



Maine's Climate Action Plan

Maine Won't Wait is the state's four-year climate action plan. First released by the Maine Climate Council in 2020 and updated in 2024, it integrates scientific research, public input, and policy recommendations to drive climate action towards four goals:

1

Reduce Maine's Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Maine must reduce greenhouse gas emissions to meet 2030 and 2050 targets and do our part to limit global warming to 1.5°C this century. This means changing our transportation, buildings, and energy to use cleaner energy sources such as electricity from renewable resources.



2

Strengthen Resilience to Climate Impacts

Maine must take action to prepare our people, environment, economy, and society for the impacts of climate change. This means strengthening our communities and infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, so they are ready for extreme weather, heat, and other impacts.



3

Create Jobs and Economic Prosperity

Many Maine Won't Wait strategies will grow the economy, support new businesses working on climate solutions, and protect jobs at risk from climate change, such as in farming, fishing, and forestry.



4

Bring Climate Action to All Maine People

All Maine people should benefit from climate action, including young people and rural, older, and low-income residents.





Progress since 2020

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent since 1990, moving towards the target of a 45% reduction by 2030 and an 80% reduction by 2050
- Exceeded Governor Mills' goal of installing 100,000 heat pumps statewide and set a new target of installing 275,000 heat pumps by 2027
- Reduced Maine's dependence on heating oil from 70% of Maine households in 2010 to just over 50% in 2023
- Produced 55% of Maine's electricity from renewable sources, towards a goal of 80% by 2030
- Increased electric vehicles on the road to more than 17,000 and grew electric vehicle charging infrastructure to more than 1,000 ports statewide
- Grew clean energy jobs to over 15,000, with increases in nearly all Maine counties, especially rural areas
- Invested \$607 million since 2020 to enhance the resilience of Maine communities, working waterfronts, and businesses
- Awarded \$15.8 million for local climate resilience and emissions reduction projects through the Community Resilience Partnership

Mainers Taking Action



Take Action



Read the Plan



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Edge Venuti

Providing a Youth Perspective

Edge Venuti, 18, is taking climate action by serving as the youth representative for the Maine Climate Council's Coastal and Marine Working Group. As a member of Maine Youth for Climate Justice and a student at the University of Maine studying Environmental Science and Ecology, Edge is speaking up to help shape Maine climate action.

"I am young, but I am willing -- and I am not alone. I actually feel like my voice is being heard."



Randy Martin

Finding the Future of Farming in Aroostook

As the Director of Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District, Randy has helped farmers expand their knowledge of crops beyond potatoes and shared knowledge of non-traditional agricultural practices.

"I hope in the future, we will be more aware of our soil, our soil health, and how the soil is responding to what we're doing, and decrease the amount of chemical inputs without losing yield."