Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Improvement Project Kittery Point, Maine



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Secretary Ken Salazar U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service 1849 C Street NW Washington, DC 20240-0002

RE: Pepperell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Improvement Project

Dear Secretary Salazar:

The Kittery Port Authority, in partnership with the Town of Kittery, Maine is pleased to submit this BIG application for your consideration. We respectfully request funding of \$242,766 toward total project costs of \$332,766 to construct a new pier, ramp and float system at Pepperrell Cove that will contribute \$1 million annually to the local economy. Funding for this project is needed to address a crucial shortage of short-term accommodations for transient recreational boaters with vessels 26 feet or longer in the Kittery and broader Seacoast region.

The Port Authority is charged with maintenance, oversight and planning for all waterfront infrastructure in Kittery, Maine. The current mixed use and configuration of our Pepperrell Cove facility in Kittery Point is inefficient for all users, especially transient recreational boaters. Pepperrell Cove has a dedicated fisherman's pier which is designated for commercial use only and an older failing pier which has traditionally been mixed use.

Our proposed project includes demolishing the existing dilapidated mixed use pier and replacing it with a pier, ramp and float configuration that will provide 12 new docking spaces for transient boaters with nontrailerable vessels 26 feet or longer. We also plan to install a pumpout dock, floating docks for dinghy storage, and an ADA compliant ramp.

As noted in our proposal, we will provide matching funds of \$90,000 to support the project. The Town of Kittery is committed to providing an \$90,000 cash match toward construction costs. The Kittery Port Authority will also provide significant in-kind contributions to conduct extensive education and outreach efforts that will increase public awareness and use of the new transient docking spaces.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Carson, Chairman Kittery Port Authority

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
- 3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title, or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property aquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
- Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- 5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
- Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
- 10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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- 11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
- 12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
- 13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
- 14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
- Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the

- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
- Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
- Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
- 18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
- Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE	
John Corson	Chairman	
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Kittery Port Authority	9-17-2010	

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4. Project Statement

The Kittery Port Authority, in partnership with the Town of Kittery, is pleased to submit this request for \$242,766 from the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program to construct a new pier, ramp and floating dock system for 12 transient nontrailerable recreational vessels 26 feet or longer at Pepperrell Cove in Kittery, Maine. The Town of Kittery is committed to providing \$90,000 (27%) in cash matching funds toward total project costs of \$332,766. A pumpout dock will be incorporated into the float system to promote environmentally sustainable boating practices, while supporting designation of the region as a No Discharge Area for boater waste. Funding for this project is needed to alleviate a significant shortage of transient recreational boating accommodations for vessels 26 feet or longer in Kittery and throughout the Seacoast region.

A. Need for Proposed Project

Demand for transient docking and / or mooring accommodations for recreational vessels greater than 26 feet in Kittery, Maine is very high. As the first port located along the coast of Maine, Kittery provides an excellent jumping off point for recreational boaters traveling Downeast in the spring, as well as boaters heading south in the fall. At the same time, Kittery also provides an ideal destination for recreational boaters seeking to enjoy the many historic, cultural and scenic opportunities of this 'easy to reach' coastal Maine community.

Unfortunately, transient moorings and docking spaces are extremely limited throughout the Seacoast region. The Kittery Port Authority currently has only two transient moorings, along with one transient dock that can only be utilized for a maximum of thirty minutes at a time. The tremendous demand for seasonal moorings in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Kittery, Maine, and York, Maine, which all have minimum ten year wait lists for seasonal moorings, has further exacerbated the problem. At the same time, U.S. Customs and Border Protection staff members have noted an increase in foreign flagged vessels seeking transient docking facilities in the Piscatagua River region.

The proposed new pier, ramp and float system will replace the current Frisbee Pier which was built in 1954 to replace an earlier pier that had been destroyed by a hurricane. Frisbee Pier is extremely dilapidated (emergency repairs were needed to keep the pier operational after it was condemned four years ago). Though initially developed for

Frisbee Pier

commercial use, the Frisbee Pier has become largely a recreational pier and dinghy tie up spot following construction of a commercial fishing pier at Pepperrell Cove in the late 1990s to separate commercial and recreational interests. In addition to being in disrepair, the Frisbee Pier is completely inadequate to serve the needs of transient recreational boaters with vessels 26 feet or longer. Currently, pumpout services in the region are limited to one vessel operated out of Portsmouth by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (available by appointment).

B. Project Objectives

The underlying goal of this project is to address the significant lack of transient docking opportunities currently available in the Kittery Harbor and greater Piscataqua River region. The following specific objectives will be accomplished during a one-year project period:

- Remove dilapidated and dysfunctional pier system currently in place at Pepperrell Cove.
- Construct new pier, ramp and float system to provide new transient docking space for 12 recreational vessels that are 26 feet or longer.
- Install a pump-out dock to promote environmentally sensitive boating practices in the region by eliminating illegal boater discharge.
- Install floating docks to provide dinghy tie up spaces for transient boaters.
- Provide handicap access via an ADA compliant 80 foot ramp from the pier to the float system.
- Implement a series of targeted outreach and promotional actions to ensure that recreational boaters are made aware of the new accommodations.

