Dear Friends of the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation,

As president of the Sewall Foundation for the past thirteen years, I have had the privilege of being part of a team of thoughtful board and staff members supporting the great work of organizations across Maine to improve the well-being of people, animals and the environment. It has been deeply fulfilling for me to see my mother’s philanthropic legacy expand and adapt to address Maine’s needs and the challenges of our time.
I am very pleased to announce a decision that marks the next step for the Sewall Foundation. The Board of Directors has elected Carol Wishcamper and Gail Dana-Sacco as our new board chair and vice-chair, respectively. I will remain a board member but am stepping down as president of the Foundation. As per our long-term vision, this change denotes the Foundation’s transition to a fully board-governed organization. The transition reaffirms our commitment to Maine and our ongoing quest for equity and deepened relationships with all whom we are privileged to work.

Continue to read Margaret Sewall Barbour's message

2019 Healthy People Healthy Places Application Process
The **2019 HPHP grant round** will follow a noncompetitive, invitation-only process. Emails were sent at the end of October to eligible organizations. This application process will allow us to continue making grants while providing our staff the time needed to finalize the program refinements we have been working on over the past year. Our intention is that the refinements will deepen our impact, increase clarity, and embed equity into how we work. We expect to launch a refined HPHP program by November 2019.

We know that for some this is disappointing news. We wish we had the resources to fund all the projects and organizations working to improve the lives of Maine’s people and the special places we call home.

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**2017-2018 Grants List**

In the 2017-2018 grant cycle, the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation awarded $7,747,033 to 138 organizations in Animal Welfare, Healthy People Healthy Places, and Legacy program areas. 17% of grants made were multi-year awards. In total, the Foundation considered 211 proposals requesting $15,416,889.

The 2017-2018 grant awards list is now available [on our website](#). Click on the organization name to visit grantee websites and learn more about their great work.

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**What Are You Reading?**
Fascinating and relevant material lands in our inboxes or crosses our desks every day. We surveyed our staff to find out what articles, blogs, or resources have captured their attention and inform their thinking. Please feel free to email us with your own reading recommendations.

**The Water of Systems Change Action Learning Exercise**

**Nonprofit AF Blog: 25 things awesome board members do**

**From “Green Growth” to Post-Growth**

**Lecture by the authors of “Our Towns: A 100,000-mile Journey into the Heart of America”**

**Stanford d.school Design Thinking Bootleg**

**Enhancing Biodiversity Conservation through Storytelling, Collaboration, Community and Advocacy**

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**Census of Community-Based Environmental Learning in Maine**

Please take a few moments to fill out the Census of Community-Based Environmental Learning in Maine, a project of the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance and the Maine Environmental Education
Association. The partnership is trying to reach every single school, organization (including nonprofits, libraries, land trusts, afterschool programs, etc.), and community in Maine to learn more about how they are educating K-12 youth about the environment while also connecting them to their communities. With this information, they will be able to move the field forward; provide needed resources, including professional development, for schools and organizations; and ensure equitable access for all youth across the state.

**Take the 20-minute survey:** [www.mmsa.org/cbel](http://www.mmsa.org/cbel)

For more information please visit [www.mmsa.org/projects/cbel](http://www.mmsa.org/projects/cbel) or contact Alex Brasili.