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**Perspectives for the
Natural and Working Lands Group,
Maine Climate Council**

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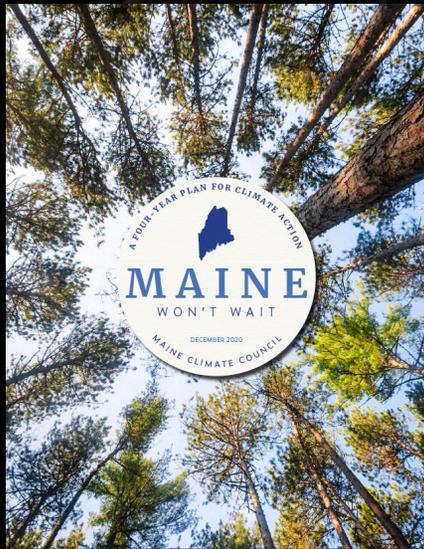
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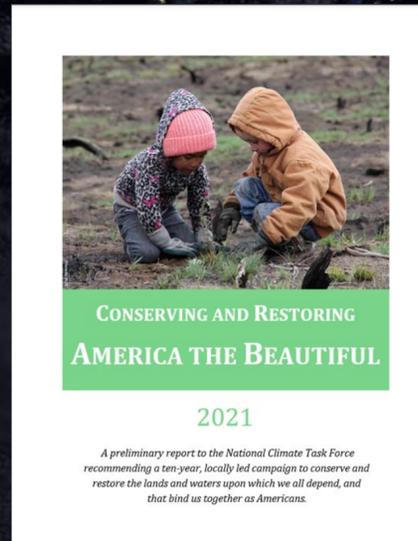
Has TNC embraced the 30% goal for Maine, the US, or globally?

Yes:

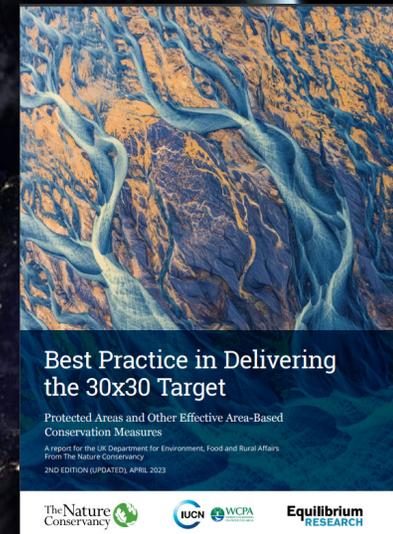
TNC has contributed to adoption of this goal, at all three scales.



2020



2021



2022

How is TNC working to achieve this goal in Maine?

Conserving Resilient and Connected Forests by:

- Providing Science and Communications
- Leading or Supporting Acquisitions and Easements
- Working in Partnership. Increasing Capacity of Partners and Collaboratives.
- Increasing Public and Private Funding

What are TNC's specific land conservation priorities?

- Acquisitions and easements informed by good data, strategic objectives, and socially inclusive approaches.
- Regional scale habitat connectivity throughout the Appalachians (Informed by Resilient and Connected Network science).
- Ecological preserves of sufficient scale at prioritized sites representing full range of Maine ecosystem types.

What are the limiting factors in reaching this goal in Maine?

- Capacity limitations (for communities, Tribes, state/federal public agencies, conservation organizations, appraisers, surveyors, environmental consultants, ...)
- Landowner priorities (perceptions or realities for some landowners that permanent conservation is not compatible with their goals, or that the process is too difficult and uncertain).
- Multi-year timelines for conservation projects.
- Available flexible public and private funding support.

How can the state and its partners work to remove these barriers?

- *Look past 2030. Think of the 2030 goal as a milestone.*
- Minimize losses of connected forests and undeveloped habitats while working on permanent conservation.
- Acknowledge Indigenous conservation leadership and invest in Wabanaki capacity.
- Build flexible funding support and enable communities.
- Celebrate progress and partnerships.

Thank You



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