



**Environmental
Priorities
Coalition**

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ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES

Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition (EPC) is an inclusive statewide alliance of 39 conservation, climate action, and public health organizations. Each year we collectively identify a slate of policy priorities to act on the climate crisis, further environmental justice, protect land, water, and wildlife, and cultivate healthy Maine communities.



Prevent Future Toxic Spills of PFAS Foam

The PFAS foam spill in Brunswick contaminated nearby waterways and presents a serious, long-term threat to soil, groundwater, air quality, and public health. The spill is an environmental disaster and it could happen again. Maine needs a collection system to prevent future spills and ensure communities have the tools to collect and remove PFAS foam.



Make Climate Polluters Pay for Climate Damages

Last winter's climate change-driven storms caused \$90 million in damage to public infrastructure and untold more to private property -- while oil companies made near-record profits. The largest fossil fuel corporations have contributed significantly to our changing climate and should pay their fair share to fix the damage.



Protect Mainers and Lower Skyrocketing Utility Costs

Extreme weather, the soaring price of natural gas, and current utility policies have made electricity unaffordable for too many Mainers. Maine can take big steps toward affordable and accessible electricity by addressing three drivers of rising costs: predatory utility practices, harsh shutoff rules, and climate change.



Recognize Wabanaki Self-Determination

Self-determination is the right of indigenous nations to govern themselves and regulate affairs on tribal land. The Wabanaki Nations have a different, more restrictive status than all other federally-recognized tribes in the US, which research shows has resulted in lagging economic growth for Wabanaki Nations and for surrounding rural Maine communities. Recognizing Wabanaki self-determination will move the Wabanaki Nations and the State of Maine forward together.

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Modernize Maine's Growth Management Law to Create a More Flexible and Effective Framework

Climate change requires new thinking about infrastructure, public services, and housing, but Maine's comprehensive planning process and requirements haven't been updated to meet these challenges. Communities need tools to address the current housing crisis without undermining climate action or creating the next crisis in access to working farmland, forests, water, and outdoor recreation spaces.



Fund Land for Maine's Future

Land conservation is the most basic step we can take to fight climate change and over nearly four decades, the Land for Maine's Future (LMF) program has delivered benefits across all 16 Maine counties. LMF has committed nearly all its funding yet the need remains. Every dollar spent by the popular, effective LMF program must be matched, doubling its impact.



Achieve 100% Clean Electricity for Maine by 2040

Maine's dependence on oil and gas saddles families and businesses with high, volatile energy costs. Transitioning to clean electricity through Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard has already resulted in a billion dollars of investment, millions in ratepayer benefits, and 1,000+ clean energy jobs. Reaching 100% homegrown clean energy by 2040 will save Mainers money, create good-paying jobs, and benefit the environment.



Cut Pollution by Increasing Clean Transportation Options

Transportation emissions are the largest source of climate pollution in Maine, yet the current transportation planning process doesn't reflect Maine's climate goals. Aligning transportation planning with climate goals will create economic, health, safety, and equity benefits by encouraging more investment in public transportation and safer streets across the state.



Protect Waterways in Maine by Addressing Stormwater Pollution

Stormwater carries a toxic slurry of pollution into waterways, making them unhealthy for fishing, recreation, and aquatic life. Building upon the work of the Stormwater Advisory Group will maintain clean water in Maine.