C. Expected Results and Benefits from Accomplishing Objectives

The following short and long-term benefits will be achieved by accomplishing the objectives outlined in our Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Improvement Project:

- Safety concerns associated with the existing dysfunctional pier and float system will be eliminated when that structure is replaced by the new pier, ramp and docking system.
- Expanded accommodations for transient recreational boaters with vessels 26 feet or longer will increase the number of boaters visiting the greater Seacoast region.
- Recreational boaters throughout the waters of Kittery, Maine will have a new boat pumpout facility to handle boater waste, reducing a major source of pollution.
- Access to boating in the region for individuals with disabilities will be significantly expanded with installation of the ADA compliant ramp.

- Boat owners utilizing the transient docking space will contribute to the local economy by dining at local restaurants, shopping, and enjoying tourist activities in Kittery, as well as nearby communities such as Portsmouth, New Hampshire and York, Maine. In the long-term, this project is expected to contribute more than \$1 million into the local economy each year (see detail under ranking criteria #7).
- Increased transient boater activity at Pepperrell Cove will provide a market for new small businesses to provide expanded services for boaters and their vessels.

D. Approach

The primary personnel responsible for implementing this project are Kittery Port Authority Chair John Carson, Kittery Town Manager Jon Carter, and Kittery Harbormaster Bion Pike. The Kittery Port Authority and Town of Kittery will work in partnership to coordinate and supervise all aspects of this project. Duncan Mellor of Waterfront Engineers in Stratham, New Hampshire has been hired to assist with preliminary engineering designs and developing cost estimates for this proposal. Mr. Mellor has a long-standing relationship with the Town of Kittery as he has successfully provided engineering services for several complex waterfront related projects. Mr. Mellor will manage environmental permitting and develop final engineering designs for the project. The project team will hire a contractor to handle construction of the new pier, ramp and float system. The Kittery Harbormaster maintains a waterfront office at Pepperrell Cove and will provide on-site logistical assistance to the contractor as needed.

Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Improvement Project												
Monthly Project Schedule												
Description	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
- Environmental Permitting	Х	х	Х									
- Complete Final Engineering Design	Х	х										
- Selection of Construction Contractor			Х	х								
- Construction					Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
- Education / Outreach Activities								Х	Х	Х	Х	Х

The primary contact for this project is:

Jon Carter, Kittery Town Manager, 200 Rogers Road, Kittery, ME 03904 207-439-0452 ext. 329 JCarter@kitteryme.org The project team will ensure that the pier, ramp and float system is designed to last at least 30 years. The Kittery Port Authority is committed to providing ongoing maintenance for the facility once it is constructed. The new facility will also be monitored via an existing video surveillance system that provides 24-hour security coverage throughout Pepperrell Cove. This project does not require dredging as the existing conditions at the site will allow for depths of at least six feet at low tide in the proposed transient docking locations.

The Kittery Port Authority and Harbormaster will work with several partners to implement a series of educational and outreach strategies that will increase public awareness and expand use of the transient docking system among recreational boaters with vessels greater than 26 feet.

E. Description of Activity (NEPA), (ESA), and (NHPA)

Construction activities include complete removal of the existing Frisbee Pier at Pepperrell Cove followed by construction of a new pier, ramp and float system consistent with the detail provided in the design drawings included with this proposal. The new pier will be 15 x 20 feet, with an 80 foot ramp, and 200 feet of floating docks held in place by pilings. The ramp will be constructed in compliance with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The floating dock system will provide at least 12 new spaces for recreational vessels that are at least 26 feet in length. Depth within the vessel docking areas at low tide is already no less than six feet. The facility design also includes float space for dinghy tie-ups. Since the facility is designed for short duration visits and not seasonal docking, the design loads for the floating dock with boats will be for moderate weather conditions. In severe weather, the boats will be asked to depart the floating docks and in conditions such as hurricanes, the floating dock system may be temporarily moved to sheltered locations.

Environmental permitting in Maine is coordinated by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) and for this project we expect a full Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) application will be required, though it might be allowed under the Permit-by-Rule procedure due to the limited impacts. As part of this process, the MDEP circulates the NRPA application to many state agencies, including the State Historic Preservation Officer for Section 106 review, and several agencies for the endangered species review. The proposed project is not expected to have any impact on historic or archaeological resources as the work area is limited to onwater facilities in Pepperrell Cove. The NRPA application is also sent to the Maine office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who are the lead federal agency responsible for federal agency reviews. It is expected that the Corps will review this project under the Maine Programmatic

General Permit process, since the new construction impacts are offset by removal of the existing pier and float structures. This project is expected to be impact neutral.

