



Natural Resources  
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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

# PROTECTING WHAT WE LOVE

On September 25, 2024, Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) staff and board gathered with members at Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture and the Environment in Freeport to present awards to extraordinary people who have made a difference for Maine's environment. It was a joyous occasion, with individuals honored for work focused on a wide range of issues, each one essential to protecting the nature of Maine. This event, Protecting What We Love, had previously been named for the honor itself, our "Conservation Leadership Awards." There was no better time—and no better reason—to rename the event this year.

Protecting what we love would seem to be a natural instinct. Perhaps it is, but that does not mean doing so is easy. For NRCM members, protecting what we love sometimes requires courage. It means talking to our elected officials or writing letters to the editor of our local paper, or speaking at a public hearing. These are not actions most of us take on a frequent basis. For many of you, doing so with NRCM this past year was the first time you have ever taken such a step.

These actions individually can make a world of difference in a place like Maine, where our elected officials are often our neighbors. We are fortunate that our lawmakers are not out of reach here the way they are in most states. NRCM staff have heard from lawmakers that sometimes, a lone, impassioned voice can make the difference in how they vote on an issue. Imagine the power of that voice multiplied.

We saw that power in action this year, when hundreds of you spoke out at public meetings, rallies, and hearings to express your opposition to a mine that would threaten the clean waters and iconic landscapes of the Katahdin region, including Baxter State Park and Katahdin Woods & Waters National Monument. Almost fifteen hundred of you provided comments to decision-makers on this important matter. Thousands more signed our petition in support of removing four dams from the Kennebec that are preventing the river above the dams from recovering the way the waters downriver have, creating new opportunities for the communities along its banks. More than 500 Maine businesses, towns, and organizations joined us in helping put the first-ever Maine Trails Bond on the 2024 November ballot. Close to 11,000 of you contacted your elected officials about at least one piece of NRCM priority legislation.

Your voices matter. NRCM could not do what we do—pass transformative legislation that ensures a safe and healthy environment for generations to come—without you. Our work together is moving Maine toward a clean energy future that works for all. It is helping communities become more resilient to climate change—more essential than ever, in light of this year's violent winter storms. We are ensuring less waste and more sustainability, and strengthening protections for endangered wildlife. Your efforts were

every bit as vital as we faced down efforts by polluters to weaken existing safeguards.

To succeed requires voices speaking up from all walks of life, in all regions of the state. The knowledge of NRCM staff is deep and broad, but Maine people, speaking together, is the difference maker. That is why we are committed to further expanding our outreach, the way we did recently when we placed a staff member in Franklin County.

As we celebrate many big accomplishments this year, we are preparing for the upcoming legislative session. Encouraging more homegrown clean energy sources like offshore wind and solar, advancing healthier transportation options, and building a more modern, reliable, and affordable electric grid remain priorities for us. We made progress toward achieving State recognition of sovereignty for the Wabanaki Nations with the signing of LD 2007—the first time the 1980 Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act has been significantly amended. We will continue our work toward full recognition of sovereignty.

NRCM is so thankful that you are with us, and that you, like us, love and respect this beautiful place so much. Maine's lands, waters, and wildlife are healthy today because, over the years, so many people cared. Our collective voices and bold actions today are ensuring Maine remains a special place for generations to come.

Thank you.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norton H. Lamb, Jr." in a cursive script.

