

BENEFICIAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT PROPOSAL PROCESS

This fact sheet was prepared by the Trustee of the Penobscot Estuary Beneficial Environmental Projects Trust

The Penobscot Estuary Beneficial Environmental Projects Trust (Project Trust) was created under a U.S. District Court Consent Decree to fund and implement Beneficial Environmental Projects (BEPs). BEPs are designed to provide tangible environmental or public benefits to mitigate or offset potential adverse impacts directly or indirectly caused by mercury contamination in the Penobscot River Estuary (Estuary).



Funding of BEPs

Mallinckrodt US LLC (Mallinckrodt) has agreed to provide \$20 million to fund BEPs. BEPs include projects that benefit the natural environment of the Estuary, improve recreational and aesthetic enjoyment of the Estuary, and/or reduce human exposure in Maine to mercury and other neurotoxins. Learn more in the [Penobscot Consent Decree](#) entered by the U.S. District Court in Maine.

Minimum Project Requirements

To be funded, a proposed BEP must: be feasible; have a clearly defined scope, approximate schedule, and estimated cost; and be designed to provide tangible environmental or public benefits to affected communities or the environment to mitigate or offset adverse impacts of the mercury contamination in the Estuary. An applicant proposing to implement a proposed project must demonstrate the ability to complete it.

Deadline for Proposing BEPs: Dec. 31, 2023

The Trustee of the Project Trust (Project Trustee) is accepting proposals from stakeholders seeking funding for BEPs through **Thursday, December 31, 2023**. Learn more about submitting a proposal at www.penobscotriverremediation.com/project-trust.

Project Trustee

The Project Trustee is responsible for recommending proposed BEPs for funding to the Beneficiaries of the Project Trust. The Beneficiaries are Mallinckrodt, Maine People's Alliance, and Natural Resources Defense Council. The Court-appointed Project Trustee is Greenfield Penobscot Estuary Project Trust LLC, an affiliate of Greenfield Environmental Trust Group, Inc. Visit <https://greenfieldenvironmental.com>.

BEP Proposal Evaluation

The Project Trustee initially will verify applicant eligibility and proposal completeness. Nonprofits, academic institutions, governments or governmental agencies (federal, state, and local), Indian tribes and tribal agencies, and the Project Trust Beneficiaries are eligible to propose projects.

The Project Trustee will then screen each proposed project to ensure it meets certain Minimum Project Requirements. Lastly, proposed projects that satisfy the Minimum Project Requirements will be evaluated based on 15 evaluation criteria and compared to other proposed projects. Visit the proposal guidelines available at www.penobscotriverremediation.com/project-trust.



Recommending Proposed BEPs

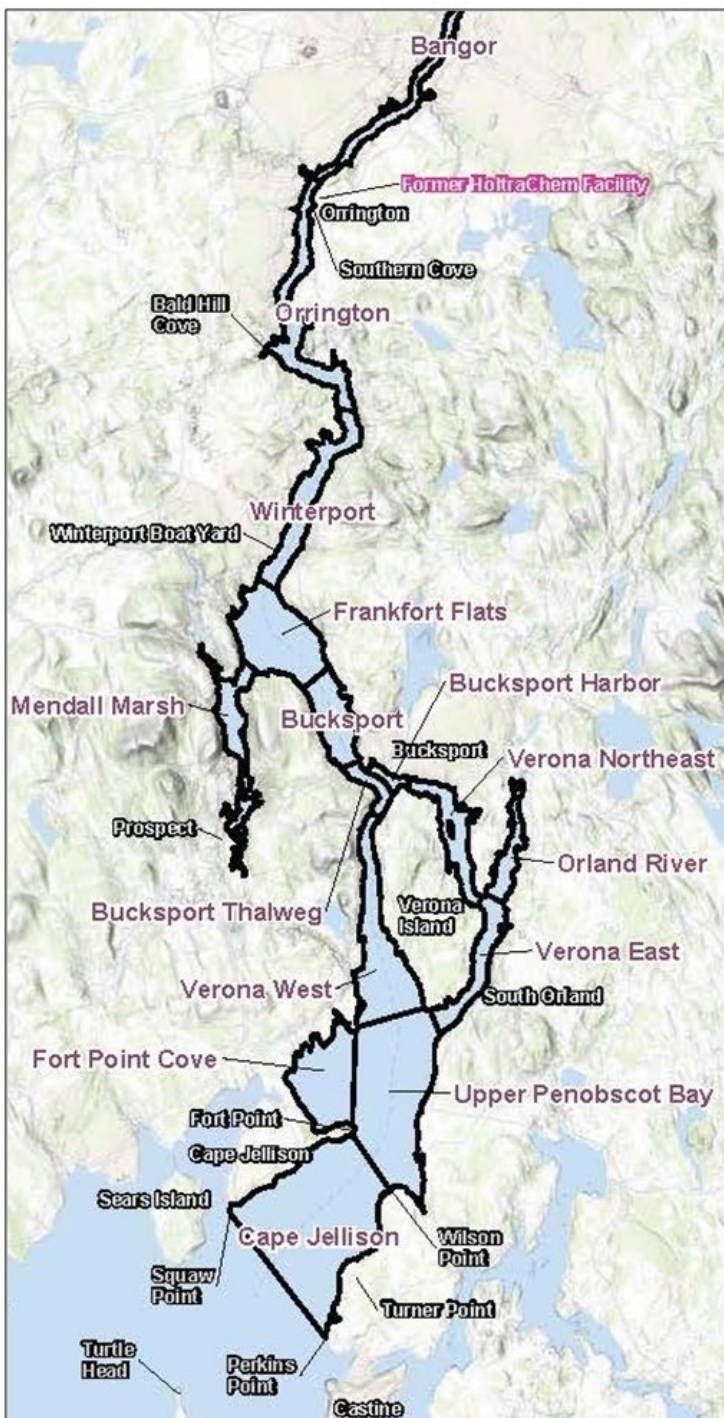
Based on its evaluations, the Project Trustee will recommend proposed projects for funding to the Beneficiaries, who will have at least 30 days to review, comment on, and/or object to the Project Trustee's recommendations. Applicants will be notified of BEP selections, and information about selected BEPs will be shared on the Project Trust webpage.

Restoration Projects

Restoration Projects are BEPs that can be used to resolve—through agreements between Mallinckrodt and the Natural Resource Damage Trustees—potential or actual natural resource damage claims against Mallinckrodt related to mercury contamination in the Penobscot River Estuary. If a proposed project qualifies as a Restoration Project, the Project Trustee must recommend it for funding unless it would violate the Consent Decree.

For More Information

Visit www.penobscotriverremediation.com/project-trust to learn more about the BEP proposal process, application guidelines, minimum project requirements, and evaluation criteria. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Project Trustee with questions about proposed projects.



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