

### Forest, Farm, and Fish Bond

Protect Maine's natural resources by investing in Land for Maine's Future

# Protecting Maine's natural resources preserves our way of life and secures an economic future for our children

# The Land for Maine's Future (LMF) program has a history of broad support and an outstanding record of success in protecting Maine's natural legacy



- LMF has conserved lands in each of Maine's 16 counties, including mountain summits, salt marshes, rivers, lakes, ponds, and coastal shorelines
- LMF has helped to conserve more than 315,000 acres of working forestland, ensuring sustainable forest management and public access for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation
- LMF has conserved more than 1,200 miles of shorefront and dozens of lakes and ponds, guaranteeing access for canoeing, fishing, and boating
- LMF has worked with communities across the state to establish hundreds of miles of snowmobile trails and 158 miles of rail trails
- LMF is consistently supported by 60% of Maine voters and a bipartisan majority of Maine legislators

#### The Forest, Farm, and Fish Bond supports Maine's natural resource-based economy

- Our natural resources are what set Maine apart they are our biggest competitive advantage. Preserving
  and protecting them is at the very heart of our economy and our way of life.
- The Land for Maine's Future program is an innovative component in our forward-thinking, science-based approach to natural resource stewardship
- The Forest, Farms, and Fish Bond helps protect working farms, working forests, and working waterfronts that are the backbone of Maine's economy and might otherwise be lost
- The Forest, Farms, and Fish Bond provides essential infrastructure to help preserve Maine's unique character, support ecotourism, and keep Maine an attractive place for new and growing businesses

## The Forest, Farm, and Fish Bond supports important conservation and economic opportunities, including

- Partnering with landowners, municipalities, and state agencies in conservation projects that support local economies
- Protecting working farms supporting family farmers that produce dairy, vegetables, meat and flowers
- Protecting coastal sites to ensure clammers and wormers have access to mud flats, to sustain their economic future
- Protecting commercial working waterfronts and supporting fishing boats and access for fishing families
- Building new and enhance existing recreational trails
- Preventing the loss and degradation of deer wintering habitat



### Support the Forest, Farm and Fish Bond



#### 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's economy can thrive.

Acadia Center

Maine Lakes Society

Appalachian Mountain Club

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association

Atlantic Salmon Federation

Maine People's Alliance

**Bicycle Coalition of Maine** 

Maine Rivers

**Conservation Law Foundation** 

Maine Wilderness Guides

Organization

**Environmental Health Strategy Center** 

Natural Resources Council of Maine

Friends of Casco Bay

**Environment Maine** 

Physicians for Social Responsibility,

Maine Chapter

Islesboro Island Trust

**RESTORE: The North Woods** 

Maine Association of Conservation Commissions

Sierra Club, Maine Chapter

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

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