Norton H. Lamb, Jr., Board Chair  
Natural Resources Council of Maine

# IN THEIR OWN WORDS

NRCM MEMBERS SHARE WHY THEY SUPPORT OUR WORK



**“I can rely on NRCM’s objectivity and thorough research in understanding the climate issues we face today.”**

—Rozanna Patane,  
York Harbor



**“Supporting NRCM is a no-brainer for me and my family. We strongly believe in NRCM’s mission to conserve Maine’s natural environment and appreciate its commitment to respecting the lives and legacy of those who have done this important work over time.”** —Byron Glaus, Augusta



**“I support NRCM because they do a great job for Maine’s environment. They use a lot of different approaches and know how to get the support they need to get bills passed and lands preserved.”**

—Leda Beth Gray, Blue Hill

**“I believe that NRCM is the most effective voice that we have in the Legislature to protect the Maine environment from a multitude of threats.”**

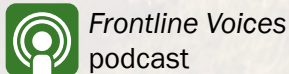
—John Brower,  
Clayton, Georgia,  
and Rome, Maine



**“NRCM is the state’s strongest and most comprehensive voice for environmental advocacy, with a proven track record of protecting the nature of Maine. NRCM’s command of issues and legislative processes deserves the support of everyone in Maine that cares about protecting and restoring our air, water, fish, wildlife, forests and natural landscapes.”**—Lois Winter, Portland

**“NRCM is focused, efficient, and effective in its critical, mission-aligned work on behalf of the natural environment and the people of Maine.”** —Peter Baily, Newfield

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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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## PROTECTING THE KATAHDIN REGION BY THE NUMBERS

Over the past year, NRCM members helped us defeat Wolfden Resources' plan for a metal mine in close proximity to Baxter State Park and Katahdin Woods & Waters National Monument. The mine would have threatened the land and the clean, healthy waters that are essential to the beauty and nature-based economy of the region. Together, we made a difference!



### Public Comments Provided:

1,418 wrote in opposition to the mine  
*(compared to just 148 who wrote in support of it)*

Meeting Attendance:  
**326**



### Bangor Rally Turnout:

3,030 phone calls made by NRCM staff to supporters

### Community Meetings, Rallies, and Hearings:

7 (in Patten, Millinocket, and Bangor)



## HOW YOUR ACTIONS COUNT

# 6,551,356

New record-setting number of alewives and blueback herring that passed through Benton Falls this year

## 10,825

Messages to decision-makers about our priority legislation



## 56

People testified in support of a free-flowing Kennebec in front of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission



## 3,793

Signers of Kennebec petition

## 520

Organizations, businesses, and towns that urged Maine lawmakers to pass a bill sending the Maine Trails Bond to the November 2024 ballot

## YOUR DIP & DASH SUPPORT ADDS UP

Each year, the brave-hearted join on New Year's Eve day at Southern Maine Community College for a 5k dash and/or icy Atlantic splash in support of our work to address climate change in Maine. Here's how that support added up in 2023:

Registrants and donors: **330**

Registered dashers and/or dippers: **236**

Participating teams: **17**

Total funds raised in support of NRCM's Climate & Clean Energy program: **\$39,450**

## THANK YOU!



# 30,000

 members and supporters help make this work possible! Thank you!



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# A CELEBRATION OF OUR TIME TOGETHER



## ◀ ▼ Dipping & Dashing for the Climate

Participants had a beautiful day for a 5K run that took them past Bug Light in South Portland and racing into icy Casco Bay at Willard Beach for our 16th annual Polar Bear Dip & Dash. The event raised more than \$30,000 for NRCM's climate and clean energy work—and provided almost 200 people with bragging rights!



## ▶ Brewing Support for the

**Kennebec** NRCM members and staff gathered at Sasanoa Brewing to talk about NRCM's work to reunite the Kennebec River. Thanks to Sasanoa Brewing for inviting us to their beautiful location on Westport Island! (Blechtman/NRCM)



## ▼ Learning from the Kennebec

NRCM members paddled the Kennebec River from Skowhegan to Hinckley to learn more about the river, including its diversity of wildlife and current river restoration opportunities. (Stoomey/NRCM)



**Reaching Out for the Kennebec** NRCM's outreach staffers Emmie Theberge and Bronya Lechtman share information about our Kennebec River work at Patagonia in Freeport at a film screening of "Paddling the Saco" and panel discussion. The event was cohosted by NRCM, Patagonia, Rivers for Change, the Atlantic Salmon Federation, New Hampshire PBSA, and Joe Klementovich.

