PUTTING VISION INTO ACTION: WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD THE FUTURE WE WANT FOR MAINE

Fifty years ago, the U.S. Congress passed the Clean Water Act (CWA). This landmark environmental law includes the bold vision of eliminating pollution in the nation’s rivers, lakes, streams, and coastal waters. Led by Maine’s own Senator Ed Muskie, who grew up along the banks of a polluted Androscoggin River in Rumford, the CWA has proven an extraordinary success. The rivers that were treated as open sewers and reviled for their stench and toxicity 50 years ago now are healthy and beautiful places that are vital to our economy and quality of life.

The CWA set a powerful example. We must push for visionary progress when we have the opportunity. This year, we had it. Legislators passed more than two dozen bills—including the Natural Resources Council of Maine’s (NRCM) highest priority legislation.

Closing the loophole that for years allowed out-of-state companies to dump construction and demolition debris in the Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL) is among our most gratifying and long-fought successes. It comes with a strong environmental justice component and a mandate for increased recycling. Couple it with last year’s first-in-the-nation Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging bill and Maine is ready to transform the way it deals with waste.

Our energy grid is also poised for transformation. Riding the momentum generated over the last few years by Maine’s Climate Action Plan, NRCM led the effort for legislation to help develop the electrical grid that will be needed for Maine’s clean energy future. Our persistence paid off. The new law creates a first-ever opportunity for the public, working with independent experts, the utilities, and the Public Utilities Commission, to design our state’s electrical grid to meet the carbon reduction mandates in the Climate Action Plan, with widespread adoption of electric vehicles, heat pumps, renewable energy generation, battery systems, and energy efficiency. The new law also imposes penalties when utilities prove poor performers.

We achieved visionary progress for our woods, waters, and wildlife as well, with more than 800 miles of rivers and streams receiving increased levels of protection and a significant expansion of Maine’s Ecological Reserve System. These reserves include some of Maine’s wildest places that help protect our biological diversity.

These highlights, combined with strong victories from the previous three years, signal that a healthy, sustainable future for Maine is within reach. For too long, we have been caught in the grip of dirty fossil fuel, escalating volumes of packaging waste, and a slow but steady loss of plants and animals that make up the web of life. The outcomes of recent legislative sessions confirm that we can reach beyond the status quo for a better, healthier environmental future.

However, such a future must be within reach for all. We achieved progress on this front with passage of a new law that will support more diverse voices in the regulatory process in terms of household income, race, and ethnicity. This work will take far more than legislation. Even as NRCM continues to make it a priority to listen, and to amplify the voices of the underserved, we acknowledge that there is so much more to do.

Today’s youth will play a vital role in Maine’s future. This year, it was our great privilege to honor six young environmental leaders with our biennial Brookie Awards. Each of these remarkable individuals has their own powerful story to tell, and they are already demonstrating powerful leadership.

Turning a vision into reality takes perseverance, and heavy lifts remain in front us. Four dams on the Kennebec River between Waterville and Skowhegan are pressing Atlantic salmon to the brink of extinction. There is still a push for a dangerous proposal for a polluting mine near our treasured Baxter State Park. A Norwegian aquaculture company still hopes to pursue a massive fish farm in Frenchman Bay that is so egregious, it would be illegal in its own country. And there will always be attempts to weaken the laws that have proven to be so critical in protecting the nature of Maine.

In our 63-year history, NRCM has celebrated many successes, with an eye to the future. Our commitment continues to withstand the test of time because of your commitment to us. Your financial support, and your letters, emails, and phone calls to your elected officials demonstrate your passion for the place we call home. They also provide us with inspiration and energy to pursue our collective vision.

We look forward to our ongoing work with you to build the future we all want for Maine.

Pete Didisheim
Senior Advocacy Director & Interim CEO
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NRGM MEMBERS SHARE WHY THEY SUPPORT OUR WORK

“NRCM is looking out for Maine’s natural beauty and way of life. We continue to support all NRCM’s efforts on behalf of the environment and Maine’s future.”
—Jeff and Audrey Brown, New Sharon

“Thank you NRCM! Your organization is amazing, effective, scientific, thoughtful, and so in tune with the nature of Maine and the population. Maine is a state that appreciates your guidance.”
—Peggy Schuler, Newcastle

“Maine is a wonderfully wild space that needs to be protected for generations to come. NRCM hits the ground running and works hard toward this goal. Supporting them in this mission is a no-brainer for me.”
—Sarah Sindo, Millinocket, NRCM Rising Leadership Team

“As someone who spends as much time as possible enjoying the outdoors, I value NRCM’s commitment to protecting, restoring, and conserving Maine’s environment and their dedication to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in their programming and advocacy work. Organizations like NRCM give me hope that my son can grow up in a world with not only access, but equitable access, to the outdoors.”—Heather Drake, Cape Elizabeth, NRCM Rising Leadership Team

“I believe humans need to be careful stewards of our planet, and I trust NRCM to advocate for policies and practices that protect and improve our beautiful state.”
—Richard Estabrook, Brunswick

“I love Maine and good causes and folks like you.”—Peter Mallory (second from right, with family), Fernandina Beach, Florida

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In 2014, we established the Allagash Award to honor individuals, families, and organizations who have supported our work for 20 years or more. Congratulations to the following members, and thank you for providing financial support that has helped us protect the nature of Maine through the years!