F. Project Location

This project is located at Pepperrell Cove, Bellamy Lane, Kittery Point, Maine. Additional project location information, photos and maps are included in Section 6, pages 20 and 21 of this proposal.

G. Description of Prorated Costs of Non-Eligible Benefits

This project includes a new facility to provide pumpout services for transient boaters with vessels greater than 26 feet. The total cost of the pumpout facility is \$13,700. We have prorated the cost included in our request for funding to account for a percentage of non-eligible vessels that are expected to use the pumpout facility along with the eligible transient vessels. Our project budget includes \$11,234 or 82% of the costs for the pumpout dock, the remaining \$2,466 in noted as not eligible. Based upon the figures noted below, we estimate that 82% of the vessels utilizing the pump-out facility will be eligible, i.e. nontrailerable transient recreational vessels greater than 26 feet, while approximately 18% of the vessels using the pumpout facility may be boat owners utilizing seasonal moorings.

Calculations Used to Prorate Costs for Pumpout Dock							
Based Upon Estimated Seasonal Usage							
Transient vessels 26 feet or more (150 days x avg. 15 boats)	2,250	82%					
Non-eligible vessels (avg. 250 vessels using pumpout avg. 2 x per season)	500	18%					
Total:	2,750	100%					

We did not prorate any costs related to the pier, ramp or float system as signage and management will be used to ensure that these facilities are used for nontrailerable transient recreational boaters with vessels 26 feet or longer.

5. Ranking Criteria Information

1. Provide public / private and public / public partnership efforts to develop, renovate, and maintain BIG facilities.

The Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Improvement Project includes both public / public and public / private partnerships. The Kittery Port Authority has and will continue to work as a full partner with the Town of Kittery to implement all aspects of this important

project. The Town of Kittery is committed to providing cash matching funds of \$90,000 toward direct costs of the proposed improvements at Pepperrell Cove.

In preparation for this project, the Kittery Port Authority has worked in partnership with the University of New Hampshire, Whittemore Business School during 2009 and 2010 to conduct a marketing study, feasibility study and engineering study for upgrading waterfront infrastructure at Pepperrell Cove. Marketing surveys were conducted to help to determine the potential need for this project and ensure public participation in the conceptual planning phase. Outreach was conducted to over 500 members of the public via e-mail and regular mailings. More than 100 residents and boaters responded to the survey by providing input that was incorporated into project priorities and preliminary design.

As part of this project, the Kittery Port Authority will work in partnership with the Portsmouth Region Chamber of Commerce, the Greater York Chamber of Commerce, and private businesses such as the Kittery Point Yacht Yard to promote use of the upgraded Pepperrell Cove facility among transient boaters throughout the Seacoast region. Letters of support from these organizations are included.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection have also indicated their strong support for this project. As noted in their attached letter of support, the need for this project is underscored by an increase in foreign flagged vessels seeking transient docking facilities in the Piscataqua River region.

The Kittery Port Authority is committed to maintaining the new pier, ramp and float system as part of their annual operating budget. The facilities will also be protected by a new surveillance system installed during 2010 that provides real-time 24-hour video surveillance of the entire cove.

Representatives from the Town of Kittery and the Kittery Port Authority have been working closely with regional public officials and have met with U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree and Senator Olympia Snowe's offices to identify potential funding sources needed to improve waterfront infrastructure for recreational boaters in Kittery, Maine. Letters of support are included.

2. Use innovative techniques to increase the availability of BIG facilities for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels (includes education / information).

The Kittery Port Authority and the Town of Kittery plan to utilize several innovative techniques to promote use of the improved transient recreational boater docks to the public, including:

- <u>Social Media</u>. During 2010, the Kittery Harbormaster began using Facebook and Twitter to
 provide outreach and information to boaters and other interested parties. These social
 media tools will be expanded to provide the public with detailed information about
 available transient docking accommodations for vessels 26 feet or longer, pumpout facilities
 and related amenities.
- <u>Kittery Quarterly</u>. The Harbormaster publishes a quarterly feature in this local newspaper which is available to tourists and residents alike. Availability of the new transient docking space for recreational boaters will be included in this publication.
- <u>www.pepperrellcove.org</u>. The Kittery Port Authority currently owns the domain-name "www.pepperrellcove.org". During 2011, a new website will be launched to highlight all of the recreational and commercial facilities available at Pepperrell Cove.
- Multi-state Outreach. The Kittery Port Authority will work with the Greater Portsmouth
 Chamber of Commerce to provide outreach information about transient boating
 accommodations to potential tourists planning a trip to the region. The Greater
 Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce receives up to 1,000 walk-in inquiries, 500 phone calls,
 and 100,000 web page views per month.
- <u>Public / Private Partnerships</u>. The Port Authority will also work with local businesses such as
 the Kittery Point Yacht Yard in Maine, the Greater York Chamber of Commerce, and Prescott
 Park in Portsmouth, New Hampshire to ensure that information about transient boating is
 available to boaters throughout the Seacoast recreational marine community.
- <u>E-mail News</u>. We will utilize an e-mail news service that any member of the public can subscribe to via the Town of Kittery website. This service (free to the public) will be utilized to promote the new transient docking facility.
- Promote Outreach Strategies to the Region. As an active member of the State of Maine
 Harbormasters Association, the Kittery Harbormaster will present a summary of the
 outreach strategies at the annual spring Harbormasters Training program. This effort will
 help promote use of social media and innovative educational strategies to promote
 accommodations for transient recreational boaters throughout coastal Maine.