## ▶ Standing Up for the Kennebec

Former NRCM staffer Todd Martin was one of dozens of people who testified in support of reuniting the Kennebec River at a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission public hearing in Waterville. (Stoomey/NRCM)



**Speaking Out against a Polluting Mine** More than 150 people gathered in Bangor at a rally to oppose Wolfden Resources' plan to build a polluting mine in the Katahdin region. Maine voices prevailed, defeating the plan for the mine. (Story Silo Media/NRCM)



## ▲ Taking Action at the State House

NRCM members came to Augusta for our annual State House Action Day to meet with their legislators and learn about our priority bills for the session.



▲ **Cruising to See Puffins** Nearly 100 NRCM members and guests joined us for our annual puffin cruise aboard the Hardy Boat, and once again we were honored to have founder of Project Puffin and the Seabird Institute Dr. Steve Kress as our naturalist on our trip. Dr. Kress shared the story of Maine's famous Atlantic Puffins that spend their summers on Eastern Egg Rock in Muscongus Bay, and talked about many other seabird species as well. Bonus: He treated us to a few of his trademark puns! (SToomey/NRCM)



▲ **Paddling the Sandy for the Salmon** NRCM outreach staffers Marc Edwards and Emmie Theberge led a paddle on the Sandy River in Franklin County to share with NRCM members why the river is so vital to the recovery of Atlantic salmon and other sea-run fish. (ETheberge/NRCM)



▲ **Winding Up for Offshore Wind** NRCM's clean energy director Jack Shapiro meets with community members in Searsport about the opportunities that a new offshore wind industry would bring to Maine. (JCaldwell/NRCM)



▲ **Finding Common Ground** Jack also was part of a panel discussion, "Finding Common Ground," at Climatework Maine's annual summit on Maine's economy and climate change held at the Augusta Civic Center. (JCaldwell/NRCM)



▲ **Celebrating Earth Day** NRCM staff participated in a variety of events, including at Portland's festival in Payson Park and the Girl Scouts of Maine's "Green ME Up" festival at LL Bean in Freeport. Pictured: NRCM's Vanessa Berry at the Girl Scout event. (MEdwards/NRCM)



▲ **Hiking in the Alpine** NRCM staff and members were led by plant expert Glen Mittelhauser from the Maine Natural History Observatory on a guided Alpine nature hike at Saddleback in Rangeley. (SToomey/NRCM)



▲ **Springing to See Birds** NRCM's bird experts Jeff and Allison Wells led a leisurely bird walk for NRCM members at the Perham Stream Birding Trail in Madrid in celebration of International Migratory Bird Day. Participants welcomed newly arriving warblers like Northern Parula, Black-throated Green, and the dazzling Blackburnian as White-throated Sparrows and other species serenaded them along the trail. (AWells/NRCM)



▲ **Floating Ideas** NRCM's Josh Caldwell spent a day at UMaine's annual Windstorm Challenge, where students from around the state are tasked with designing and constructing a floating platform for a wind turbine model, and then presenting it to judges. (JCaldwell/NRCM)



▲ **NRCM Goes to Washington** NRCM Federal Policy Advocate Anya Fetcher was joined by NRCM Board member Liz Rettenmaier (pictured here with NWF mascot) to represent NRCM at the annual meeting of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) in Washington, DC. (AFetcher/NRCM)



▲ **Hosting Maine Trails** NRCM and other organizations hosted Maine Trails Day at the Maine State House in support of the first-ever Maine Trails Bond, which was passed by the Legislature, signed into law by Governor Mills, and will appear on the November 2024 ballot. (SToomey/NRCM)

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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 2023	FY 2024
Contributions, membership gifts, and grants received - NRCM	\$2,962,091	\$2,890,048
Contributions, membership gifts, and grants received - Action Fund	\$8,000	\$-
Events, merchandise, and other revenues	\$3,952	\$661
In-kind contributions	\$78,568	\$36,144
Investment appropriated for operations	\$582,996	\$806,649
<b>Total Operating Revenue, Gains, &amp; Other Support</b>	<b>\$3,635,607</b>	<b>\$3,733,502</b>