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20 YEARS AGO...

To reduce toxic pollution that threatens public health and the environment, NRCM helped lead the effort to pass a first-in-the-nation bill requiring carmakers to pay to collect harmful mercury-containing switches from junked cars before scrapping them. Maine’s car mercury switch law was challenged in court by the carmakers, but the law prevailed. As a result, the law has prevented as much as 90 pounds of mercury from getting into our environment each year.

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YOUR SUPPORT ADDS UP

13,597
Messages sent by NRCM supporters to elected officials urging them to vote to protect our land, air, waters, and wildlife

4,163
People signed NRCM petitions calling for action to protect Maine’s environment

100
Clean Water Champions recognized this year by NRCM for their work to protect Maine’s waters

25
Number of new episodes of NRCM’s “Frontline Voices” podcast, totaling 13,419 listens

43,279
Number of times NRCM’s online Explore Maine map was accessed by people looking for places to enjoy Maine’s great outdoors

1,163
People signed NRCM petitions calling for action to protect Maine’s environment

86,554
Number of visits to NRCM’s Nature of Maine blog

800
Miles of rivers & streams with increased protection through water classification upgrades. Includes 20 river and stream segments across 9 counties with some of Maine’s top freshwater habitat for native brook trout and endangered Atlantic salmon

50%
Goal set for amount of new light-duty vehicles purchased by the State to be plug-in hybrid or zero-emission vehicles by 2025; 100% by 2030

$60 Million
PFAS contamination fund to address public health and hardship faced by Maine farmers and communities

25,000+ members and supporters who help make our work possible!

NRCM PRIORITY LEGISLATION BY THE NUMBERS

$3.5 Million
Allocated to Efficiency Maine Trust for state’s electric vehicle incentive program

11,000
Additional acres that can be designated as Ecological Reserves to protect Maine’s biodiversity and wild places

$2.09 Million
In new climate education funding allocated for Maine school districts

16
Number of 40-ton tractor trailer loads of out-of-state waste to be kept out of Juniper Ridge Landfill daily now that Maine Legislature closed loophole exploited by waste management corporations

RELATED PRIORITIES:

26
Miles of new hiking trails added to Moosehead Lake region

3.3 million

50 Years
Since passage of the Clean Water Act, which has achieved major improvements in cleaning up our nation’s polluted rivers, lakes, and streams. NRCM provided support for passage of this landmark legislation, championed by Maine’s Senator Ed Muskie.
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**Honoring Conservation Leaders** Our Conservation Leadership Award recipients were honored virtually again in 2021. NRCM member and musician Justin Walton performed Louis Armstrong's “What a Wonderful World” in honor of our awardees. Laura Marston of GoGo Refill and University of Maine Professor Ivan Fernandez received Conservation Leadership Awards for their work on reducing waste and climate change respectively. Climate activist Sam Saltonstall won our People’s Choice Award, and John Banks of the Penobscot Nation received our award for Lifetime Achievement. Congratulations, all!

**Member Cruise with Maine’s Puffins** NRCM’s annual member cruise aboard the Hardy Boat to see Atlantic Puffins on Eastern Egg Rock was nothing short of spectacular again this year. Dr. Steve Kress, founder of Project Puffin, joined us once again to share stories and information about these incredible birds. We saw not only puffins but also Black Guillemots, several tern species, gulls galore, and even two Razorbills!

**NRCM Goes to Washington** Federal Policy Advocate Anya Fetcher joined former CEO Lisa Pohlmann in Washington, D.C., to meet with Maine’s federal delegates. They shared highlights from Maine’s latest legislative session and discussed plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. They also reminded our officials that most Mainers support action on climate and urged them to vote for wildlife protection, conservation initiatives, and federal funding for clean energy projects.

**“Gorges” Day for a Sea Kayak Adventure** NRCM Rising partnered with Portland Paddle to host a sea kayaking trip in Portland on beautiful Casco Bay. The adventure included a stop at Fort Gorges for lunch and exploring.

