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Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation Awarded \$10,000 Wharton Grant

Addison, Maine: Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation announced today that it has received a \$10,000 grant from the William P. Wharton Trust.

At his death in 1976, William P. Wharton's will created The William P. Wharton Trust to carry on his lifelong support of the study and conservation of nature in its broadest form on the local, national, and international scenes. The Trust supports projects where its grants will make a real difference and where the hoped-for results will be tangible, promptly accomplished, and lasting.

The grant from the Wharton Trust will be used to support PRWF's conservation efforts as part of the Heads of the Estuaries Partnership in Jonesboro and Jonesport where the Foundation has options to purchase four properties at the head of Mason Bay. Pleasant River Wildlife Foundation's mission is to protect wildlife habitat in the estuaries in Downeast Maine with a particular emphasis on habitat for waterfowl and shorebirds. PRWF selected upper Mason Bay as an area of particular importance because of the high quality of its wildlife habitat and its substantially pristine and undeveloped nature.

Additional funding for the purchase of the properties on Mason Bay comes from a grant from Maine's Land for Maine's Future program, and two U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grants, a National Coastal Wetlands grant and a grant under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grants program. Private support in the form of donations and bargain sales by the landowners involved has also been of great importance in advancing this conservation work.



Greater Yellowlegs



Black ducks and mallards over Mason Bay flats

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