

# Vote Yes on 3

## Ballot Language

Do you favor a \$9,750,000 bond issue to invest in land conservation and working waterfront preservation and to preserve state parks to be matched by \$9,250,000 in federal and other funds?

## Components of Bond

\$6,500,000	Traditional LMF funding (conservation, water access, farmland, wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation)
\$1,000,000	LMF Farmland funding
\$1,750,000	LMF Working Waterfront funding
\$500,000	Funds to preserve state parks and properties managed by the Department of Conservation

## LMF Background

For more than two decades, the Land for Maine's Future program has enhanced the state's long-term economic health by conserving key assets like working farms, working forests, waterfronts for commercial fishing opportunities and key tourism and recreation sites all across Maine.

Since its inception, nearly 200 projects have been completed statewide and are open to the public and voters have passed LMF bonds in 1987, 1999, 2005 and 2007 by 2:1 margins.

## LMF Has an Outstanding Record

- Conserved over 500,000 acres, all from willing sellers.
- Guaranteed public access for fishing, hunting, trapping.
- Conserved land in every county and corner of Maine.
- Secured mountain summits, rivers, lakes, ponds, farms, forests and shorelines.

## **LMF Provides a Strong Economic Boost**

- By conserving working 25 working farms –supporting family farmers producing dairy, vegetables, meat and flowers.
- By helping to conserve more than 250,000 acres of working forestland - guaranteeing continued sustainable forest management and public access for hunting, hiking, fishing and many other uses.
- By working with communities across the state to establish hundreds of miles snowmobile trails.
- By protecting more than 1,000 miles of shorefront – guaranteeing access for canoeing, fishing and boating.
- By serving all Maine citizens – those who fish, hike, camp, raft, bike, boat, hunt, snowmobile, camp and picnic.
- By protecting coastal sites to ensure clambers and worms have access to mud flats, ensuring their economic future.

## **Vote Yes on 3 on November 2**

Today, Land for Maine's Future has reached a critical juncture. While the program has enjoyed much success it has not completed its work: productive forest and farmlands are being carved up and sold, and public access is being lost daily. Fishermen continue to struggle to maintain access to the coast. For every dollar LMF spends, three additional dollars of federal and private funds are brought in for land conservation; but without LMF, there will be little state funding available to leverage this money or to protect threatened resources.