3. Include private, local, or State funds above the required non-Federal match.

The Town of Kittery is committed to providing \$90,000 (27%) in local matching funds toward total project costs of \$332,766. The Kittery Port Authority is also committed to funding a series of innovative outreach and marketing strategies to increase visibility and use of the new facility. This additional in-kind commitment (worth approximately \$10,000) will be paid for via the Kittery Port Authority operating budget and has not been included in project spending or match figures for this proposal.

4. Cost efficiency.



The Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Improvement Project has a high economic return because it will significantly improve existing public use facilities at Pepperrell Cove vs. creating a completely new facility. The proposed project will replace the existing main pier at Pepperrell Cove with a pier, ramp and 200-foot float system designed for transient recreational vessels 26 feet or longer. The new float

system has the added benefit of being supported by existing utility connections, restrooms, and parking which are already in place at Pepperrell Cove. The existing 24-hour video surveillance system at Pepperrell Cove will help reduce long-term maintenance costs for the project. The federal cost share per new transient docking space is also very efficient: Federal share \$242,766 / 12 = \$20,231.

5. Provide a significant link to prominent destination way points such as those near metropolitan population centers, cultural or natural areas, or those that provide safe harbors.

Pepperrell Cove provides a significant destination way point for recreational boaters traveling along the coast of New England. As the first port of call in Maine, Kittery is a popular destination for boaters seeking the coastal Maine experience. Pepperrell Cove is located within walking and biking distance to historic sites, coastal parks, scenic vistas, restaurants and the Kittery Outlets for shopping. Boaters docking at Pepperrell Cove can also take a quick bike ride over the Memorial Bridge (Route 1) to enjoy arts, theatre, restaurants, and many other attractions found in the historic City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. For visitors interested in brief stops - restrooms, a restaurant, and a market are all located just steps away from the proposed float system.





In addition to being a destination site, Kittery also provides an excellent jumping off point for recreational boaters traveling Downeast in the Spring to sites such as Boothbay Harbor, Camden, or Bar Harbor, as well as boaters heading south in the fall.

6. Provide access to recreational, historic, cultural, natural, or scenic opportunities of national, regional, or local significance.

The new transient docking accommodations will provide access to a wide range of recreational, historic, cultural, natural and scenic opportunities of national, regional, and local significance -- all located within very close proximity to Pepperrell Cove in Kittery, Maine.

Sites with National Significance



The Brave Boat Division of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge is just a short bike ride away. Located along 50 miles of coastline in York and Cumberland counties, the refuge was established in 1966 in cooperation with the State of Maine to protect valuable salt marshes and estuaries for migratory birds. The refuge consists of 11 divisions between Kittery and Cape Elizabeth. The Braveboat Harbor Division in Kittery includes walking trails with interpretive information, as well as access for fishing, bird watching and exploring the natural beauty of this scenic coastal salt marsh area.

There are also many nationally significant historic sites listed on the National Register that are within easy walking distance (five to ten minutes) to Pepperrell Cove. These include the Lady Pepperrell House (1760), William Pepperrell House (1682), First Congregational Church, parsonage and burying ground (1730), and the Bray House (1662) which overlooks the cove.

Sites with Regional Significance

Just a five minute walk away, boaters tying up at Pepperrell Cove can explore Fort McClary State Park, located on Route 103 in Kittery, Maine. This 27.5 acre site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its unique cultural and historic value. Built in 1845, this fort includes buildings surrounded by great walls of granite masonry, along with a 500-foot long seawall overlooking the Piscataqua River.



Cyclists visiting Pepperrell Cove can also easily explore sites throughout Southern Maine by accessing the regional East Coast Greenway which provides bike trails from Kittery to Casco

Bay. A copy of the Eastern Trail map is available to transient boaters at the Kittery Harbormaster Office located in Pepperrell Cove.

Sites with Local Significance

Located in Kittery Point, Fort Foster is one of the region's largest, most scenic and diverse coastal parks. Just a short bike ride away, the site offers three small sandy beaches, an extensive trail system, restroom facilities, picnic areas, and old military fortifications to explore. The park features excellent views of the Piscataqua River, Whaleback Light, Portsmouth Harbor Light and Fort Constitution. The land for Fort Foster was acquired by the federal government in 1872 and is now owned and operated by the Town of Kittery.

