

## Funding the Land for Maine's Future Program for the Next Generation

The Land for Maine's Future (LMF) program invested its last dollar in July of 2008. That is why a diverse coalition of more than 235 organizations has come together in support of a land bond to ensure the necessary funding for LMF to continue to work on behalf of Maine's citizens.

### LMF has successfully . . .

- Conserved lands in each of Maine's 16 counties
- Completed more than 200 land protection projects
- Guaranteed public access to hundreds of thousands of acres
- Established access to dozens of water bodies
- Secured mountain summits, salt marshes, rivers, lakes, ponds, and coastal shorelines
- Provided an economic boost by conserving working farms and forestlands
- Addressed the diverse interests of Maine citizens – those who fish, hike, farm, raft, bike, boat, hunt, snowmobile, camp – in short, all who value the rich natural heritage that is Maine



### LMF is effective because it . . .

- Operates exclusively on a willing seller/willing buyer basis
- Works collaboratively with state agencies, local communities and Maine citizens
- Adheres to a strict appraisal review process and stringent guidelines
- Guarantees public access and protects valuable natural resources for future generations to enjoy
- Stretches state resources by attracting millions of dollars in federal and private matching funds
- Is administered by a Board comprised of six private citizens and the five State Natural Resource Agency Commissioners – all confirmed by the Maine Legislature

### LMF serves our . . .

- Communities by helping to address sprawl and by making Maine a more desirable place to live
- Economy by protecting the backbone of our natural resource based industries
- Environment by countering the impacts of fragmentation and loss of wildlife habitat
- People by providing greater public access to Maine's outdoors and by protecting our heritage



### LMF is supported by Maine's . . .

- Voters, who have overwhelmingly passed previous bonds of in 1987, 1999, 2005 and 2007. In Fact, more than 63% of Maine voters supported the 2007 ballot initiative.
- Municipalities, who have invested their own tax dollars in support of many LMF projects
- Democratic and Republican Legislators who have consistently shown strong support for LMF