



Maine Conservation Voters Education Fund Environmental Priorities Coalition

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Coalition to Release Landmark Report on Maine's Environmental Future *Collective five-year vision to serve as tool for Maine policymakers and candidates*

The **Maine Conservation Voters Education Fund** in partnership with our colleagues in Maine's **Environmental Priorities Coalition**, will release *Investing in Maine's Environment: A Trail Map to Prosperity 2010-2015* on July 1st at news conferences in Portland and Augusta.

Maine is at a crossroads – politically, economically, and environmentally. The report is intended to offer a pathway – a trail map over the next five years – for protecting the good health, good jobs, and quality of life that Maine's environment provides to all of us. It outlines specific steps that Maine policymakers must take to position Maine to lead and benefit from a quickly-changing world, while maintaining our solid roots in the beautiful environment we call home.

What: **Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition** unveils *Investing in Maine's Environment: A Trail Map to Prosperity 2010-2015*, a collective and comprehensive five-year vision and action plan for policymakers and candidates for public office

When: **Thursday, July 1, 2010**

- **10:00 AM PORTLAND** – Ocean Gateway Terminal, outside park, Eastern terminus of Commercial Street (rain or shine)
- **12:30 PM AUGUSTA** – State Capitol Building, west entrance (rain location: Hall of Flags)

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Maureen Drouin, Maine Conservation Voters Education Fund/Environmental Priorities Coalition
- Jennifer Burns Gray, Maine Audubon
- Dan Coyne, Maine Center for Economic Policy
- Heather Spalding, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
- Jane West (Portland), Conservation Law Foundation
- Nancy Smith (Portland), GrowSmart Maine
- Ed Miller (Augusta), American Lung Association in Maine
- Dylan Voorhees (Augusta), Natural Resources Council of Maine

VISUALS: Outdoor scenery, large mounted copies of report cover and map, signs depicting issue icons, and copies of report

Additional information:

Advance copies of the report embargoed for July 1st 12:01 AM are available upon request - contact maureen@protectmaine.org

You can access an interactive version of the report and watch supplemental video clips online on July 1st at: <http://www.protectmaine.org/ourfuture>. This report was made possible with the support of the Environmental Funders Network's Quality of Place Initiative, the Davis Conservation Foundation, and the Oak Foundation.

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