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Glenn Normandeau
 Executive Director

January 15, 2019

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
 Fiscal Committee of the General Court
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire, 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
 and the Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

[Signature]
 Approved by Fiscal Committee _____ Date _____

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFGD) to accept and expend a total of \$4,093,424 from two sources, \$3,618,424 in federal funds from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and \$475,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Aquatic Resources Mitigation Fund (ARM), for the purpose of acquiring restricted fee title to 2,709+/- acres in Boston and fee title to 3,181 acres in Newport, Croydon and Grantham, effective upon Joint Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2019. 88% Federal Funds, 12% Other.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

020-07500-21550000 Wildlife Habitat Conservation – FY 2019

Class		Current Budget	Change	Revised Budget
010-500100	PERSONAL SERVICES - PERMANANT	\$46,697	\$0	\$46,697
020-500200	CURRENT EXPENSES	1,000	0	1,000
030-500311	EQUIPMENT	1,000	0	1,000
033-500150	LAND ACQUISITIONS AND EASEMENTS	574,994	4,093,424	4,668,418
041-500801	AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE	877	0	877
049-584902	TRANSFERS TO OTHER STATE AGENCIES	44,627	0	44,627
060-500601	BENEFITS	18,662	0	18,662
070-500704	IN STATE TRAVEL	100	0	100
073-500578	GRANTS NON FEDERAL	40,000	0	40,000
080-500710	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	2,500	0	2,500
217-502682	INTER-AGENCY PAYMENTS	15,000	0	15,000
304-501593	RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT	333,939	0	333,939
305-500845	HABITAT ACQUISITION & MANAGEMENT	136,592	0	136,592
Total Expenses		\$1,215,988	\$4,093,424	\$5,309,412

Source of Funds:

000-404705	Federal Funds	\$878,168	\$3,618,424	\$4,496,592
001-403555	Transfers from other Agencies	48,038	0	48,038
007-407629	CLNA Funds	30,039	0	30,039
008-405234	Agency Income	259,743	475,000	734,743
Total Revenues		\$1,215,988	\$4,093,424	\$5,309,412

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Explanation

The NH Fish and Game Department (NHFGD) proposes to purchase 3,181 acres in Newport, Croydon and Grantham from The Conservation Fund (TCF) to create a new wildlife management area. The purchase price of the property is \$3,250,000. However, TCF received a LCHIP grant of \$200,000 to reimburse a portion of this cost. Therefore, the funding required from the Department to purchase the property is \$3,050,000. The remaining funds will be used for associated transaction costs including survey, appraisal, and title work and project management. Total project expenses of \$3,412,500 will be covered by \$2,437,500 of Wildlife Restoration Program Funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, \$500,000 from the NHFGD Wildlife Habitat Account and \$475,000 received as an ARM grant. The Habitat Account funds and LCHIP funds to The Conservation Fund will be used as part of the required match for the federal funds. The remaining match will be provided through the value of Department owned lands previously donated or acquired with non-federal funds.

The Department also proposes to partner with The Nature Conservancy to permanently protect 2,709+/- acres in Groton with a total project cost of \$1,180,924. The Department will purchase the restricted fee title to the property for \$1,100,000 of federal Wildlife Restoration Program funds. The remaining funds will be used for associated transaction costs including survey, appraisal, title work, and boundary marking. The Nature Conservancy will hold a conservation easement on the property. Required non-federal match for this project is provided through the value of Department owned lands previously donated or acquired with non-federal funds.

These acquisitions are part of an effort to use Wildlife Restoration Program funds from the USFWS to expand and enhance the statewide wildlife management area system under grant W-108-L-1. The purchases will protect significant wildlife habitats and add to the area that will permanently be available to the public for hunting, fishing and other wildlife related recreational activities. Approved federal grant F14AF01270 (NH W-108-L-1) Revision #10 added a total of \$3,723,607 in available federal funds from the USFWS. The amount of approved federal funding in excess of this request is to reimburse costs already budgeted within the Departments FY19 operating budget.

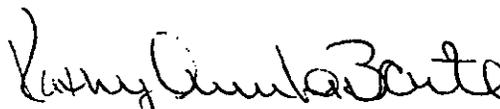
Class 041, Audit Fund Set-Aside, is not being budgeted as these funds are pass through funds only. No personnel costs will be incurred.

General Funds will not be requested to support this project.

