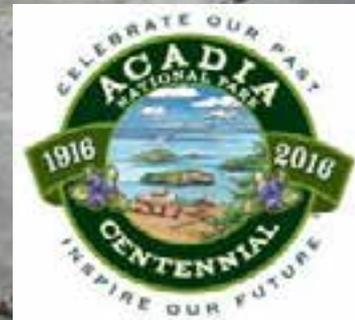




# A Centennial of Protecting Maine's only National Park

May 13, 2016

Kevin Schneider, Superintendent



# America's Best Idea Began in 1872



“To conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means *as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations*”

- NPS Organic Act, 1916



# The National Park System: Our Land



# The National Park System: Our History



# The National Park System: Our Culture



# Acadia History

- 1916 – Sieur de Monts National Monument established by Presidential proclamation
- 1919 – Congress created Lafayette National Park
- 1929 – Congress created Acadia National Park



# Acadia Annual Visitation

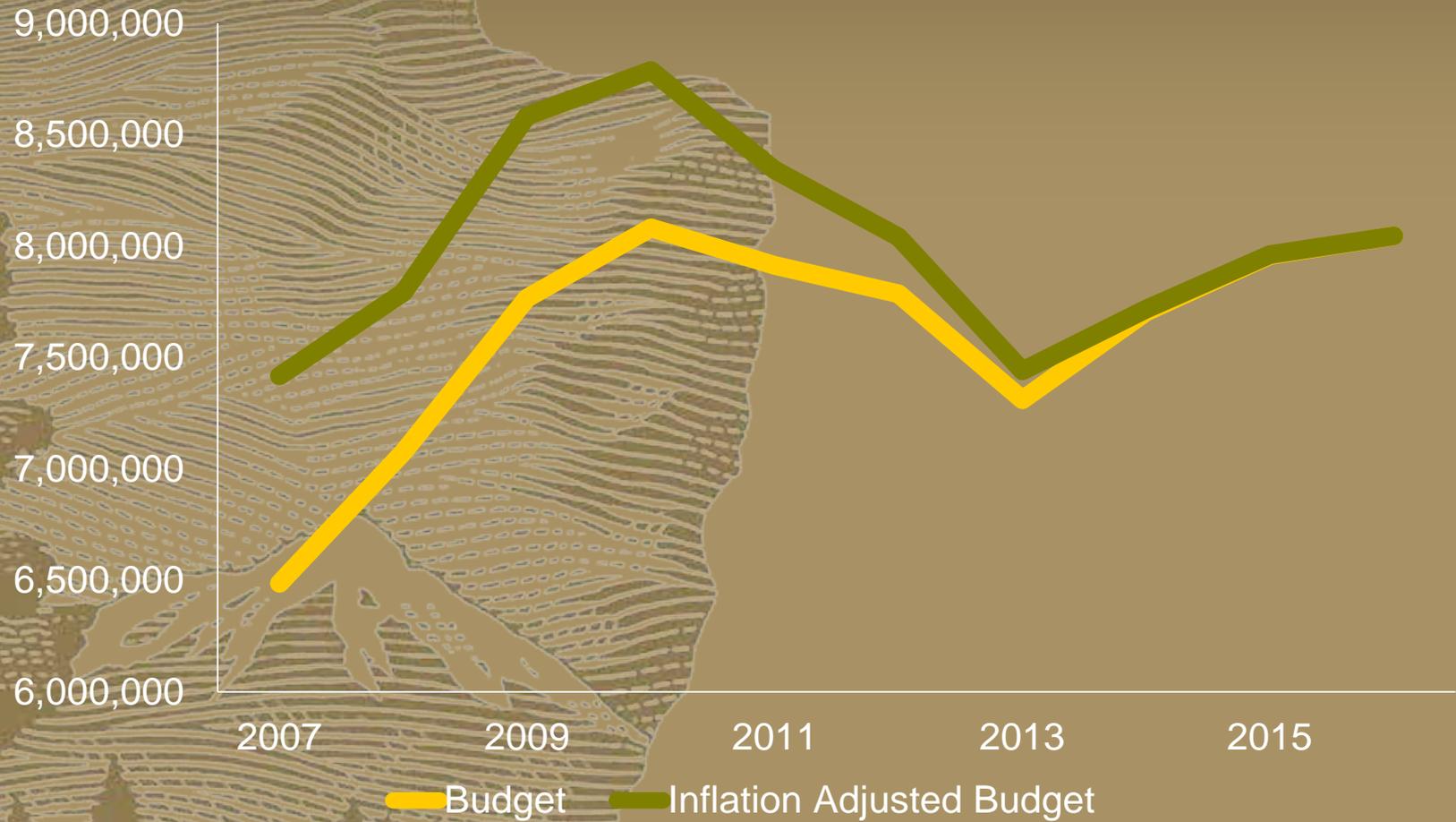


# Budget

- \$8 million operating budget
- \$2.5 million in fee revenue
- \$1 million in transportation funds
- \$425k in concessions franchise fees
- \$1.1 million annually in additional project funds



