

## **Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2018 Accomplishments**

### **Media**

Print: (Over 12), Archaeology, Presumpscot River CWA, BIW, Habitat Assessment Project, Education, Speaker Series, the Bay, Outings, etc.

### **Volunteers**

Approximately 4009 volunteer hours (501 days)  
150 volunteers

### **Membership**

450 households  
Speaker Series – (282 people)  
Outside 2018 (Paddle Series, Walks, etc.) – 130 people.  
Newsletters – 4

### **Grants**

\$30,000- Dresden Falls Archaeology  
\$10,000-Vegetation Mapping & Habitat Assessment

### **Outreach Presentations**

Maine Maritime Museum Cruises & Paddles (80 participants)

### **Education**

Two Bay Days (357) students, 8 different schools)  
School Visits (600 students)  
Non-School Visits (450 people): library summer series and science night  
Web site updates

### **Conservation and Stewardship**

Additional easements in progress  
Continuous landowner outreach  
Ongoing stewardship activities  
Control two phragmites stands in Bowdoinham  
Monitor all easement & fee properties

### **Research**

Water Quality Monitoring – 17 sites  
Dresden Falls Archaeology  
10-year Vegetation and Land Use Update in Process

### **Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc.)**

Submit Lower Androscoggin Upgrade Proposal  
Lawsuit-GMO Atlantic salmon  
Healthy Rivers/Healthy Gulf promoting safe fish passage  
Smart Meters  
Wifi from Space  
Climate Change-Green New Deal  
Posting Fish Consumption Advisories  
Presumpscot R. CWA-FERC & DEP Comments & Legal

#### **Primary Partners**

The Archaeological Conservancy  
Kennebec Reborn  
Avian Haven  
Maine Coalition to Stop Smart Meters  
Bowdoin College Environmental Studies  
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Maine Maritime Museum  
Department of Marine Resources  
Bowdoinham Public Library  
Maine Land Trust Network  
Friends of Sebago Lake  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Patagonia Outlet, Freeport  
Chop Point School  
Curtis Memorial Library  
Green Justice Legal  
Earthjustice  
Center for Food Safety