



Natural Resources  
Council of Maine

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT



# SHARED VALUES, COMMUNITY IMPACT: PROTECTING MAINE'S ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE

Looking back on 2023, we achieved tremendous victories together for Maine's Environment. Passage of a bill to modernize Maine's much-loved Bottle Bill, adoption of offshore wind legislation, and enacting policies to address the growing threat of climate change are all reasons to celebrate.

In each of these milestones, we've been intentional to center Maine communities. After all, if Mainers are not feeling positive impacts from our work, are we truly succeeding?

A powerful example is NRCM's successful effort to create a solution to the spiraling costs and stagnant revenues faced by redemption centers, which was causing a wave of closures across the state. Redemption centers are the heart of Maine's Bottle Bill program, and they are mainstays of our communities. Without swift action, this trend would continue, leaving Mainers with fewer places to redeem bottles and cans—and weakening a foundational piece of our state's best recycling and litter prevention program.

We worked closely with redemption center owners to create a solution that worked for their businesses and elevated their voice to pass crucial legislation. During State House Action Day, one elected official shifted from opposing legislation to update Maine's Bottle Bill to fully supporting it. He heard directly from a redemption center owner about how the bill we were proposing would save her business. Her personal story helped secure passage of legislation that saved dozens of other "ma and pa" operations around the state.

The climate crisis is real, and our urgency to act is only deepened by the raging wildfires to our north and changing weather patterns we've experienced this past year. To meet this extraordinary challenge, we must move with speed and wisdom to embrace new strategies and technologies. Moving quickly doesn't mean leaving communities behind. In this year's session, the Legislature passed a bill to bring the development of 3,000 megawatts of offshore wind energy to the Gulf of Maine. The success of this bill required meaningful collaboration with a broad set of stakeholders—environmentalists, labor groups, the lobstering industry, and others—so that a new offshore wind industry is designed to address the needs of each sector from the start.

Renewable energy is good for the climate, and we're also hard at work to make sure it's good for Mainers' pocketbooks by reducing our state's dependence on fossil fuels and its erratic pricing. This goal must include more solar, just as Maine households have embraced heat pumps. This year, NRCM helped ensure that nearly \$3 million will be directed to low-income Mainers so they can take advantage of the difference heat pumps make.

When a community comes together, action to address climate change can be especially effective. More than 174 cities, towns, and tribal governments so far are

participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which provides grants and technical support for climate resilience and emission reduction projects to address climate change challenges at the municipal level.

All of this clean energy work we are doing helps our state meet the ambitious goals established in Maine's Climate Action Plan, a blueprint to building a resilient energy future for Maine. We are so proud that two NRCM staff members will be directly contributing to this work as members of the Maine Climate Council.

It is so important to celebrate successes that are improving the lives of Maine people, but it is just as necessary to reflect on what still needs doing. For decades, NRCM has been closely collaborating with the Wabanaki Tribes. The Penobscot Nation was a crucial partner in restoring the Penobscot River, work we completed in 2016. Our collaboration continues as we fight together to stop a mine proposed in the Katahdin region, homeland of the Wabanaki people. And yet the tribes in Maine continue to be denied sovereignty, a right that has been restored to every other tribe in the country. To deny the ability to self-govern is unjust, and morally wrong. NRCM will continue to support the Wabanaki Alliance and work alongside them for tribal sovereignty.

None of this work would be possible without our incredible NRCM community. Thank you for your support and for using the power of your voice—at the Legislature and town meetings, in your local paper and online, and by talking with your neighbors and friends. We look forward to protecting the nature of Maine with you—next year and far into the future.

