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## Espy Land Heritage Award

Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT), a statewide land conservation organization, has named the Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) as recipient of the **2011 Espy Land Heritage Award**. Each year MCHT presents the award named for Jay Espy to an individual, organization, or coalition for exemplary conservation efforts in Maine.

“The recent land conservation accomplishments of the Downeast Lakes Land Trust are truly spectacular,” said Tom Ireland, Board Chair of MCHT, when presenting the award at the Maine Land Conservation Conference this past weekend in Topsham. “They set the standard in Maine, and indeed the nation, for the impact a land trust can have in sustaining a community’s way of life.”

Thank you to all supporters of DLLT - your support makes our accomplishments possible, and you are honored by receipt of this award. **CLICK HERE** to read more, including how Downeast Lakes Land Trust will use the \$5,000 award and photos and video of the award presentation.

## Forest Legacy Funds for West Grand Lake

On April 15th President Obama signed a resolution funding the government through September, including the U.S.F.S. Forest Legacy Program. The good news for Maine?

Forest Legacy projects are evaluated in a competitive, objective process and ranked for their economic, environmental, and recreational values. The West Grand Lake Community Forest was ranked #1 as the best opportunity in the country to invest in forest conservation this year.

We expect to receive the recommended funding level of \$6,675,000. Funding of this program is a huge milestone, bringing us near the halfway point for our project's **\$24 million campaign**.

Maine's Congressional delegation - Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins and Representatives Michael Michaud and Chellie Pingree - support the West Grand Lake Community Forest Project and serve as Honorary Co-Chairs.



## Grand Lake Stream Summer Events

Spring fishing is underway, and this summer's **Downeast Lakes Land Trust** events are online.

The History & Heritage Series starts May 19th with a discussion of "Pulpwood and Guard Towers" by Jocelyn Curtis, jointly hosted with the Grand Lake Stream Historical Society.

This year's Explorations and Adventures program is themed Animals, Books, and Children in Grand Lake Stream, and features visits from Maine children's book authors and illustrators, activities, and adventures.

Don't miss Grand Lake Stream, America, Guides Dinners, the Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival, the Downeast Lakes Land Trust Annual Picnic, or the West Grand Lake Race.



## The Naming of Dawn Marie Beach

Curious about local place names? We learned the story behind the naming of Dawn Marie Beach. It's a beautiful, quiet sandy beach on Wabassus Lake in the Farm Cove Community Forest and accessible by boat or by the new Dawn Marie Beach Path.

Virginia Graceffa recently sent us a copy of a **poem written by Guy Franklin MacArthur**, that tells the story of the infant Dawn Marie and her first visit to the beach. It was written in 1963, long before local concerns about development pressure and the potential loss of public access.

We don't know if Guy's wish has been granted – but thanks to the supporters of DLLT, the beach will always be open for Dawn Marie to visit, and for others to come make their own memories.



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