### Operating Expenses

#### Program Services

Climate & Clean Energy	\$490,311	\$658,639
Sustainable Maine	\$370,856	\$333,735
Forests & Wildlife	\$161,368	\$233,704
Healthy Waters	\$280,769	\$393,242
Lobbying	\$21,730	\$58,687
Emerging Issues	\$274,756	\$313,599
Communications	\$439,489	\$536,538
Outreach and Education	\$545,699	\$398,440
Federal Issues	\$173,650	\$147,600
Action Fund	\$4,323	\$9,517
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$2,762,951</b>	<b>\$3,083,701</b>

#### Supporting Services

Management and General	\$509,861	\$485,277
Development and Fundraising	\$346,087	\$292,044
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>\$855,948</b>	<b>\$777,321</b>

### Total Operating Expenses

**\$3,618,899**    **\$3,861,022**

### Change in Net Assets from Operations

**\$16,708**    **(\$127,520)**

### Non-operating Income

Capital campaign contributions net of expense	\$-	\$-
Contributions board-designated	\$110,643	\$673,329
Change in value of gift annuities and donations	\$26,306	\$-
Net investment income gains (losses)	(\$1,005,568)	\$1,016,703
<b>Total Non-operating Income</b>	<b>(\$868,619)</b>	<b>\$1,690,032</b>

### Total Change in Net Assets

**(\$851,911)**    **\$1,562,512**

### Net Assets

Beginning balance	\$17,519,507	\$16,667,596
Ending balance	\$16,667,596	\$18,230,108

## Statement of Financial Position

For the fiscal year ending March 31

### Assets

	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total current assets	\$1,350,601	\$1,329,926
Net property and equipment	\$294,554	\$272,882
Investments	\$15,294,670	\$17,047,485
Other assets	\$26,470	\$26,470
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$16,966,295</b>	<b>\$18,676,763</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Total Liabilities	\$298,699	\$446,655
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### Net Assets

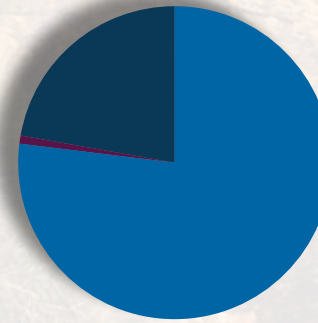
Without donor restrictions	\$14,339,005	\$15,520,030
Donor restricted	\$2,328,591	\$2,710,078

### Total Net Assets

**\$16,667,596**    **\$18,230,108**

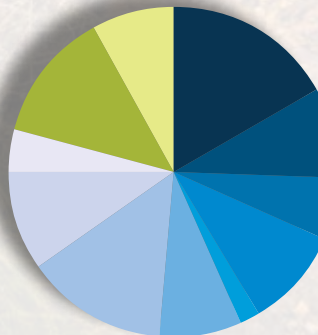
### Total Liabilities and Net Assets

**\$16,966,295**    **\$18,676,763**



### Operating Revenue, Gains, & Other Support

- 77% Contributions, membership gifts, and grants - NRCM
- 1% In-kind contributions
- 22% Investment appropriated for operations



### Operating Expenses

#### Program Services 80%

- 17% Climate & Clean Energy
- 9% Sustainable Maine
- 6% Forests & Wildlife
- 10% Healthy Waters
- 2% Lobbying
- 8% Emerging Issues
- 14% Communications
- 10% Outreach and Education
- 4% Federal Issues

#### Supporting Services 20%

- 13% Management and general
- 8% Development and Fundraising

## Notes to Financial Statements

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**Back Cover:** View from Bigelow, by NRCM staff member Pete Didisheim

# 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.