

*Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program
Maine's Statewide In-Lieu Fee Compensation Program*



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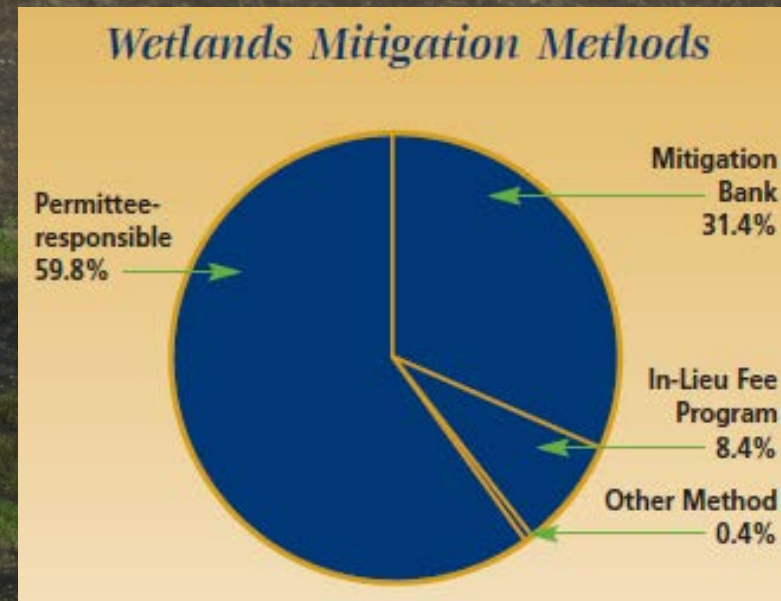


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- *Clean Water Act* and Maine's *NRPA* require permits for activities in protected resources
- Mitigation protocol:
 1. *Avoid*
 2. *Minimize*
 3. *Compensate*

