

INVEST IN LAND, WATER, AND PARKS

LD 911 will protect Maine's natural resources, preserve our quality of life, and support our economy.

The Land for Maine's Future program has a history of broad support and an outstanding record of success protecting Maine's natural legacy.

- 60% of Maine voters and a bipartisan majority of Maine legislators have consistently supported LMF.
- Securing public access to mountain summits, rivers, lakes, and coastal shorelines in all 16 counties.
- Conserving more than 315,000 acres of working forestland, ensuring sustainable forest management, and maintaining public access for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation.
- Supporting 9,700 acres of working and productive farmland for our agricultural economy.
- Protecting two dozen working waterfront sites from York to Lubec, enhancing commercial fisheries and helping over 1,600 Maine fishing families and nearly 1,000 fishing vessels maintain key access points.

Maine State Parks promote health, nature appreciation, and boost our economy.

- Maine's 48 State Parks and Historic Sites provide scenic hiking trails, sandy beaches, family camping, and preservation of Maine's history.
- Each year, more than 2 million people enjoy Maine's natural heritage at our State Parks.
- State Parks generate \$100 million annually for Maine's economy.

The time is right and the needs are great.

- State Parks have an estimated \$50 million backlog of basic infrastructure maintenance.
- Maine has not built a significant new State Park facility, such as a new campground, in more than 40 years. Compared to neighboring states, Maine state parks are considered "antiquated" and do not meet the preferences of visitors.
- Proximity to public lands and outdoor recreational amenities is an increasingly important factor in competing with other states for potential employers, residents, and tourists. At 20% conserved, Maine continues to lag behind the rest of New England (more than 27% conserved) and much of the country.
- With the last LMF bond approved in 2012, the fate of community-supported projects hangs in the balance.



SUPPORT THE LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE BOND. SUPPORT LD 911.

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Environmental Priorities Coalition



Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition is a partnership of 28 environmental, conservation, and public health organizations representing over 100,000 members who want to protect the good health, good jobs, and quality of life that our environment provides.

We are counting on Maine policymakers to take the important steps needed to make wise use of Maine's extraordinary environment so Maine people and Maine communities can thrive.

