

Augusta Kiwanis Awards 2007 Major Grant to Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed

The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed were recently selected by the Augusta Kiwanis as recipient of their 2007 Major Project Grant award in the amount of \$6,000. The Major Project Grant is awarded annually to a non-profit, youth-related group or organization in the greater Augusta area. Previous recipients of the grant include the KVYMCA, Old Fort Western School Program, Children's Center Capital Campaign, Children's Hospice Grieving Program, Children's Discovery Museum, Families First Program, Kennebec Valley Aspire Program, Augusta Nature Club, Families First, Kennebec Child Abuse & Neglect Council.

"This year's applicants were all deserving of the award and should be commended for the work they are doing for the youth of our community," stated Major Project Committee Chair Arlene Prescott. "The Friends certainly impressed the Committee with both the number of children they are reaching with their programs – over 1,200 annually – as well as the dynamic growth their organization has experienced in such a short time."

Kiwanis President Bert Languet presented Friends Executive Director Bob Moore with the grant award at the weekly Kiwanis meeting on August 23. "Having lived in the Belgrade Lakes area all of my life, it is clear to me that the Friends are doing some great things to protect the 28 lakes and streams of the Cobbossee Watershed," says Languet. "Adding the educational component to their offerings has already and will continue to pay huge dividends to the area's ecological and economical benefit down the line. The number of children they are reaching is truly impressive."

"We are extremely grateful to the Kiwanis for recognizing us with their Major Project Grant," says Friends Executive Director Bob Moore. "We believe that by raising the awareness of the issues facing the Cobbossee Watershed now to the area's children will offer the best chance of preserving and protecting this vital natural resource for generations to come."

The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed was established in 2001 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. With membership exceeding 5,000 members, the Friends have received local, regional and national recognition for their innovative approaches to constituency-building, program development and outreach. FMI, visit their website at www.watershedfriends.com

The Augusta Kiwanis is a member of the New England District of Kiwanis and Kiwanis International, "a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time." Established in Augusta in 1922, the Augusta Kiwanis consists of 120+ members who are involved with area high school Key Clubs, conducting the annual Kiwanis Auction and numerous other community events. FMI, visit their web site at www.augustakiwanisclub.org



Kiwanis President Bert Languet (L) presenting a check in the amount of \$6,000 to Friends Executive Director Bob Moore (R) at the August 23 Kiwanis weekly meeting held at the Senator Inn & Spa in Augusta.