At the local level, recreational boaters visiting Pepperrell Cove have the benefit of docking in Kittery Point, a coastal community rich with cultural, historic and natural resources. In addition to the many specific properties listed on the National Register, the entire Kittery Point Village has been identified as a local historic district. Properties of local historic and cultural significance include the Joan Deering House (1700), Old Billings House (1794), and Pepperrell Tomb (1736).



7. Provide positive economic impacts to a community.

Implementing the Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Improvement Project will have a significant positive impact on the local economy by creating jobs and bringing in new revenue to Kittery and the broader Seacoast region. With its scenic coastline, sandy beaches, shopping outlets, restaurants, and cultural sites, the greater Seacoast region's number one industry is tourism. *Money Magazine* recently named the Kittery / York region one of the top 10 vacation destinations in the country. Because Kittery has so many tourist amenities and opportunities, an increase in tourists arriving by boat will have an immediate and direct positive impact on the local economy.

Our proposed project will create 12 transient docking spaces for recreational vessels greater than 26 feet. These new accommodations have the potential to draw approximately 2,250 new transient boaters to Kittery each year. The overall economic impact of these new boaters on the Town of Kittery is anticipated to be greater than \$1 million each year once the facility is fully utilized. To begin with, transient docking fees could generate approximately \$45,000 each year (2,250 boats x average 2 hour stay @ \$10/hour). The 2,250 new boats visiting Pepperrell Cove could generate \$560,000+ annually with tourists spending an average of \$250 on local

services and goods by eating at local restaurants, purchasing fuel, shopping at the Kittery Outlets, and purchasing supplies such as groceries for their departing trip. That level of spending will generate \$28,000+ in additional tax revenues at 5%. Because Kittery is a popular destination for shopping at its well known outlet stores, average spending amounts for tourists visiting for the day may often be much higher than \$250. In addition to increasing revenue for existing businesses, the new facility for transient boaters will also create a market for new small businesses that will be needed to provide services such as boat repair, bike rentals, and food delivery to transient boaters. New businesses could generate an additional \$200,000 to \$400,000 to the local economy.

These economic impact estimates are consistent with methods used as part of a Massachusetts Marine Trades Association survey conducted in 2001 to develop benchmark economic statistics demonstrating the impact of marine trades on the economy. According to those statistics, transient recreational boats have an estimated \$8,500 per slip direct contribution to the local economy through spending at or adjacent to the facility each year. In communities with tourism based economies, a multiplier of 10 to 14 would be used to estimate the total amount of income contributed to the local economy. Using those assumptions for Pepperrell Cove, the 12 new docking spaces alone @ \$8,500 per space would bring \$102,000 into the immediate vicinity. Using a multiplier of 12, the new transient boater accommodations created by this project could ultimately contribute more than \$1.2 million to the local economy each year.

Implementing this project will also have a positive impact on local jobs. Approximately six temporary construction jobs will be created and an estimated 15 new local positions could be needed to provide expanded services for boaters.

8. Include multi-state efforts that result in coordinating location of tie-up and other facilities. To receive points for this criterion, an application must include formal documentation of multi-State efforts

The Kittery Port Authority works on a regular basis with representatives from both Maine and New Hampshire to promote maritime and recreational boater interests within the greater Piscataqua River estuary. For purposes of this project, the Kittery Port Authority will work in collaboration with the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and the Pease Development Authority to coordinate efforts between Maine and New Hampshire to promote transient boating accommodations for recreational boaters with vessels 26 feet or longer.

The Kittery Harbormaster will work with the Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce to ensure that information about the availability of transient docking space is highlighted in their

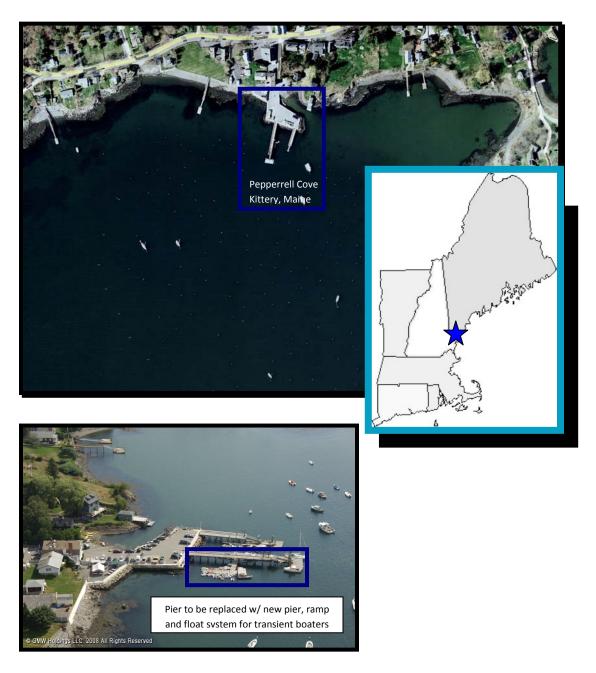
regional outreach and marketing materials, and work with Prescott Park in Portsmouth, New Hampshire to coordinate the availability of transient spots between these two sites located along the Piscataqua River. This coordination will be particularly important during the peak sailing season of June through September when the new transient boater spaces will be in high demand.