Respectfully submitted,



Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director



Kathy Ann LaBonte, Chief
Business Division



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner



November 27, 2018

NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT

ATTN: Richard Cook
New Hampshire Fish & Game Department
11 Hazen Dr
Concord, NH 03301

RE: ARM Fund Application – File No. 2018- 2800
North Brach Sugar River Land Conservation-Ruger Acquisition

Dear Rich,

It is with great pleasure to inform you the North Brach Sugar River Land Conservation-Ruger Acquisition Project in the towns of Croydon, Grantham, Newport has been recommended for funding through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (hereinafter "DES") Aquatic Resource Mitigation (hereinafter "ARM") Fund Program. On November 13, 2018 the NH Wetland Council (hereinafter "Council") voted to accept the recommendations of the Site Selection Committee (hereinafter "Committee") and approve \$475,000 of funding for the fee acquisition of two properties totaling 3,181 acres that NHFG will manage as a wildlife management area.

At the Council meeting, DES provided details of the project and answered several questions. The application for the North Brach Sugar River Land Conservation-Ruger Acquisition Project moves the goals of the ARM Fund Program forward and is an example of the type of project the program strives to fund.

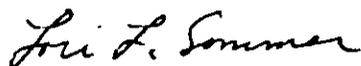
The Committee provided the following findings in support of the recommendation of the award:

1. The project protects similar functions to what was lost in the watershed through the projects that generated the funds.
2. The protection of this site supports the goals and mission of the ARM Fund program.
3. The property includes an exceptional abundance of high-quality aquatic resources including 416 acres of wetlands, 28 vernal pools, and 10.9 miles of streams.
4. The project significantly contributes to local landscape connectivity efforts by expanding upon a 48,750-acre unfragmented block of natural cover.
5. The two parcels will provide habitat for numerous wildlife species, including at least 12 species of greatest conservation need, 1,245 acres of WAP Tier 1, 660 acres of WAP Tier 2.
6. Both parcels are fully within a Source Water Protection Area for public drinking water, with the Brighton Forest identified as High Priority Water Supply Lands and the Loverin Hill parcel containing 10.35 acres of a stratified drift aquifer.

Please note, the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources was provided information on the project and noted there may be historic and/or archaeological sites located on the parcels. Due to the sensitive resources, if proposed trails include ground disturbing activities, contact David Trubey at (603) 271-6433 for information.

Several next steps must occur for the funds to be disbursed. Please review the due diligence checklist and provide dates of when the items may be completed. All of the due diligence materials will need to be submitted prior to receiving the grant funds. DES will help assemble all the necessary materials for submittal to G&C for final approval. Upon G&C approval, invoices for completion of the project will need to be submitted for the ARM funds to be disbursed. If you have any questions about the above requirements, feel free to contact me at (603) 271-4059 or email at Lori.Sommer@des.nh.gov I look forward to completing this exciting project with you.

Sincerely,



Lori L. Sommer
NHDES Mitigation Coordinator

Enclosed: Due Diligence Checklist



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Hadley, MA 01035-9589



In Reply Refer To:
FWS/Region5/WSFR

WSFR – New Hampshire
F14AF01270

SEP 04 2018

Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director
Fish and Game Department
11 Hazen Drive
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Mr. Normandeau:

This letter constitutes approval of Revision 10 to Application for Federal Assistance (AFA) F14AF01270 titled, "NH W-108-L-1 State Wildlife Management Area Enhancement" to change the scope of work and to increase the total amount by \$4,964,810.00, effective July 20, 2018. The revised total amount is now \$10,373,491.00, of which the Federal share is \$7,780,117.00. The performance period for this award is September 01, 2014 through August 31, 2019.

Pre-award Costs: Your organization is authorized to be reimbursed for all direct and indirect pre-award expenses incurred prior to the performance period start date of this award and necessary to comply with the proposed project schedule/period of performance. Pre-award expenses are allowable only to the extent that they are authorized by the approved Standard Form (SF) 424, *Application for Federal Assistance*, scope of work, and project budget incorporated by reference under this award.

Terms of Acceptance:

Acceptance of a financial assistance award (i.e., grant or cooperative agreement) from the Service carries with it the responsibility to be aware of and comply with the terms and conditions applicable to the award. Acceptance is defined as the start of work, drawing down funds, or accepting the award via electronic means. Awards are based on the application submitted to and approved by the Service. Awards are subject to the terms and conditions incorporated into the notice of award either by direct citation or by reference to the following: Federal regulations; program legislation or regulation; and special award terms and conditions. The terms and conditions of Service awards flow down to subrecipients and contractors, unless a particular award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. The Federal regulations applicable to Service recipients and their subrecipients and contractors are listed by recipient type in the Service **Financial Assistance Award Terms and Conditions** posted on the Internet at <https://www.fws.gov/grants/atc.html>. If you do not have access to the Internet and require a printed copy of the award terms and conditions, contact the Service Project Officer identified below.

