Now that you're all set with your registration for the webinar, we've prepared two simple and imaginative activities for you to do before the workshop. Your engagement in these pre-event activities will enhance the dynamic exchange we'll have during the workshop. We encourage you to bring your creations from the pre-event activities to share and discuss in the workshop. **If you run out of time, don't fret – you can still participate in the workshop**, and there's no pressure to showcase your masterpieces if you prefer not to.

Photovoice Activity - pre-event instructions

Before the workshop, please either take a new photo or locate an existing photo you've taken that represents a place you feel connected to. Jot down a sentence or two explaining your connection to that place (for example, *why it's important to you*, *how it makes you feel*, *what you value about it*, etc.). Be prepared to share your photo and thoughts during a small group activity at the beginning of our workshop!

Climate Data Art Activity - pre-event instructions

For this Climate Data Art activity, before the workshop, you will be creating a quick art piece that incorporates some type of data (like a graph). The goal is to use visuals to help tell the story about the data, and thus what the underlying topic means to you: *Why is it important to you or others*? As you create your piece, consider what the focus of your art story will be.

Note: The goal is to start this process and begin creating a visual story. It is about creativity, not technical art skills, so just focus on what you want to share! If you just have a rough sketch or do not finish that's okay. You may also keep working on your art piece after the workshop. **Also, if you are not able to create an art piece** before the event, please just choose from the graphs below and think about *how you would depict that topic visually.*

Step 1. Choose a graph and print it out or trace it onto a separate sheet of paper.
Step 2. Brainstorm ideas for the artwork. I recommend sketching out or writing out ideas on scrap paper.
**Step 3.** Start to create your final artwork with the graph with pencil or any other materials. You may create your art piece directly on the printed/traced graph.

Materials needed:
- Graph (please print it out or trace it from your computer). *Have it ready before the event.*
- Scrap paper
- Pencil
- Optional: ruler
- Optional: any coloring supplies of your choice. Feel free to use any materials you choose- colored pencil, paint, markers, etc.

Graph options are included below (there are 4, each on a different page). All of the graphs are from the Maine Climate Council's **Maine Won't Wait 2023 Updated Report** from September 29, 2023. Please choose one of these graphs. Or, if preferred, you may choose a different graph if there is a topic in the report or elsewhere you would like to communicate about.

