



## Fund the Land, Water and Park Bond

Protect Maine's natural resources and quality of life by investing in Land for Maine's Future and Maine State Parks.

***Conserving Maine's natural resources protects our way of life and secures an economic future for our children.***

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

- Conserving lands in each of Maine's 16 counties and securing public access to mountain summits, rivers, lakes, and coastal shorelines.
- Conserving more than 315,000 acres of working forestland, ensuring sustainable forest management and public access for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation.
- Conserving more than 9,700 acres of productive farmland and two dozen working waterfront sites from York to Lubec, enhancing Maine's commercial fisheries and helping over 1,600 Maine fishing families and nearly 1,000 fishing vessels maintain key access points.
- 60% of Maine voters and a bipartisan majority of Maine legislators have consistently supported LMF since its creation in 1987.



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

- Maine has 48 State Parks and Historic Sites that provide scenic hiking trails, sandy beaches, family camping, and preservation and interpretation of Maine history.
- Each year, over 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 a \$50 million backlog of basic infrastructure maintenance.
- Maine has not built a significant new State Park facility, such as a new campground in over 40 years. Compared to neighboring states and provinces Maine State Parks are considered "antiquated" and do not meet the changing needs and preferences of residents and visitors.
- Availability of conservation lands is an increasingly important factor in competing with other states for potential employers, residents, and tourists. People value proximity to public lands and outdoor recreational amenities when deciding which destinations to start businesses, move to, raise their families, and visit. At 20% conserved, Maine continues to lag behind the rest of New England and much of the country.
- With the last Land for Maine's Future bond approved by Maine voters in 2012, the fate of many community-supported projects hang in the balance.



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## Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition

is a partnership of 31 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.***

Acadia Center	Maine People's Alliance
Appalachian Mountain Club	Maine Public Health Association
Atlantic Salmon Federation	Maine Rivers
Bicycle Coalition of Maine	Maine Wilderness Guides Organization
Conservation Law Foundation	Midcoast Conservancy
Environmental Health Strategy Center	Natural Resources Council of Maine
Environment Maine	Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine Chapter
Friends of Casco Bay	RESTORE: The North Woods
Islesboro Island Trust	Sierra Club, Maine Chapter
Maine Association of Conservation Commissions	Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative
Maine Audubon	The Ocean Conservancy
Maine Center for Economic Policy	The Trust for Public Land
Maine Conservation Alliance	The Wilderness Society
Maine Council of Churches	Toxics Action Center
Maine Council of Trout Unlimited	Upstream
Maine Interfaith Power & Light	350 Maine
Maine Lakes Society	
Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association	