



"Our children can inherit a legacy of wastefulness, or an action plan that can save our planet. That is why we created *Captain Planet and the Planeteers*."

-Ted Turner

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Captain Planet Foundation (CPF), an organization dedicated to funding educational programs that give students hands-on, project-driven learning experiences with real environmental outcomes, is proud to announce that Downeast Institute/Beals Elementary School was recently awarded an **Environmental Education Grant** in the amount of **\$2500**.

Downeast Institute and Beals Elementary School will use these funds towards the Molly Cove Clam Seeding Project. With these funds, the students and their teachers will join DEI staff to continue to monitor and protect *Mya arenaria*, the soft-shell clam, from green crabs and other predators. They reported that their grandfathers, great-grandfathers, and great-great grandfathers could dig clams there and they hope to make this beautiful cove productive again for clam harvesting.

CPF is a grant-making foundation that has funded over 2,000 hands-on environmental education projects with schools and non-profits that serve children in all 50 U.S. states and in 23 countries internationally. More than 1.2 million children have directly participated in and benefited from these educational projects. In addition to its Small Grants Program, the Captain Planet Foundation also operates Project Endangered Species, Project Learning Garden and a number of other science education initiatives that promote the intersections between technology, innovation, the environment and personal action. For more information: www.captainplanetfoundation.org.

We look forward to hearing about the progress of **The Molly Cove Clam Seeding Project** over the next year and sharing your results with others. We also hope that you will see the benefits this project has on your community.

Please join us in congratulating Downeast Institute and Beals Elementary School on this important project.

The Power is Yours!

Leesa Carter
Executive Director
Captain Planet Foundation

**"There are a million little things each of us can do to save the planet
and pretty soon all of those little things will add up to a tidal wave of change."
- Captain Planet**

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