With gratitude,



Rebecca Sanders, CEO



Ed Simmons, Board Chair



# IN THEIR OWN WORDS

## NRCM MEMBERS SHARE WHY THEY SUPPORT OUR WORK



◀ **“NRCM’s data-driven, scientifically based priorities are always excellent. Their work is consistently outstanding and against so many odds and persistent pressures, their results are top-notch. I can always trust that NRCM is looking out for Maine’s best long-term and sustainable environmental interests. Supporting NRCM is supporting the future of Maine as life should be.”** —Tia Simon, Gorham

▶ **“I support NRCM because I so admire all of their tireless efforts to support the Maine environment I love. I don’t always have the time to research critical issues and participate in advocacy, but I know the great folks at NRCM will do the right thing and keep me well-informed.”**

—Jeff Meltzer, Portland



▲ **“I support NRCM because they are for the people and of the people. The organization continues to get great things done, not just talk about it.”**

—Nancy Walters, Wilton



▲ **“NRCM: The voice of nature in Maine.”**

—James Thomas, Hampden

▶ **“I appreciate NRCM’s dedication to environmental issues. Each staff person I have worked with thoroughly knows their subject and presents it effectively. I am grateful for NRCM’s work in Augusta to let our elected officials know many of us care about the environment.”**

—Linda Woods, Waterville



▲ **“NRCM continues to provide significant benefits to our Maine communities and environment.”**

—Michael Edwards (on right), Limerick



▼ **“NRCM is vital for the future of Maine and the quality of our lives.”** —Jonathan Helmreich, formerly of Brunswick, currently of Ft. Myers, Florida

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## ALLAGASH AWARD

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...

in October 2003: The Natural Resources Council of Maine, along with the Penobscot Nation, American Rivers, Trout Unlimited, Maine Audubon, and the Atlantic Salmon Federation, announced publicly the Penobscot River Restoration Project, which, upon completion in 2016, resulted in the removal of two dams on the river and creation of a nature-like fish bypass at another dam. The project opened up almost 2,000 miles of habitat to Atlantic salmon and other sea-run fish that had been blocked for more than a century.



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*"We have been proud members of NRCM for over 25 years. We live in New York, but we have a summer place on Moosehead Lake. We've also had wonderful times on the Maine coast, in Baxter State Park, on the Kennebec and Penobscot Rivers, and in many other parts of the state; and our daughter is a graduate of UMaine/Orono. Our family loves Maine, and we enthusiastically support NRCM's great work protecting its natural resources, reducing toxic pollution, enhancing reuse and recycling, and promoting renewable energy and sustainability."*  
—Walter Mugdan and Vivienne Lenk, Beaver Cove and New York City

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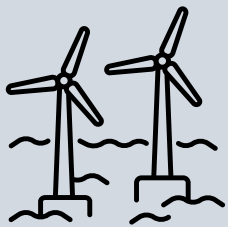
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Emails sent by NRCM supporters to their elected officials

**31**

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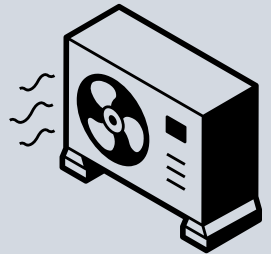


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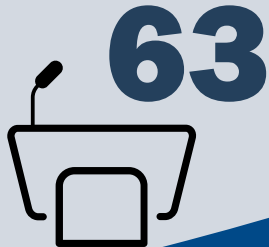


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blueback herring and alewives passed in the Penobscot River in July – more than double the previous year and a record high since completion of the Penobscot River Restoration Project in 2016

**8**

New species protected on Maine's Endangered or Threatened Species List



**63**

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**174**

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▲ **Dashing and Dipping to Stop Climate Change** Nearly 150 brave souls dashed or dipped into the ice-cold Atlantic Ocean at South Portland's Willard Beach in December. Participants and business sponsors helped NRCM raise more than \$30,000 in support of our work to mitigate climate change.



▲ **Aveda Institute Trashion Show** This year's Aveda Institute fundraiser yielded \$7,500 in support of NRCM's clean water work. The event features outfits designed by students highlighting recycled materials. This year's "trashions" recycled packaging materials, trash collected from nearby roads, used bottle caps, and more.



▲ **Rebecca Sanders and Anya Fetcher in D.C.** Our CEO along with our Federal Policy Advocate traveled to Washington to meet with Senator King, Representatives Golden and Pingree, and with staff at Senator Collins' office. They discussed offshore wind and shared concerns about some of Maine's vulnerable wildlife species—and why our delegation's support for the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) is so important.

