

Friends of Acadia Advocacy Alert

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Maine Voters: Please Vote “Yes” on Question 3 to Support the Land for Maine’s Future Bond Issue on November 6th

If approved by Maine voters, Question 3 on the November 6, 2012 ballot will direct \$5 million to Land for Maine’s Future, a state program that has helped preserve thousands of acres of critically important forests, working farms, wildlife habitat, waterfront access, and recreational lands. Conservation projects throughout the state, including those in the gateway communities to Acadia National Park, compete for this funding through a state application process.

In a nutshell...

Question 3 on the November 6, 2012 ballot asks: “Do you favor a \$5,000,000 bond issue to purchase land and conservation easements statewide from willing sellers for public land and water access, conservation, wildlife or fish habitat and outdoor recreation, including hunting and fishing and deer wintering areas, and to preserve working farmland and working waterfronts to be matched by at least \$5,000,000 in private and public contributions?”

Friends of Acadia urges you to vote “yes” on this question. If approved, this bond issue will fund the Land for Maine’s Future program, a statewide program to purchase important conservation lands, working farms, forests, waterfront access, and wildlife habitats from willing sellers. Since the program’s establishment in 1987, more than 445,000 acres of land have been protected through purchase or conservation easement. All sixteen Maine counties have benefitted from the program. Funds have been used near Acadia for preservation of Tinker and Marshall Islands, the Davis Wharf in Tremont, and the Isle au Haut Town Landing where many visitors to the Isle au Haut portion of Acadia National Park begin or end their journey. The Trust for Public Land also recently estimated that every dollar invested in Land for Maine’s Future brings \$11 in return in natural goods and services to Maine. (<http://cloud.tpl.org/pubs/local-maine-conseconomics-2012.pdf>)

Action You Can Take:

If you are a registered voter in Maine, please go to the polls on November 6th and vote yes on Question 3. To find your polling location, go to:

http://www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/lookup_voter_info

For More Information: Contact Friends of Acadia Conservation Director Stephanie Clement at 207-288-3340 or stephanie@friendsofacadia.org.

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