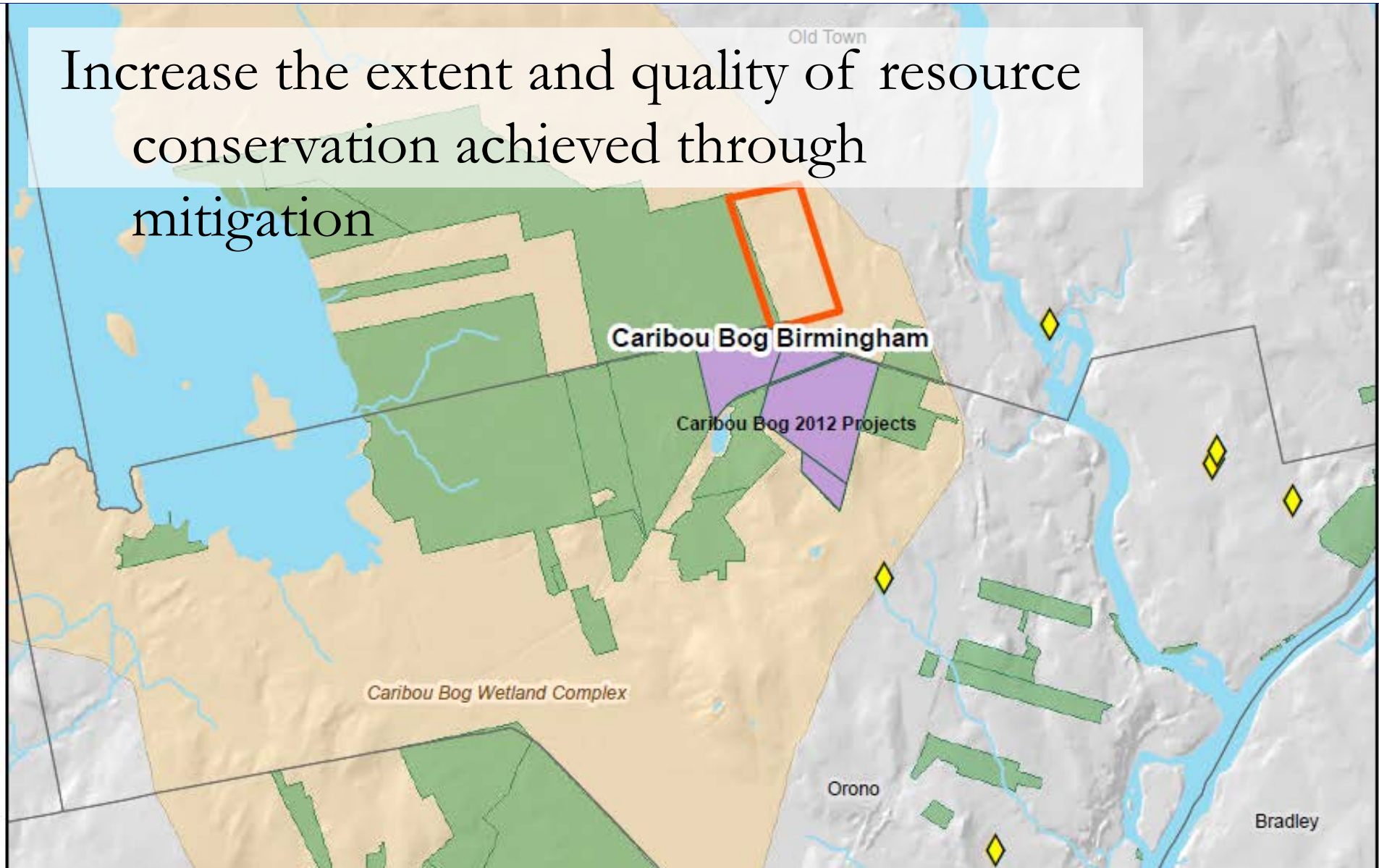




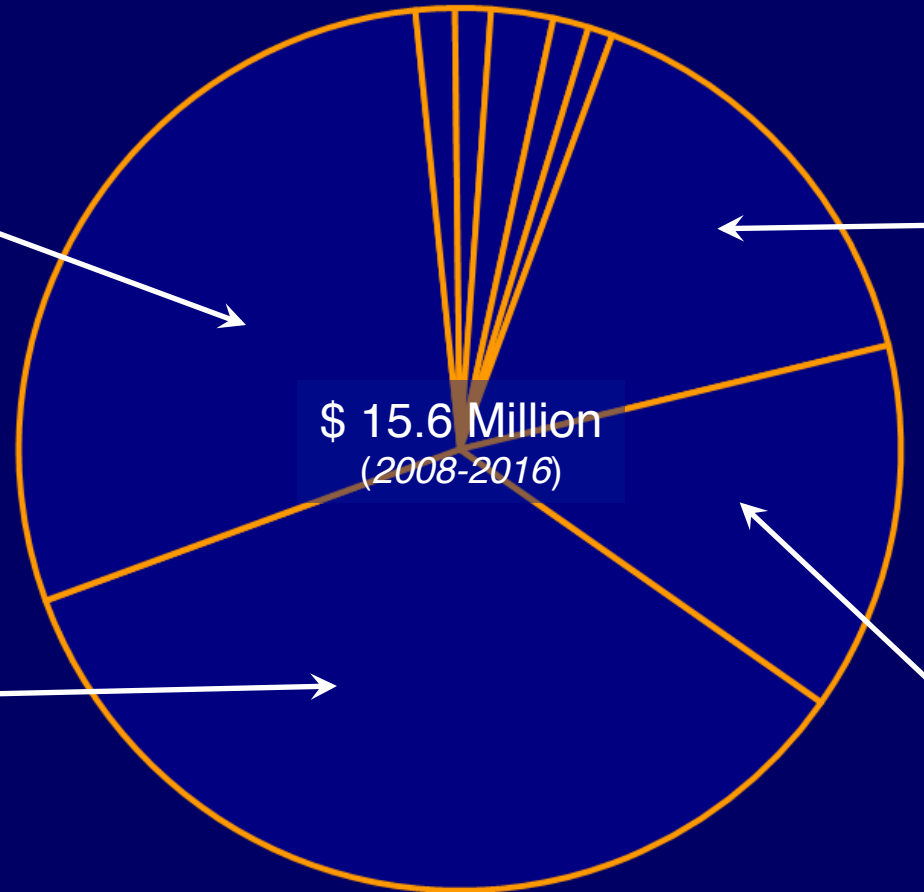
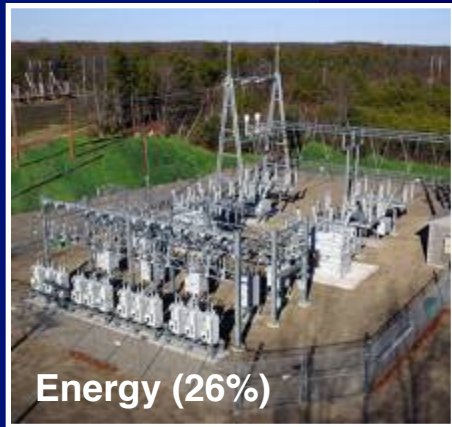
Maine's ILF Program

