

We Support an Environmental Bond Bill for Massachusetts

Now is the time to invest substantial new funding
for Massachusetts' Future.

The Environmental Bond is used to finance the acquisition of conservation land, hazardous waste clean-ups, water quality management and protection, wetland restoration, dam removal and other environmental projects that the Commonwealth can not afford to sustain on a "pay as you go" basis.

Massachusetts' forests, farmlands, wildlife habitat and urban green spaces are disappearing at more than 40 acres per day - an alarming rate. Massachusetts is seeing increasing water shortages, bans, and threats to our water quality. The Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program lists one out of every six native plant and animal species as Endangered, Threatened, or of Special Concern.

Important programs like the Self-Help and Urban Self-Help Programs, Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program, Department of Fish and Game land protection program, and Department of Conservation and Recreation beaches and forest reserves are in desperate need of funding in order to maintain our economy, tourism and quality of life.

Conserving Massachusetts' most important landscapes contributes to our economy and quality of life by protecting recreational opportunities, natural areas, farmland and wildlife habitat. Previous bonds ensured drinking water quality, preserved some of our most popular tourist destinations, and provided important local aid. If we are to ensure that future generations - our children and grandchildren - will enjoy the same opportunities we have today to enjoy these resources, we need to act now.

Your endorsement will be used solely to promote passage of the Environmental Bond. Your organization's name will be included on the Coalition's materials, in mailings to legislators, and in media work urging support of the Environmental Bond.

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Thanks for your Support!