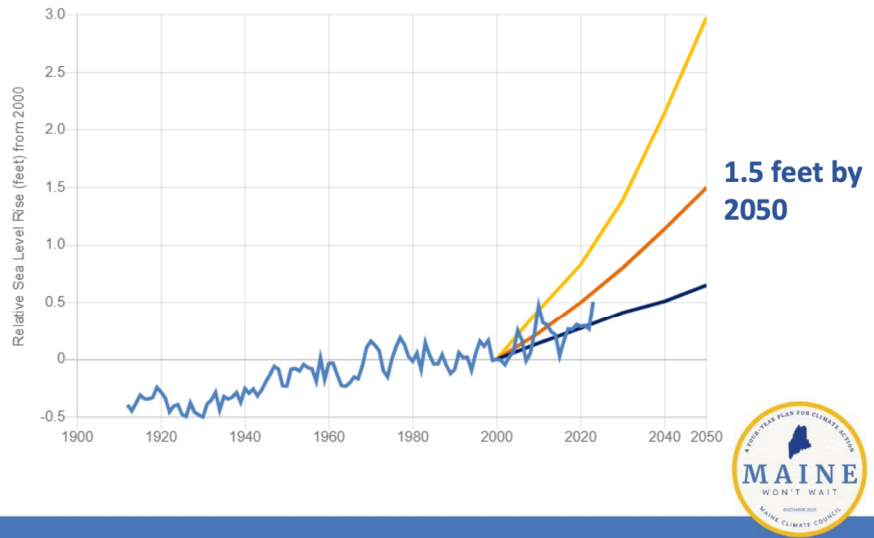**Graph 1.** Goals for Maine's natural and working lands through 2030
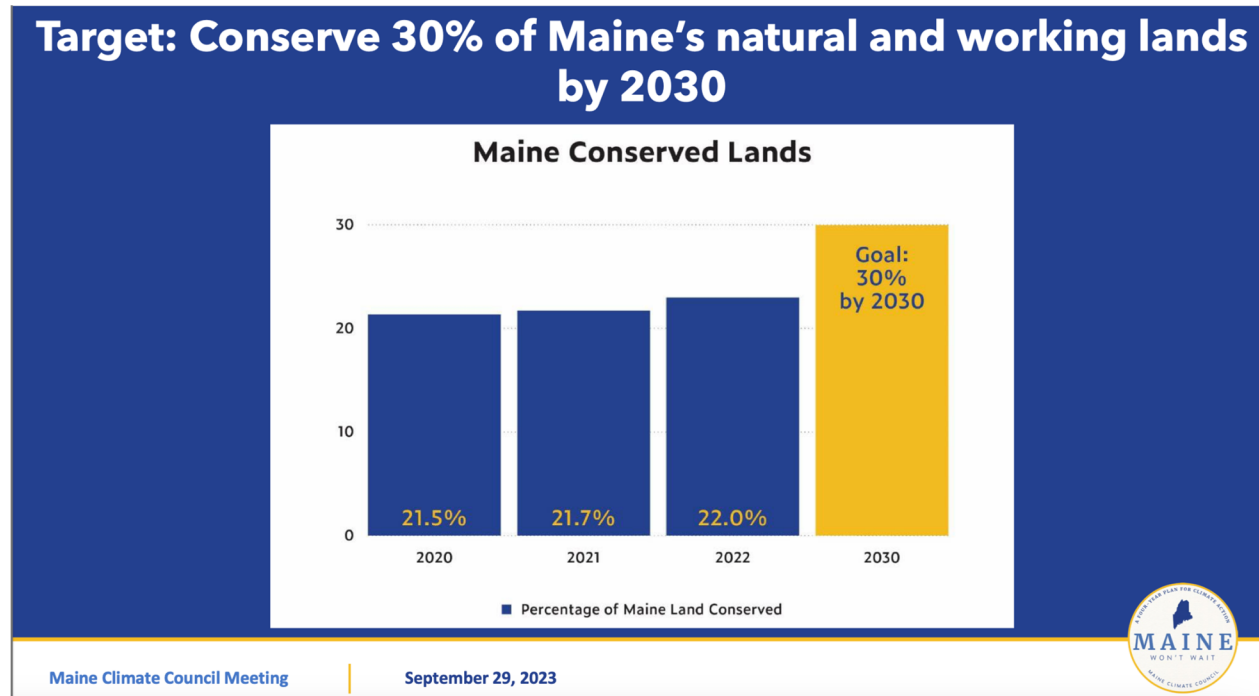
Graph 2. Sea Level Rise: historical and projected through 2050

Graph 3. Ocean temperature: historical and projected through 2100

Ocean Temperature Trend since 1880 and Future Projections
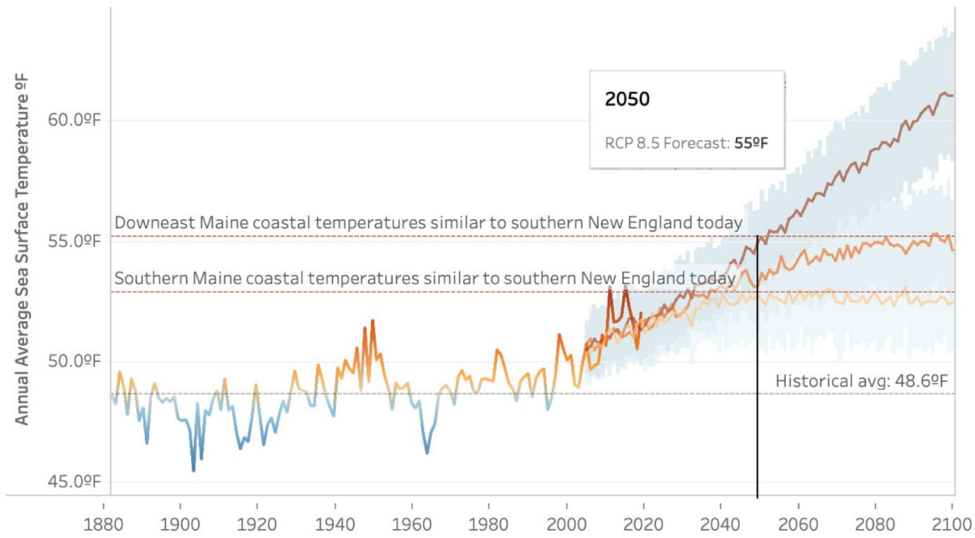
SOURCE: NOAA (sea surface temperatures); Maine State Climate Office (CMIP5 model forecasts).

Formerly at: https://climatecouncil.maine.gov/maine-climate-science-dashboard

Graph 4. Maine's renewable energy use historically, as found on the [Energy Information Administration website](#)