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# BAUNEG BEG MTN RECREATION AREA

## PROJECT SUMMARY

Bauneg Beg Mountain Recreation Area (BBMRA) is an exciting project that will establish a public recreation and wildlife area on Bauneg Beg Mountain in North Berwick, Maine. It includes the southern most, and highest, summit of Bauneg Beg Mtn. (873 feet) and the surrounding 75 acres of second-generation growth Maple, Beech, Pine and Hemlock. There are prominent rock outcroppings and ledges. The summit is only partially forested and has exposed ledge allowing for views to the southeast through the southwest, including views of the Atlantic Ocean. This area will conserve more contiguous habitat and critical watershed health for the surrounding area. As an area of high conservation and social value to the region, BBMRA presents a unique opportunity to protect a vital landmark of the region in perpetuity—for everyone, forever.

## PROJECT FINANCES

<b>Total Funding Required</b> .....	<b>\$537,911</b>
<b>Total Money Raised</b> .....	<b>\$494,288</b>
<b>Total Pending</b> .....	<b>\$19,300</b>
<b>Remaining Need</b> .....	<b>\$43,623</b>

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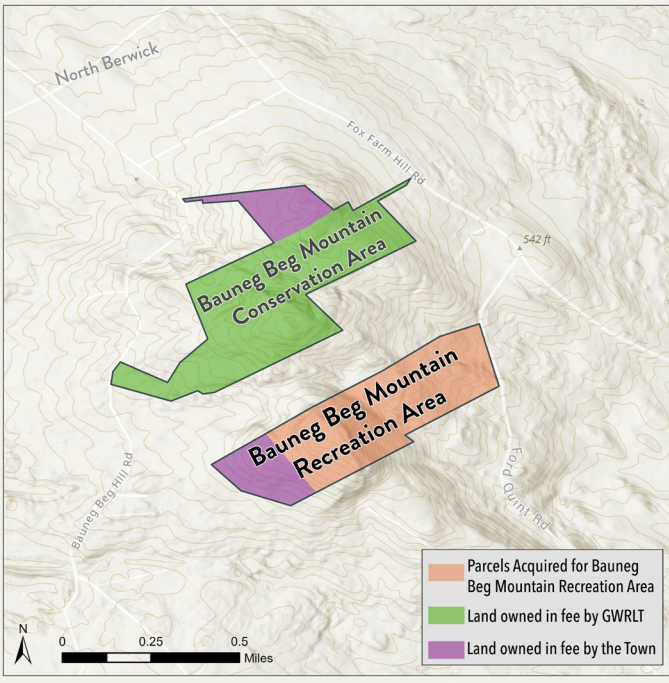
For more information, visit our website at [gwrlt.org](http://gwrlt.org) for updates, news, and events.



### Key Attributes:

- **75 acres**, owned by the town and managed by GWRLT
- **Encompasses** the highest peak in our six-town service area at **866'**
- **Only** summit in the area without a communications tower
- **View** of over 35 miles toward the south
- **Home** to the threatened small-whorled pogonia orchid
- **Prominent** rock outcroppings and ledges
- **Designated Parking Area** for nine cars under development
- **Unique** venue for hiking, biking, birdwatching, photography, hunting, picnics, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing

### BAUNEG BEG MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA MAP



**UPDATE: THIS LAND HAS BEEN ACQUIRED & PROTECTED! NOW, WE ONLY NEED YOUR HELP TO BUILD THIS TRAIL SYSTEM.**

### BBMRA PROJECT PARTNERS:





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Why is the Bauneg Beg Recreation Area important?

As anyone familiar with the mountain will tell you, Bauneg Beg is a special place for the region. The Bauneg Beg Recreation Area includes the highest point in our region, taller than Mount Agamenticus and, as such, boasts panoramic views of the region and beyond. As a part of our cultural history and landscape, BBMRA features a wonderful array of impressive boulder fields varied forest, and wide views from the summit. As an important ecological resource, BBMRA is a significant host to biodiversity in the area. Encompassing softwood forest, vernal pools, and a wide array of native plants including the threatened orchid small-whorled pogonia, this area maintains extremely high value for conservation and public enjoyment.

## Who will own the property and what will they do with it?

The Town of North Berwick will own the land, while Great Works Regional Land Trust holds the responsibility of managing the property. As a recreation area, the property will exemplify the balance between public recreation and conservation that we strike across many of our preserves. Presently a summit trail has been designed and will begin to be built as soon as funding allows after the closing.

## Haven't you already conserved Bauneg Beg? What is the difference between the Bauneg Beg Recreation and Conservation Areas?

Currently, only two of the three peaks of Bauneg Beg have been conserved. The existing Bauneg Beg Mountain Conservation Area covers the middle and north peaks of Bauneg Beg between GWRLT and municipal land. Additionally, BBMRA will include the high southern peak of Bauneg Beg Mountain and much of the surrounding landscape.

## Does GWRLT pay property taxes?

Yes, we do—we consider it our civic duty as members of the community to do so.

## Will hunting be allowed?

Yes! Hunting is one of the traditional uses that the land trust works hard to preserve. Working with partners, the GWRLT has secured thousands of acres for hunting in our region, following town and state rules.

## How can you help conserve BBMRA?

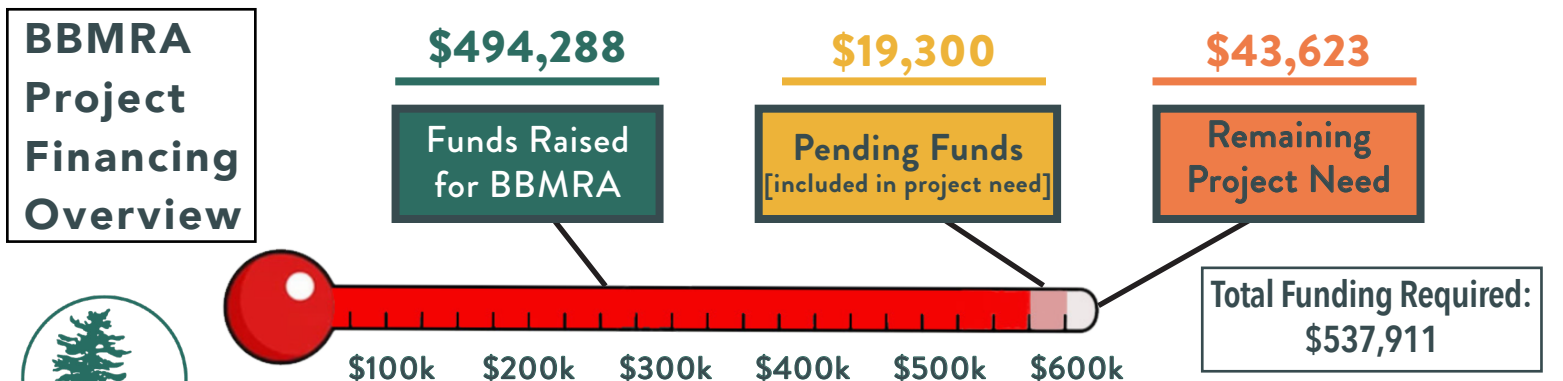
We are seeking private contributions to this project that will support acquisition of land, trail building and long-term land management. To contribute funds or to get more information, please reach out to us by phone or email (see contact info below).



View from the open summit of Bauneg Mountain



Ledges along Bauneg Beg Mountain



Federal, State, and Private grant funding which began with LWCF (Project 23-00906), covering 50% of the total project cost), ultimately contributed over \$410,000 or 77% to the total project cost.