► **NRCM Puffin Cruise** More than 100 NRCM members, staff, board, and guests boarded the Hardy Boat for our annual trip to see Maine's favorite summer residents: Atlantic Puffins. The puffins kept their long record of showing up in impressive numbers and wowing all aboard.



◀ **Clean Cars and Trucks** NRCM's Jack Shapiro shared his expertise by testifying in front of the DEP in support of Maine adopting stronger standards for clean cars and trucks that would reduce air pollution and save Mainers money.

► **Dark Sky Movie Showing with Patagonia** Did you know Maine has the biggest area of dark sky, free from light pollution, east of the Mississippi? NRCM, Dark Sky Maine, and Patagonia partnered for a screening of "Defending the Dark" at Patagonia's Freeport store.







### ▲ Pulitzer Prize Winner Visits

**Maine** Journalist Edward Humes visited Maine to do research for the sequel to his book *Garbology*. NRCM's Sarah Nichols was his tour guide, sharing some of the state's amazing sustainability efforts and introducing him to leaders like Laura Marston (pictured here with Ed) at her GoGo Refill store in South Portland.

▼ **ClimateWork Maine Summit, Augusta** NRCM CEO Rebecca Sanders provided remarks to hundreds of business and climate leaders at the ClimateWork Maine Summit at the Augusta Civic Center.



▲ **Gathering in Franklin County** NRCM staff and board heard from Franklin County residents, including a Master Maine Guide, business owners, and economic development staff, at a special event where panelists shared their experiences and concerns about Maine's environment and how they would like to see NRCM involved in issues in their communities.



### ▲ Panel Discussion on Climate and National Security

NRCM federal staffer Anya Fetcher moderated a public panel discussion on Maine's key role in climate and national security. Participants also included Capt James Settele, USN (Ret.) of the University of Maine; RDML Jamie Barnett, USN (Ret) of the American Security Project; Hannah Pingree, Director of Governor Mills' Office of Policy Innovation and the Future; and Jessica Olcott Yllemo of the American Security Project.



▲ **Sailing to Celebrate Clean Water** NRCM Rising members celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clean Water Act with a sail in Casco Bay aboard the historic schooner *Bagheera*.



▲ **Honoring Clean Water Champions in Lewiston** In celebration of the Clean Water Act's 50th anniversary, we celebrated 100 Clean Water Champions in Lewiston, on the banks of the Androscoggin River—the river that inspired US Senator Ed Muskie to champion the Act in 1972.



▲ **State House Action Day** At this year's State House Action Day, dozens of Mainers joined us to talk to their legislators in Augusta—and made a measurable impact on the outcomes of our priority legislation.



▲ **Conversation with Master Maine Guides** NRCM's Marc Edwards welcomed Farmington-area members at Twice Sold Tales bookstore for a reading and discussion with Master Maine Guides Roger Lambert and Milt Baston.



### ▲ Communities Can Lead on Climate

A conference at UMaine Orono celebrated the success of the Community Resilience Partnership and served as an opportunity for local governments and others to come together to discuss climate solutions.



### ▲ Spotlight on Conservation Leadership

We gathered in Hallowell to honor our 2022 Conservation Leadership Award recipients including Dr. Steve Kress, founder of Project Puffin (first row, second from right), who received our Lifetime Achievement Award for his seabird restoration work on the Maine coast and around the world.



▲ **Connecting with Patten Residents to Stop a Harmful Mine** Local residents and NRCM staff met in Patten at the Lumbermen's Museum to discuss the threat posed by a mine proposed at nearby Pickett Mountain.



