



What did the Merger make possible?

A more ecologically sustainable Midcoast Region – for animals, plants and ultimately for you.

1. Caring for the land – saving the places you love

- We protected almost 1,000 acres of land in our first two years – including Hidden Valley!
- Your preserves get more TLC: first ever full-time land steward who specializes in caring for ALL our lands
- All our lands now meet National Standards for land trusts.
- We raised more money to protect more land!

\$1.75 M for land purchases

Foundations gave at their maximum level

On schedule to protect over 1,400 acres in our first 3 years

Ranked third in nation for our Community Forest proposal

2. Caring for our Waters – the source of all life

Damariscotta Lake:

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- Added **\$150,000** new dollars to improve the health of the lake.
- Kieve-Wavus became a new partner, raising an endowment over \$300,000 for Midcoast Conservancy to benefit the lake.
- Our pre-merger lake budget: under \$200,000; Post merger Lake Budget: over \$300,000
- In 2019, we're expanding our efforts to protect the lake by switching from a 12 week position (Railsback Fellow) to an 11 month position (Maine Conservation Corps). That's a 400% increase in effort!
- We are keeping more pollutants out of the lake: expanded YCC projects and initiated septic surveys keeping human waste out of the lake.

Clean Water. Thriving Communities. Land for All.



Sheepscot River:

- Restoring the river: added a full time Watershed Restoration Specialist to remove barriers to fish (in partnership with TNC and ASF).
- 17 species of native fish can now reach historic spawning grounds after the Coopers Mills dam was removed. Three more projects will bring fish all the way to the headwaters!
- In 2019, 2.5 miles of river frontage will be conserved, crucial for keeping the river clean.
- We located places where contaminants and soil are flowing into the river with expanded monitoring; now we want to fix the problem areas.

3. Caring for our Community – meeting new needs

- We have high quality outdoor gear, bringing it to rural families in Liberty, Wiscasset, Palermo and Whitefield. We are getting kids out on skis, snowshoes, bikes, paddle boards and kayaks.
- We connected over 1,600 NEW participants to the outdoors.
- Added 4 AmeriCorps Service Members working in local schools delivering programs in rural communities.
- We are creating the next generation of people like you who will care for the land and water you love.



Merging with MVLT – what will it make possible?

Joining with MVLT will continue the trend we began; with a greater impact on land, water and community. Here's how:

1. Protect land and water from the headwaters to the sea

Moose, deer, bear, bobcat and snowshoe hare don't recognize watershed boundaries. For your wildlife neighbors to thrive, we need to protect major parcels and the corridors that connect them. The map shows the significant border we share with MVLT. Coming together will allow a more regional approach to protecting land and water, and help us achieve greater conservation impacts.

2. Become a leader in Maine

Together, MVLT and Midcoast Conservancy are committed to raising \$300,000 by the end of 2018 to ensure the success of the merger and be a model for Maine. Great progress has been made. These bridge funds will help us realize a successful future together and help us become a leader in land, water and community conservation in Maine.

3. Effective and efficient staff

We can accomplish more, take on new exciting projects and attract talented staff by merging and streamline core administrative functions. Here's how:

- Two staff working with volunteers and donors to expand efforts for clean water, land & community
- Three staff/service members protecting waters you care about.
- Four staff/service members protecting lands on a scale that matters
- Five staff/service members delivering community programs year round