6. Project Location - Pepperrell Cove, Kittery, Maine

Pepperrell Cove is located in the Kittery Point section of Kittery, Maine. The GPS coordinates

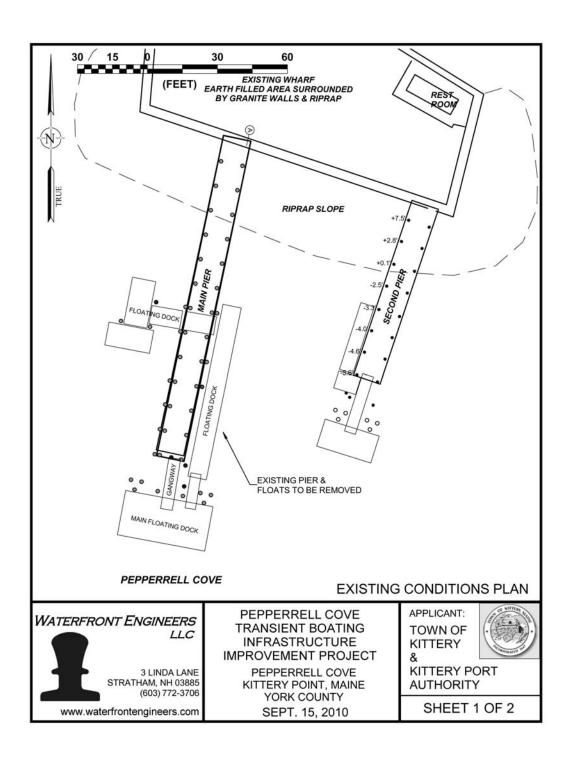
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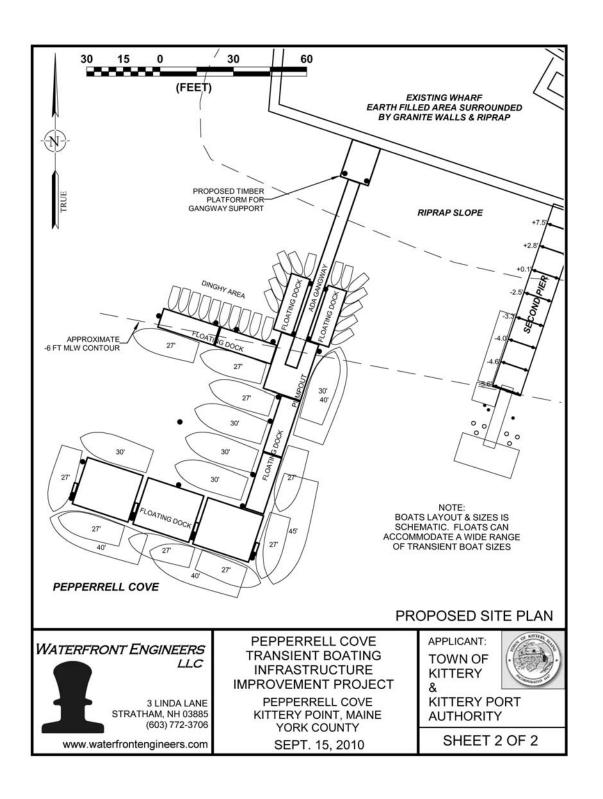
Kittery is located in Southern Maine adjacent the Piscataqua River - the center of the Piscataqua River provides the boundary between Kittery, Maine and Portsmouth, New Hampshire.



Current Use - Tree Growth Selected Parcels Road Centerlines Non Profit - Easement Non Profit - Fee Owned Neighboring Towns Aerial Photo, 2006 Points of Interest Current Use - Farm Waterbodies Open Space Federal Land Town Land A Railroad Streams State Land York PEPPERRELL COVE, KITTERY, MAINE PEPPERELL New Castle □3077ft **Portsmouth** Eliot

7. Project Detail - Drawings / Schematics





8. Letters of Commitment / Support

The following letters of support / commitment are attached:

- U.S. Senator Olympia J. Snowe
- Congresswoman Chellie Pingree
- Town of Kittery
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Pease Development Authority
- Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce
- Kittery Point Yacht Yard
- Greater York Chamber of Commerce

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Mr. Alberto Ortiz U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035

Dear Mr. Ortiz,

I am writing to express my support for the grant application being submitted to the U.S. Department of Interior by the Kittery Port Authority for funding under the *Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG)* through the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

The current recreational pier has faced the harsh marine environment for over five decades, has become dilapidated and remains largely inadequate for the servicing of vessels 26 feet or more in length. The Frisbee pier can accommodate only 2 or 3 transient docking spaces, which can be used for only 30 minutes at a time, while port observers have noted an increase in transient vessel passage along the Seacoast. Furthermore, there is an overwhelming demand for seasonal moorings in the Piscataqua River region, with most communities having waiting lists of 10 years or more.

