumpscot River Watershed Project, and we enthusiastically support the Town of Raymond's efforts to identify, delineate, and mark the town's forest boundaries for future forest management initiatives. Forest management and conservation are among the most meaningful best management practices for the long term protection of water quality. Forested watersheds serve to filter and treat precipitation and stormwater runoff, reduce erosion, and improve air and water quality. The Portland Water District recognizes the positive effects of managed forests in and around the Sebago Lake watershed.

Thank you for your consideration of the Town of Raymond's application. Please contact me if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Ronald Miller
General Manager





Panther Pond Association

PO Box 68 Raymond, ME 04071

ppa@raymondmaine.org

January 25, 2011

Mr. Donald Willard
Town Manager
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401 Webbs Mills Rd.
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*Environmental
Coordinator*
655-2135

Re: Town of Raymond's Project Canopy grant application

Dear Mr. Willard:

The Panther Pond Association (PPA) would like to express its support for the Town of Raymond's "Project Canopy" grant application.

PPA is an organization of approximately 90 shoreline property owners and other citizens interested in preserving the water quality of Panther Pond.

The development of an environmentally responsible forest management plan, which the grant will fund, and timber harvesting using best management practices (BMP's), which may be advocated by the plan is consistent with PPA's primary goal of watershed protection and protecting water quality.

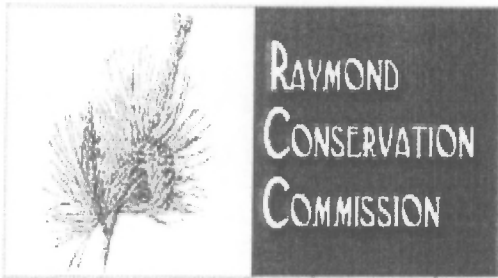
We understand that support of the plan does not encumber PPA in any way other than possibly attending a meeting(s) to provide watershed protection expertise and input in the development of the plan.

If you have any questions or if we can provide further assistance, please free to contact me at 655-4968.

Sincerely,

Phillippe Boissonneault
Vice President

The mission of the Panther Pond Association is to preserve a quality lake environment



January 27, 2011

Don Willard
Town Manager
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, ME 04071

RE: Project Canopy Application

Dear Don:

I am writing on behalf of the Raymond Conservation Commission to express support for the Town of Raymond's Project Canopy Grant application. The RCC can provide input to a project that is aligned with our ongoing open space and land conservation goals. For example, if the grant includes developing sustainable forest management plans for the town's 200+ acres and creating, maintaining or connecting trails while also providing timber revenues, or an educational piece that involves the schools, I believe the RCC could add some value. At our current capacity, our most likely support would be as an advisory role and helping to inform the public through our monthly locally televised meetings.

I also note that any sustainable forest management plan that helps keep undeveloped land as working forests and specifies best management practices for minimizing erosion would be entirely consistent with the Raymond Waterways Protection Association's mission of protecting water quality in our lakes, ponds and rivers.

Sincerely,

John B. Rand, Chair
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