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

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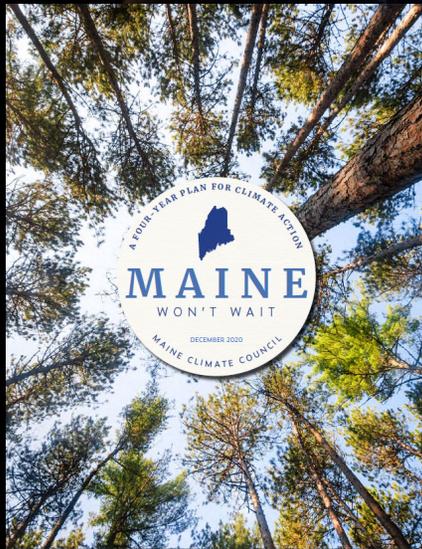
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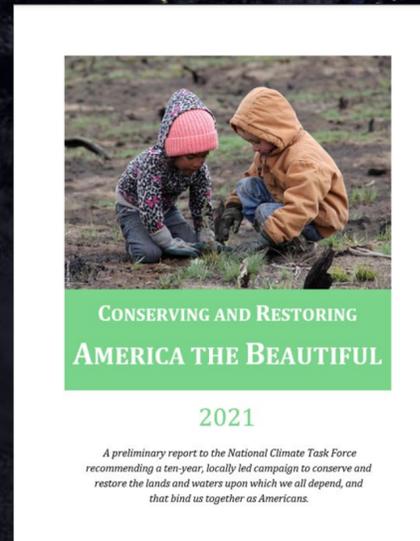
# Has TNC embraced the 30% goal for Maine, the US, or globally?

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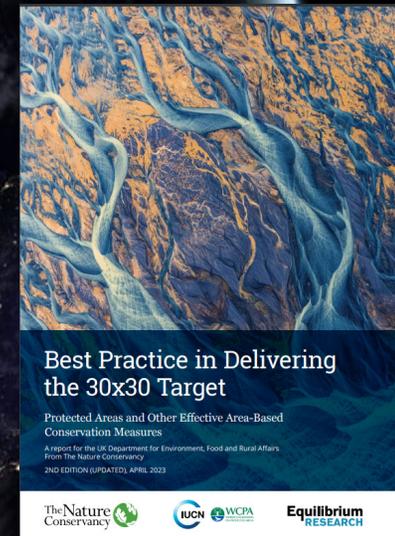
TNC has contributed to adoption of this goal, at all three scales.



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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