Funding this proposal will provide the necessary resources for the Kittery Port Authority to replace the outdated dock with a new pier, ramp and float system to serve transient boaters sailing through the Piscataqua River region. A new pier would bring much needed tie up facilities to Kittery Harbor and allow for the additional environmental benefit of adding pumpout facilities for transient and seasonal boaters. It is with this in mind that I lend my support to this proposal.

Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of the Kittery Port Authority. I urge your most careful consideration of this application, subject to all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that you please keep me informed of the status of the review process. In addition to notifying my DC staff, please notify Mark Kontio of my Bangor staff at (207)945-0432 when a final determination has been made.

Sincerely

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Mr. Alberto Ortiz Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Department of the Interior 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035

RE: Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Ortiz:

It is my pleasure to write in support of the Kittery Port Authority and the Town of Kittery, Maine's *Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)* proposal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Living on an island 14 miles of off the coast of Maine, I am keenly aware that maintaining and improving boating infrastructure is critical to our state's coastal economy. From boatbuilding and commercial fishing to transportation and recreation, many of our harbors and working waterfronts have multiple uses. Towns up and down our coast have been successful in adding transient facilities that not only create welcoming harbors for recreational boaters, but also have a considerable impact on local economies, including revenue from private boaters and small cruise ship companies now visiting their harbors. Whether visitors are buying fuel, ice, and provisions; going out for a nice dinner in town; or conducting emergency repairs at our fine boat yards, a welcoming harbor with upgraded facilities brings visitors to our state and jobs to our communities.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is dedicated to "conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people." I believe that we can create partners in the cause of preservation and protection. Publicly owned docks and piers provide visitors critical access to the water and a place to dock a boat so that they may experience and appreciate Maine's natural beauty as well as our historic coastal towns and villages.

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2 PORTLAND FISH PIER SUITE 304 PORTLAND, ME 04101 207-774-5019 207-871-0720 FAX This proposed Pepperrell Cove upgrade in Kittery, Maine, would replace a substandard pier with transient dockage for up to 12 recreational boats. In the short term it would provide the much-needed economic benefit of quality construction jobs. Long term, it will not only draw customers to existing marine repair and provisioning facilities, it will also create a boating gateway to Kittery's popular outlet shopping centers and area antique stores, restaurants, shops, art galleries, inns, historic sites, beaches, and state parks.

Mainers have always had a strong connection to and appreciation for our beautiful coast. That's why I have written and introduced legislation (H.R. 2548, *The Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act* and H.R. 4914, *The Coastal Job Creation Act*) to protect our working waterfronts. With careful planning and strategic investment, Maine's working waterfronts can be preserved and enhanced to the advantage of all of us.

Funding for up-to-date facilities in Pepperrell Cove will open the door to new visitors and our citizens to new opportunities. I urge your careful consideration of the Harbor Master's grant application with an eye toward the positive impact it will have on Maine's southernmost city and our state overall.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree Member of Congress

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TOWN OF KITTERY, MAINE

Phone: 207-439-1633 ext 329 Fax: 207-439-6806 Email: jcarter@kitteryme.org www.kittery.org

Memorandum

To: John Carson, Chairman, Kittery Port Authority

From: Jon Carter, Town Manager

Re: Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Project

Date: September 16, 2010

The Town of Kittery is extremely pleased to partner with the Kittery Port Authority to implement the proposed Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Project. As owners of the property where the proposed project is located, we are full supporters of the project request.

The Town of Kittery is committed to providing an \$90,000 cash match toward construction costs for the proposed pier, ramp and float system that will create new docking space for 12 transient boaters with nontrailerable vessels 26 feet or longer.

Implementation of this important project is crucial to enhancing the economic viability of Pepperrell Cove in Kittery "Maine's First Port" as well as the greater Seacoast region. Ultimately, the proposed project will contribute over \$1 million to the local economy by increasing tourist spending at restaurants, the Kittery outlets, local markets, and many small marine related businesses.

We look forward to working with you to implement this important project.

200 Rogers Rd., Kittery, Maine 03904

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION Department of Homeland Security

Memorandum

17 September 2010

TO: U.S. Department of the Interior

Fish and Wildlife Service

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

FROM: Officer David Macdonald

U.S. Customs and Border Protection / Marine Division

312 Fore St. Portland, ME 04101

SUBJECT: BIG Program Application / Kittery Point, Maine

Dear Sir/ Madam:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) is responsible for enforcing U.S. transient cruising regulations for foreign vessels.