- Statewide program launched in 2007 w/ DEP as sponsor & TNC contracted as administrator
- In-lieu fees assessed by DEP/Corps deposited in regional funds administered by TNC
- Funds are awarded through a competitive process to projects that compensate loss

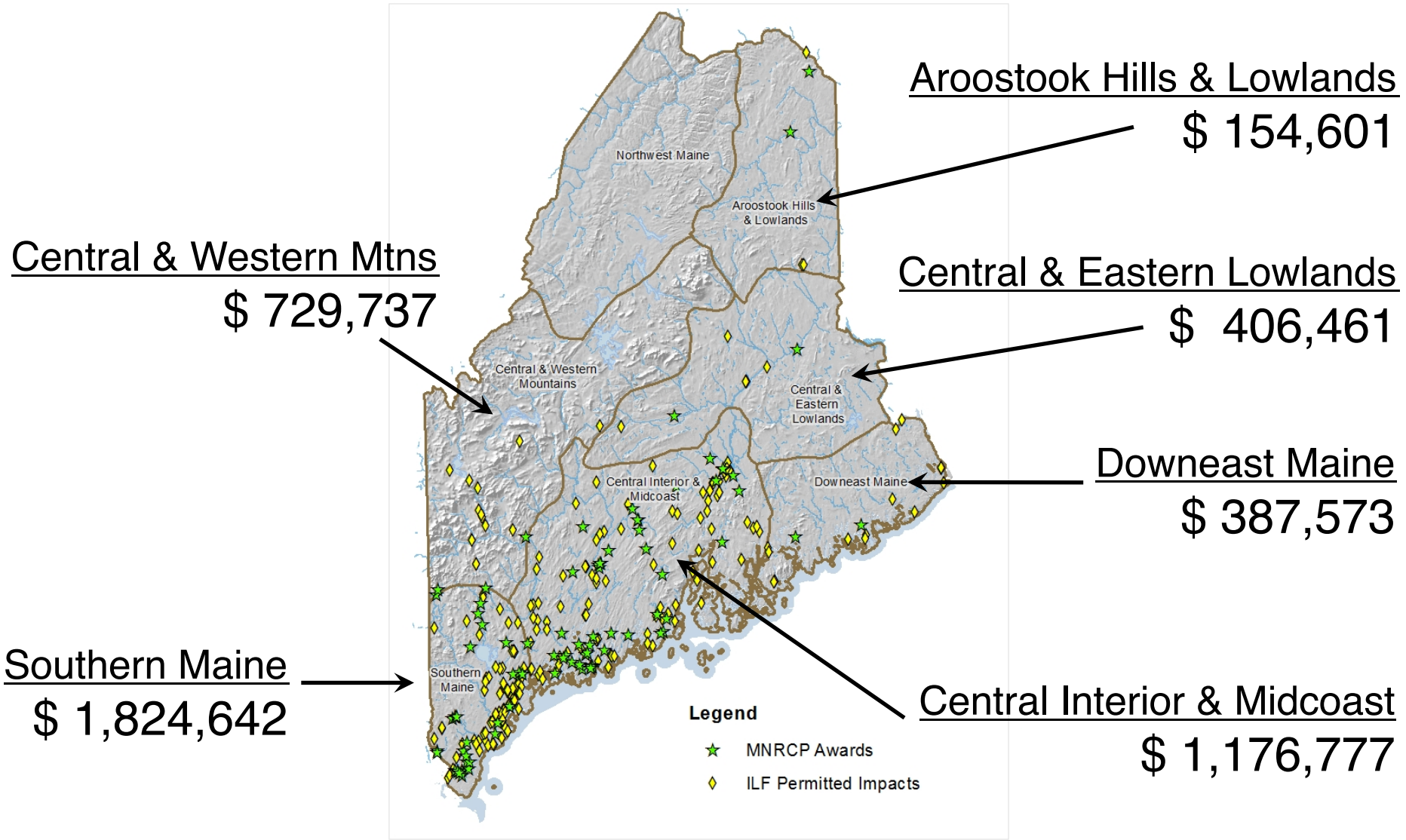
Increase the extent and quality of resource conservation achieved through mitigation



