

FUND LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE (LMF)

Protect Maine forests, farmlands, and working waterfronts, ensure public access, and fight climate change.



Land for Maine's Future is effective and popular.

- LMF is Maine's most successful and celebrated land conservation program. It keeps working forests and farmland open, secures waterfront access for seafood harvesters, and ensures public access for outdoor recreation.
- Over nearly four decades, LMF has helped conserve more than 650,000 acres, including: 330,000 acres of working forests; 9,819 acres of farmland; 1,272 miles of shoreland; 158 miles of recreational trails; 73 recreational water access sites; and 30 commercial working waterfront properties. All 16 counties have benefited.
- The program is critical to protecting Maine's character and traditions.
- Land conservation is the most basic step we can take to fight climate change and biodiversity loss. A key recommendation of the state's updated climate action plan, *Maine Won't Wait*, is to secure long-term, reliable funding for LMF. As we work together toward that goal, interim funding is essential, as the fund is almost empty.

Libby Hill Forest in Gray, ME

LMF has committed virtually all of its funding, but the need remains great.

- Maine has experienced unprecedented development pressure since the pandemic, putting farmland at risk, limiting waterfront access, and making it harder to enjoy the places we love.
- Meanwhile, we have continued to experience the devastating impacts of climate change. Land conservation can help us slow climate change and adapt to our new reality.
- Now is the time to invest in working lands, in our recreational economy, in climate resilience, and in the beauty and open space that define our state.

Fund Land for Maine's Future.

- Policymakers can fund LMF through a direct budget appropriation or through a bond.
- LMF supports Maine's \$11.7 billion agriculture sector; \$8.5 billion forest products industry; \$7 billion tourism economy; and \$3.3 billion seafood harvest.
- Every dollar spent by the LMF program must be matched, doubling its impact.



Bumbleroot Organic Farm in Windham, ME

Fund LMF. Protect the natural resources that define our state.

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Environmental Priorities Coalition

Maine's **Environmental Priorities Coalition** 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.



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