USCBP maintains a strong presence in the Piscataqua River due to the large number foreign flagged vessels visiting the region of New Hampshire and Southern Maine. Pepperrell Cove at Kittery Point, Maine is a frequent stopover for foreign recreational boaters due to the location at the mouth of the Piscataqua River. Foreign flagged vessels forty feet or less in length regularly anchor in Pepperrell Cove as there are not enough tie-up facilities in the region.

USCBP supports this project and believes it would contribute to greater safety in the region. Tie-up facilities in Pepperrell Cove will serve to attract many more small cruising vessels both national and international. Recreational facilities provide USCBP with a focal point for enforcement of cruising regulations and given USCBPs relationship with the Kittery Harbormaster would only improve regional enforcement.

Please contact me at 207-756-4276 if you have any questions about our support for this project.



September 14, 2010

U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

RE: Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Improvement Project

Attention Selection Committee:

The Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors strongly supports efforts by the Kittery Port Authority and the Town of Kittery in their effort to secure Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) funding to install transient dockage at Pepperrell Cove.

A shortage of transient docks and moorings is the current reality in the Seacoast region. Any increase in facilities available to recreational boaters traveling to Downeast cruising grounds will provide significant financial benefit to local businesses in Portsmouth and the seacoast area. Cultural and historical offerings draw many visitors to the area and transient boaters being are one group that because of the lack of facilities, are unable to experience the seacoast of Southern Maine and New Hampshire.

The Towns of Kittery, Maine and Portsmouth, New Hampshire are making efforts to provide facilities for recreational boaters and recognize the enormous benefit such facilities would bring to the seacoast area. Kittery is a partner in promoting the entire seacoast and all it has to offer.

Please feel free to contact me regarding this matter.

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Director of Division of Ports and Harbors

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September 13, 2010

U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

RE: Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Improvement Project

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce would like to express strong support for transient boating infrastructure improvements at Pepperrell Cove in Kittery, Maine.

The New Hampshire and Southern Maine seacoasts have long attracted recreational boaters. Our shared waterway, the Piscataqua River, serves as a conduit for boaters accessing vibrant, historic Portsmouth and the beautiful, peaceful Kittery waterfront in Pepperrell Cove. Our shared mission is to provide visitors a memorable stay in our region. The proximity of Pepperrell Cove to downtown Portsmouth makes travel by bicycle, taxi or water taxi easy and practical. Shops, restaurants and outlet stores are all within a short traveling distance.

Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce is a regional economic partner with Kittery and will provide continued support in marketing literature. The initiative to introduce more boating facilities for transient boaters will benefit all businesses in the region.

Thank you for considering this project.

Sincerely

Doug Bates President

Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce

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13 September 2010

U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

RE: Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Upgrade

To whom it may concern:

The Kittery Point Yacht Yard would like to extend our strong support for the proposal being submitted by the Kittery Port Authority and the Town of Kittery to improve the transient facilities at Pepperrell Cove i Kittery, Maine.

As a full service yacht yard and repair facility with two sites on the Piscataqua River, we are well positioned to serve the cruising yachtsmen in need of parts and or repairs. Our Kittery facility is in close proximity to Pepperrell Cove with easy access to the mouth of the Piscataqua River.

Kittery Point Yacht Yard works with the Port Authority and Harbormaster to meet the needs of boaters visiting this region throughout the sailing season. Kittery is poised to become a prime yachting destination with the City of Portsmouth just across the river. The addition of dockage for transient boaters at Pepperrell Cove will contribute to the goal of making Kittery the first port of call in Maine.

We are committed to working in partnership with the Kittery Port Authority and Town of Kittery to promote use of the much needed new transient boating docks once they are complete. We look forward to working with project staff to highlight the facility by incorporating it into our marketing plan. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

Kyle McKenna

Kittery Point Yacht Yard

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September 17, 2010

U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

RE: Pepperrell Cove Transient Boating Infrastructure Improvement Project

Dear Administrator:

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce strongly supports efforts to improve the transient boating infrastructure at Pepperrell Cove in Kittery, Maine. Kittery is a partner with the Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce.

The Maine seacoast has long attracted recreational boaters. Southern Maine coastal communities such as York and Kittery serve as important stops for transient boaters traveling Downeast. Our shared mission is to ensure visitors have their needs met when visiting our region. The proximity of these two communities encourages the mutual sharing of the resources necessary to provide for the transient boater.

The Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce is a regional economic partner with Kittery and our mutual goal is to draw more transient boaters to our beautiful coastal downs. The initiative to introduce more boating facilities for transient boaters will benefit all business in the region.

Thank you for considering this project.

President/CEO

Sincerely

Greater York Chamber of Commerce