Conditions:

(1) After the Service has approved acquisition of real property interests with these grant funds, the Grant Recipient will identify in the deed for each property purchased in fee simple the Federal interest in the title of the real property and will simultaneously record with the deed a Notice of Federal Participation that further describes the purpose of the acquisition and outlines the terms and conditions of the grant.

(2) Revenue generated by the Grant Recipient or any subrecipient during the grant period that is earned as a result of the Federal award including but not limited to income from fees for the use of real property, the sale of commodities, and royalties shall be treated as program income. Program income is subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards 2 CFR 200.307. Revenues realized after the grant period are required to be fully used in perpetuity for the administration of the applicable State fish and wildlife agency and may not be diverted to other purposes.

(3) Real property acquisition documentation (including copies of the recorded deed, notice of federal participation, title vesting certificate or title insurance policy, survey, final summary of land costs by tract, recorded conservation easement and baseline documentation where applicable) must be submitted with appropriate Interim or Final Reports for each transaction completed during the Reporting Period.

Financial and Performance Reporting Requirements:

(4) Annual interim financial and performance reports and final financial and performance reports are required under this award. The report periods and due dates under this award are:

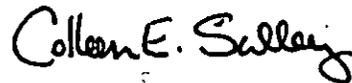
Report:	Report Period End Date:	Report Due Date:
Interim financial & performance	09/30/2018	12/29/2018
Final financial & performance	08/31/2019	11/29/2019

Recipients must use the SF 425, *Federal Financial Report* form for all financial reporting. This <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/post-award-reporting-forms.html#sortby=1>.

Performance reports must contain: (1) a comparison of actual accomplishments with the goals and objectives of the award as detailed in the approved scope of work; (2) a description of reasons why established goals were not met, if appropriate; and (3) any other pertinent information relevant to the project results. Please include the Service award number provided in the subject line of this letter on all reports.

Financial and performance reporting due dates may be extended one time only for a maximum of 90 days by the Service upon receipt of a written request addressed to the Chief, Division of Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR), and sent to FW5fareports@fws.gov, identifying the type of report to be extended, the requested revised due date, and a justification for the extension. The Chief, WSFR may approve an additional extension if justified by a catastrophe that significantly impairs the recipient's operations

Sincerely,



Colleen E. Sculley
Chief, Division of Wildlife
and Sport Fish Restoration

cc: Randy Curtis
Linda Shaw

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424			
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		* 2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision	
		* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="checkbox"/> A: Increase Award * Other (Specify):	
* 3. Date Received:		* 4. Applicant Identifier: NH W-108-L-1 Rev 10	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:		5b. Federal Award Identifier: F14AF01270	
State Use Only:			
6. Date Received by State:		7. State Application Identifier:	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:			
* a. Legal Name: State of New Hampshire			
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 02-6000618		* c. Organizational DUNS: 8085908630000	
d. Address:			
* Street1:	11 Hazen Drive		
* Street2:			
* City:	Concord		
* County/Parish:			
* State:	NH: New Hampshire		
* Province:			
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip / Postal Code:	03301-6500		
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name: NH Fish and Game Department		Division Name: Wildlife Division	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:			
* Prefix:	Mr.	* First Name:	Randy
* Middle Name:	L.		
* Last Name:	Curtis		
* Suffix:			
* Title:	Federal Aid Administrator		
Organizational Affiliation: New Hampshire Fish and Game Department			
* Telephone Number:	(603) 271-3511	* Fax Number:	
* Email:	randy.curtis@wildlife.nh.gov		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

A: State Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

15.611

CFDA Title:

Wildlife Restoration

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Croydon, Colebrook, Groton, Newport
Gronham

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

NH W-108-L-1 State Wildlife Management Area Enhancement

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

a. Applicant NH-002

* b. Program/Project NH-A11

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

a. Start Date: 09/01/2014

* b. End Date: 08/31/2019

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

a. Federal	<u>XXXXXXXXXXXX</u>	\$3,723,607 SAD 08/16/2018
b. Applicant	<u>0.00</u>	
c. State	<u>XXXXXXXXXX</u>	\$1,241,203 SAD 08/16/2018
d. Local	<u>0.00</u>	
e. Other	<u>0.00</u>	
f. Program Income	<u>0.00</u>	
g. TOTAL	<u>XXXXXXXXXX</u>	\$4,964,810 sad 08/16/2018

Changes to AFA based on Randy's email from 08/15/2018

19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on 07/20/2018
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

- Yes
- No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr * First Name: Randy

Middle Name:

Last Name: Curtis

Suffix:

Title: Federal Aid Administrator

Telephone Number: 603-271-3511 Fax Number:

Email: randy_curtis@wildlife.nh.gov

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Randy L. Curtis

* Date Signed: 07/20/2018