

Maine Environmental Priorities Coalition

2009 Common Environmental Agenda

Maine's precious environment forms the backdrop for who we are and what we value as individuals and as a state. Our jobs, our health, our leisure activities, our community values, and our identity as Maine people all have their roots in our beautiful environment

When we work together to protect our environment, Maine people and Maine businesses can thrive. Our environment is the foundation for our prosperity and our way of life.

Protecting and preserving Maine's environmental legacy takes vision and vigilance. Whether it's responding to emerging concerns, or taking advantage of new science and technology opportunities, we need to maintain our forward-thinking approach to natural resource stewardship.

Maine lawmakers play an important role in preserving our precious environment so Maine people and Maine's economy can thrive. With their help we can take important steps in protecting the good health, good jobs, and the quality of life that our environment provides for all of us.

Support for the Common Environmental Agenda will:



Protect Maine's natural legacy

- Increase protections for a number of outstanding waterways in Maine including Alder Stream, the Basin and the Crooked River.
- Ensure the necessary funding for the Land for Maine's Future program to continue conserving Maine's working farms, forestlands and rich natural heritage.



Build a cleaner energy future

- Broaden, simplify and streamline Maine's energy efficiency and weatherization programs.
- Guide new planning to ensure that new public and private development is as clean and energy-efficient as possible.



Prevent exposure to dangerous chemicals

- Protect neighbors and small farmers from the dangers of pesticide spray by establishing a simple, clear and comprehensive notification system.
- Set a reasonable standard for how much mercury can be contained in light bulbs sold in Maine, and require bulb manufacturers to share in the cost and responsibility for safe collection and recycling

Ensure our current environmental protections are maintained

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American Lung Association of Maine
Appalachian Mountain Club
Atlantic Salmon Federation
Bicycle Coalition of Maine
Conservation Law Foundation
Environmental Health Strategy Center
Environment Maine
Environment Northeast
Friends of Casco Bay
Izaak Walton League of Maine
Maine Audubon
Maine Center for Economic Policy
Maine Congress of Lake Associations
Maine Council of Churches
Maine Council of Trout Unlimited
Maine League of Conservation Voters
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
Maine People's Alliance
Maine Rivers
Natural Resources Council of Maine
Northern Forest Alliance
Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine Chapter
RESTORE: The North Woods
Sierra Club, Maine Chapter
The Ocean Conservancy
The Wilderness Society
Toxics Action Center