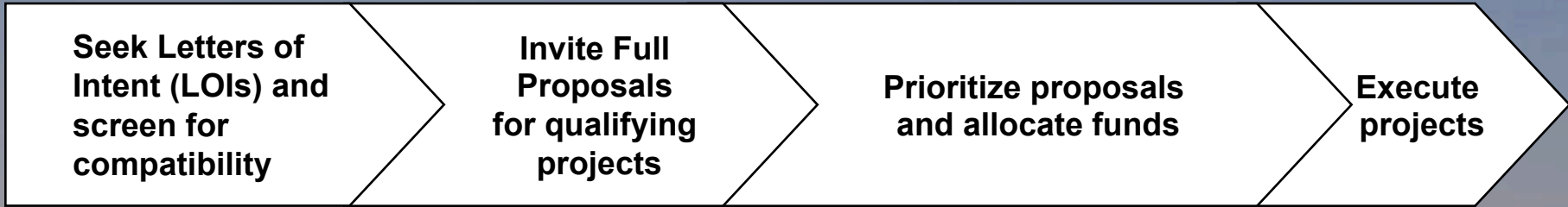
Provide permit applicants greater flexibility in compensating for impacts

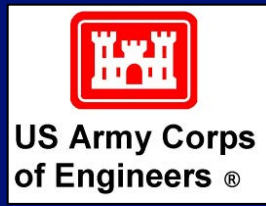


Regional Funding



Review Process





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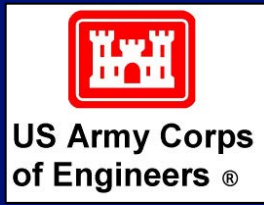
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2009-2016 Awards



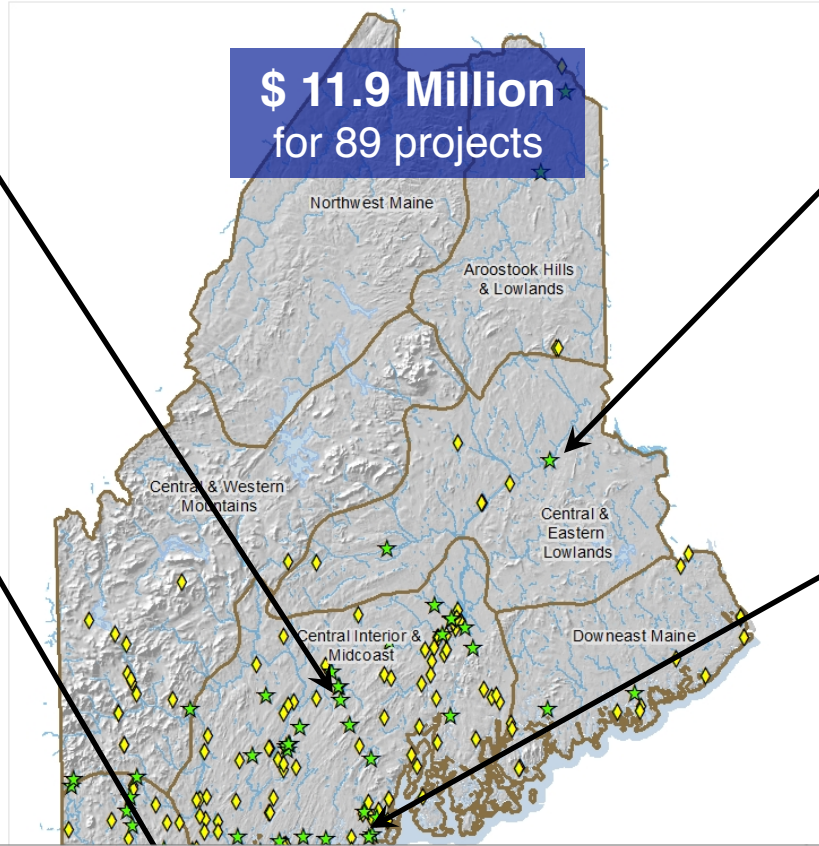
Kanokolus Bog



Brookings Bay



Suckfish Brook



Mattawamkeag River

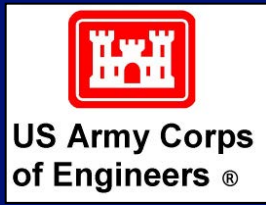


Clark Island



Montsweag Brook

Statewide Conservation Priority Areas	% Projects
Beginning with Habitat Focus Areas	56%
Within or Adjacent to Federal or State Conservation Lands	72%
Within or Adjacent to Local or Non-Profit Conservation Lands	83%



More Info: mnrpc.org

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