**Sharing at the SEA Fair** NRCM participated in the Stewardship Education Alliance (SEA) Fair at the Camden Public Library. This family-friendly event is a chance for Maine nonprofits like NRCM to share information about our current work. We hope many of you were able to meet NRCM Sustainable Maine Outreach Coordinator Vanessa Berry at the event!

**Farmington Earth Day Cleanup** More than 100 people collected 800+ pounds of trash throughout Downtown Farmington during an Earth Day Cleanup event. NRCM Regional Outreach Coordinator Marc Edwards, based in Franklin County, and other staff spent the afternoon helping out.

**NRCM Rising at Maine Beer Company** Our young professionals group NRCM Rising hosted a celebration of victories from the 2022 legislative session at Maine Beer Company in Freeport. Guests heard from young Mainers who spoke out and made a difference for Maine’s environment. (Pictured L to R: Todd Martin, Emmie Theberge, Vanessa Berry, Sarah Woodbury, and Anya Fetcher)
Congratulations, 2022 Brookie Award Recipients

We honored six remarkable young environmental changemakers with our 2022 Brookie Awards at an event in Portland. Attendees networked, enjoyed food and live music, and heard the award recipients’ inspiring speeches, which you can hear at our YouTube channel. (Pictured L to R: NRCM’s Todd Martin with 2022 Brookies Kosis Ifeji, Noela Altvater, Kiara Frischkorn, Greg LeClair, Anna Siegel, and Lucas Healy)

Doin’ the Dip & Dash

Brave souls dipped and dashed in December at a locale of their choosing—and raised more than $20,000 in support of our work to address climate change in Maine!

Trash to Treasure

Students at Aveda Institute’s Trashion Show in Augusta raised more than $3,000 in support of our work! All gowns and accessories are made from recycled materials—and sparkled with creativity!

NRCM Staffers Awarded eco-Excellence

NRCM Sustainable Maine Director Sarah Nichols (right) and former Outreach Coordinator Chrissy Adamowicz were honored with an ecomaine eco-Excellence Award for their work to pass Maine’s first-in-the-nation Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging law. Thank you and congratulations, Sarah and Chrissy!

Kennebec River Paddle

About two dozen members joined staff for a paddle on the Kennebec from Sidney to Augusta, to commemorate removal of the Edwards Dam. The dam’s removal 23 years ago began the incredible restoration of this part of the river, marked by record-breaking alewife runs, dozens of Ospreys and Bald Eagles, and more.

EV Survey Data Party

Thank you to all NRCM members who joined us at NRCM’s Augusta headquarters to enter important data gathered from this year’s electric vehicle survey.

NRCM at Rangeley Fly Fishing Festival

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Eastern Trail Funding Celebration with Congresswoman Chellie Pingree

NRCM joined Congresswoman Pingree (with bike) and others in Maine after the announcement of $700,000 in federal funds to expand the Eastern Trail, which will add 11 miles to the trail (from Kennebunk to North Berwick).

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**for the fiscal year ending March 31**

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<td>Capital campaign contributions net of expense</td>
<td>$260,992</td>
<td>$(10,000)</td>
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<td>Contributions board-designated</td>
<td>$87,348</td>
<td>$1,637,776</td>
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<td>Change in value of gift annuities and donations</td>
<td>$(7,579)</td>
<td>$(82,181)</td>
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<td>Net investment income gains (losses)</td>
<td>$3,449,230</td>
<td>$137,424</td>
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<td><strong>Total Non-operating Income</strong></td>
<td>$3,789,991</td>
<td>$1,683,019</td>
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<td><strong>Total Change in Net Assets</strong></td>
<td>$3,789,864</td>
<td>$1,648,049</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets</strong></td>
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<td>Beginning balance</td>
<td>$12,081,594</td>
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<td>Ending balance</td>
<td>$15,871,458</td>
<td>$17,519,507</td>
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### Notes to Financial Statements

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Protecting the Nature of Maine
Our Mission

The Natural Resources Council of Maine is our state's leading nonprofit membership organization protecting, restoring, and conserving Maine's environment, now and for future generations.

NRCM works statewide with our members, businesses, and policymakers to improve the quality of Maine's rivers, lakes, streams, and coastal waters; promote sustainable communities through initiatives that reduce toxic pollution and waste; decrease climate-changing pollution through energy efficiency, renewable sources, and clean transportation solutions; conserve Maine lands and wildlife habitat, including our treasured North Woods; and secure federal environmental policies and programs that benefit Maine. We harness the power of science, the law, and the voices of more than 25,000 supporters across Maine and beyond to protect our air, waters, forests, and communities. Since 1959, NRCM has led efforts to inspire people to appreciate and protect all that makes Maine special. Together, we are making a difference.