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<sup>1</sup> Completed Service, Summer 2023  
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# NATURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL OF MAINE

## Statement of Activities

For the fiscal year ending March 31

### Operating Revenue, Gains, & Other Support

	FY 2022	FY 2023
Contributions, membership gifts, and grants received - NRCM	\$2,864,000	\$2,962,091
Contributions, membership gifts, and grants received - Action Fund	\$240,000	\$8,000
Events, merchandise, and other revenues	\$2,433	\$3,952
In-kind contributions	\$126,577	\$78,568
Investment appropriated for operations	\$107,500	\$582,996
<b>Total Operating Revenue, Gains, &amp; Other Support</b>	<b>\$3,340,510</b>	<b>\$3,635,607</b>

### Operating Expenses

#### Program Services

Climate & Clean Energy	\$456,512	\$490,311
Sustainable Maine	\$266,780	\$370,856
Forests & Wildlife	\$161,911	\$161,368
Healthy Waters	\$309,489	\$280,769
Lobbying	\$68,190	\$21,730
Emerging Issues	\$240,054	\$274,756
Communications	\$426,739	\$439,489
Outreach and Education	\$281,189	\$545,699
Federal Issues	\$213,686	\$173,650
Action Fund	\$275,651	\$4,323
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$2,700,201</b>	<b>\$2,762,951</b>

#### Supporting Services

Management and General	\$399,207	\$509,861
Development and Fundraising	\$276,072	\$346,087
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>\$675,279</b>	<b>\$855,948</b>

### Total Operating Expenses

**\$3,375,480** **\$3,618,899**

### Change in Net Assets from Operations

**\$(34,970)** **\$16,708**

### Non-operating Income

Capital campaign contributions net of expense	\$(10,000)	\$-
Contributions board-designated	\$1,637,776	\$110,643
Change in value of gift annuities and donations	\$(82,181)	\$26,306
Net investment income gains (losses)	\$137,424	\$(1,005,568)
<b>Total Non-operating Income</b>	<b>\$1,683,019</b>	<b>\$(868,619)</b>

### Total Change in Net Assets

**\$1,648,049** **\$(851,911)**

### Net Assets

Beginning balance	\$15,871,458	\$17,519,507
Ending balance	\$17,519,507	\$16,667,596

## Statement of Financial Position

For the fiscal year ending March 31

### Assets

Total current assets	\$1,654,845	\$1,350,601
Net property and equipment	\$295,989	\$294,554
Investments	\$15,512,715	\$15,294,670
Other assets	\$361,354	\$26,470
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$17,824,903</b>	<b>\$16,966,295</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Total Liabilities	\$305,396	\$298,699
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### Net Assets

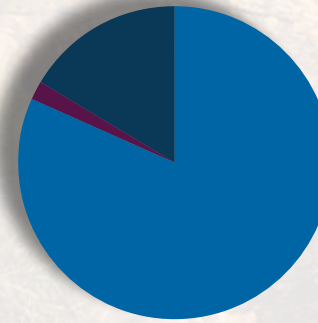
Without donor restrictions	\$14,669,040	\$14,339,005
Donor restricted	\$2,850,467	\$2,328,591

### Total Net Assets

**\$17,519,507** **\$16,667,596**

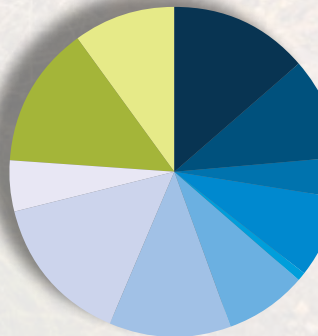
### Total Liabilities and Net Assets

**\$17,824,903** **\$16,966,295**



### Operating Revenue, Gains, & Other Support

- 81% Contributions, membership gifts, and grants - NRCM
- 2% In-kind contributions
- 16% Investment appropriated for operations



### Operating Expenses

#### Program Services 76%

- 14% Climate & Clean Energy
- 10% Sustainable Maine
- 4% Forests & Wildlife
- 8% Healthy Waters
- 1% Lobbying
- 8% Emerging Issues
- 12% Communications
- 15% Outreach and Education
- 5% Federal Issues

#### Supporting Services 24%

- 14% Management and general
- 10% Development and Fundraising

## Notes to Financial Statements

The Natural Resources Council of Maine is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.





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# Protecting the Nature of Maine

## Our Mission

The Natural Resources 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 nearly 30,000 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.