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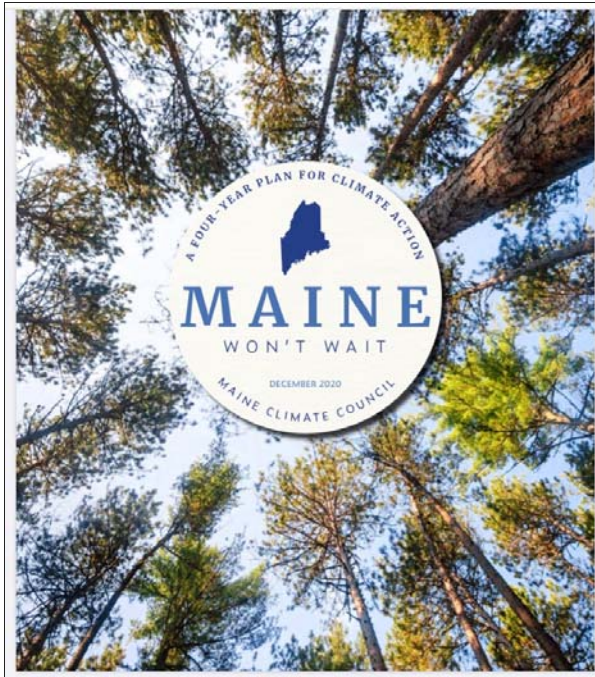
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Welcome,

to the Winter 2020/21 edition of *Casco Bay Currents*, the newsletter for Casco Bay Estuary Partnership (CBEP).

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Maine Won't Wait: A Four-Year Plan for Climate Action



Maine's Climate Action Plan "Maine Won't Wait" was released on December 1, 2020. This four-year climate action plan released by the Maine Climate Council plans to reduce carbon emissions and achieve carbon neutrality in Maine by 2045. The Plan also sets out actions to help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Governor Mills and the Maine Legislature created the Council, an assembly of scientists, industry leaders, bipartisan local and state officials, and engaged citizens, in June, 2019. Council and working

group members, including CBEP Director Curtis Bohlen, who sat on the Coastal and Marine Working Group, contributed countless hours considering actions to combat climate change.

CBEP has been addressing these issues for some time, including releasing our [Casco Bay Climate Change Vulnerability Report](#) in 2017. We will continue to work with our many partners to help prepare communities from climate change impacts through offering expertise and technical assistance in tidal restoration, adaptation planning, support for land protection, and other coastal resilience projects.

[Here](#) is the link to *Maine Won't Wait* and [here](#) is the Council's background data and information.

2021 Casco Bay Community Grants

Application Deadline: January 25, 2021

Request for Proposals Here



Photo: 2019 Community Grant Projects

Casco Bay Estuary Partnership invites proposals for the 2021 *Casco Bay Community Grants Program*.

CBEP encourages new partnerships and innovative projects that engage communities with Casco Bay and its watershed. This year in particular, we want to encourage replicable projects that support distance learning and outdoor learning (*for more on outdoor learning, see below*). Proposals are welcome from educators, land trusts and other non-profit organizations, civic groups, municipal committees, churches, clubs, school groups and neighborhood associations.

The Request for Proposals and application form are available for download on our website (*link in blue box above*). You can choose a fillable application form attached to the RFP or download a separate application in Microsoft Word format. If you have trouble downloading documents and would like the package emailed or mailed to you, please contact us.

The application deadline is **9 a.m., Monday, January 25, 2021**. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact [Victoria Boundy](#).

Please share this RFP with others who may be interested.



Teach ME Outside: Maine Environmental Education Association (MEEA), the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance, and the Nature Based Education Consortium collaborated to create [a new video](#) for their *Teach ME Outside* initiative.

The goal of the initiative is to support and work in partnership with Maine communities to ensure that all Maine youth have access to powerful, hands-on environmental learning opportunities.

To learn more, check out the [MEEA website](#).

Photo: Falmouth Land Trust

Meet Resilience Fellow Madeline Tripp!



Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) has launched the first-ever Resilience Corps, a new partnership with AmeriCorps. Fourteen service volunteers are going to be working with local organizations to support regional resilience in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The program is made possible through a three-year award GPCOG received from Volunteer Maine.

Resilience Fellow Madeline Tripp grew up in the “one-stoplight town” of Bethel, North Carolina, but is excited to be moving to Portland this winter. She graduated in May from East Carolina University with a degree in geography, where she particularly enjoyed human geography and community planning. Her long-term goal is to do community-centered coastal conservation and restoration and to live within a stone’s throw of the ocean.

Madeline joined the Resilience Corps because it was a chance to pursue her goals, explore a new place, and meet people who are passionate about public service. As the Environmental Resilience Fellow, she will help create a database for the Casco Bay Regional Shellfish Working Group, supported by the **Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative**, develop a tool to compare potential brownfields and areas of social vulnerability in the region, and help with some of CBEP’s community outreach initiatives. During her service, she is excited to learn how communities in the greater Portland region are becoming more sustainable, to gain experience in community outreach, and to (hopefully) tag along on a clamming expedition before the year is out.

In her free time, Madeline loves to go on bike rides, bake bread, and learn how to identify plants. She also enjoys playing with her new kitten, Beau.



Casco Bay Coastal Academy: Coastal Stabilization Case Studies in Casco Bay



WHAT: A free workshop about shoreline stabilization using green design techniques through case studies of both upland and coastal zone projects. Additional information on green design financing options and other resources will also be provided.

Speakers: Peter Slovinsky of the Maine Geological Survey; Damon Yakovleff and Christopher Baldwin of the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District; and Martha Sheils of the New England Environmental Finance Center.

WHO: Conservation commission members, planning board members, other municipal board members, municipal staff, interested citizens

WHEN: Thursday, December 17, 3:00 — 4:30 p.m. via Zoom (link will be sent prior to event)

REGISTER HERE OR BELOW!

FMI: Contact: victoria.boundy@maine.edu



REGISTER FOR CASCO BAY COASTAL ACADEMY



Check out all of the good work accomplished by CBEP and partners in 2020. Flip through our report or download it [here](#)!

Casco Bay Monitoring Plan Update



CBEP updated its 2004 Casco Bay Monitoring Plan. The Plan represents the work of the Casco Bay Monitoring Network, a community of more than 20 scientists and organizations that routinely monitor conditions in Casco Bay.

The Plan provides a coordinated framework for monitoring of Casco Bay and its watershed by

leveraging existing data collection programs, identifying emerging information needs, and highlighting data gaps. The Plan also outlines strategies for improving monitoring in the next five to ten years.

[Here](#) is the Plan, which can be found in the Resources section of our [website](#).

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