# Acadia's Budget Over Time



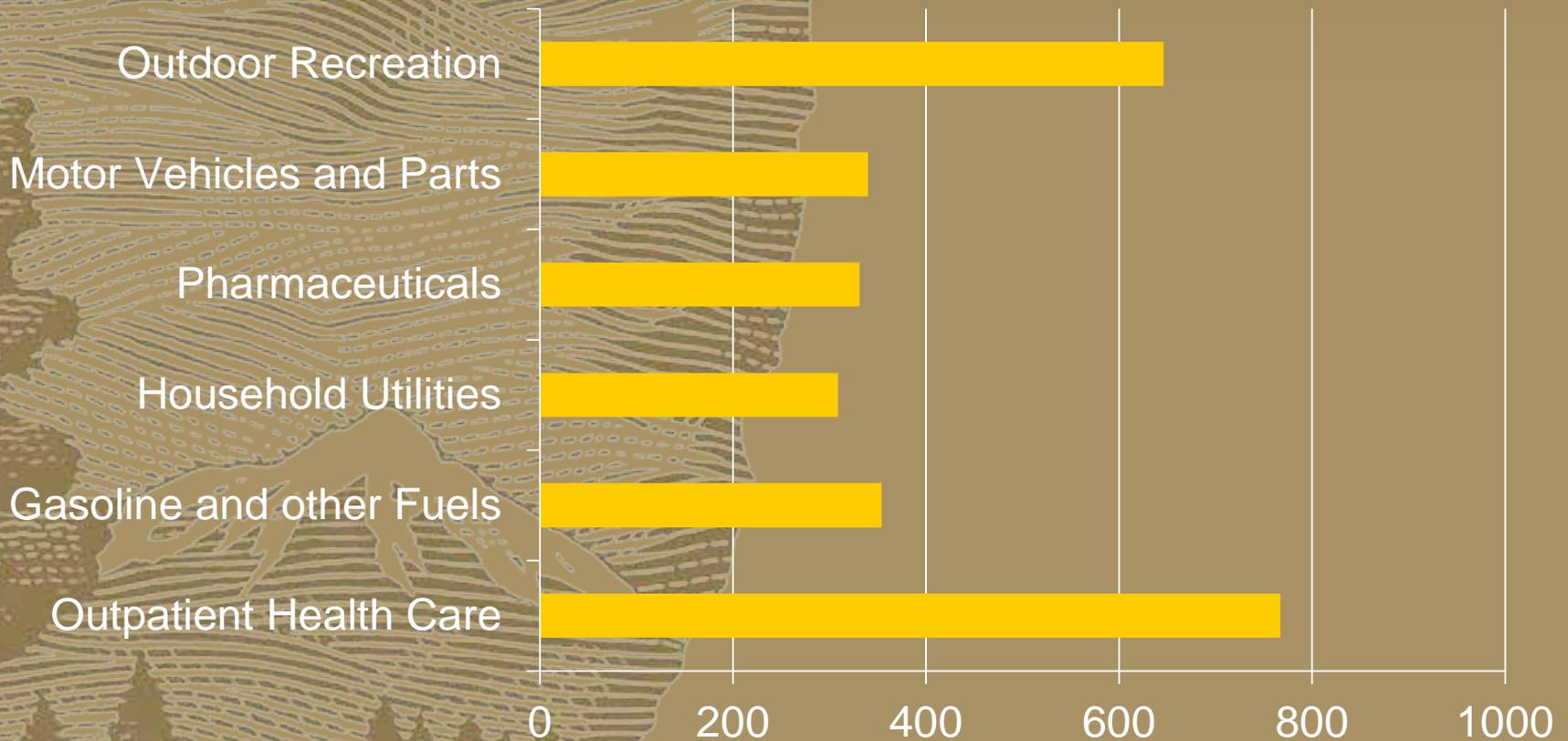
# Budget and Visitation Trends

- 2015 Visitation is up 35% from 2006 to 2015
- Inflation adjusted budget is down 8.4% from peak year in 2010
- Total staffing during peak season is down 5.8%

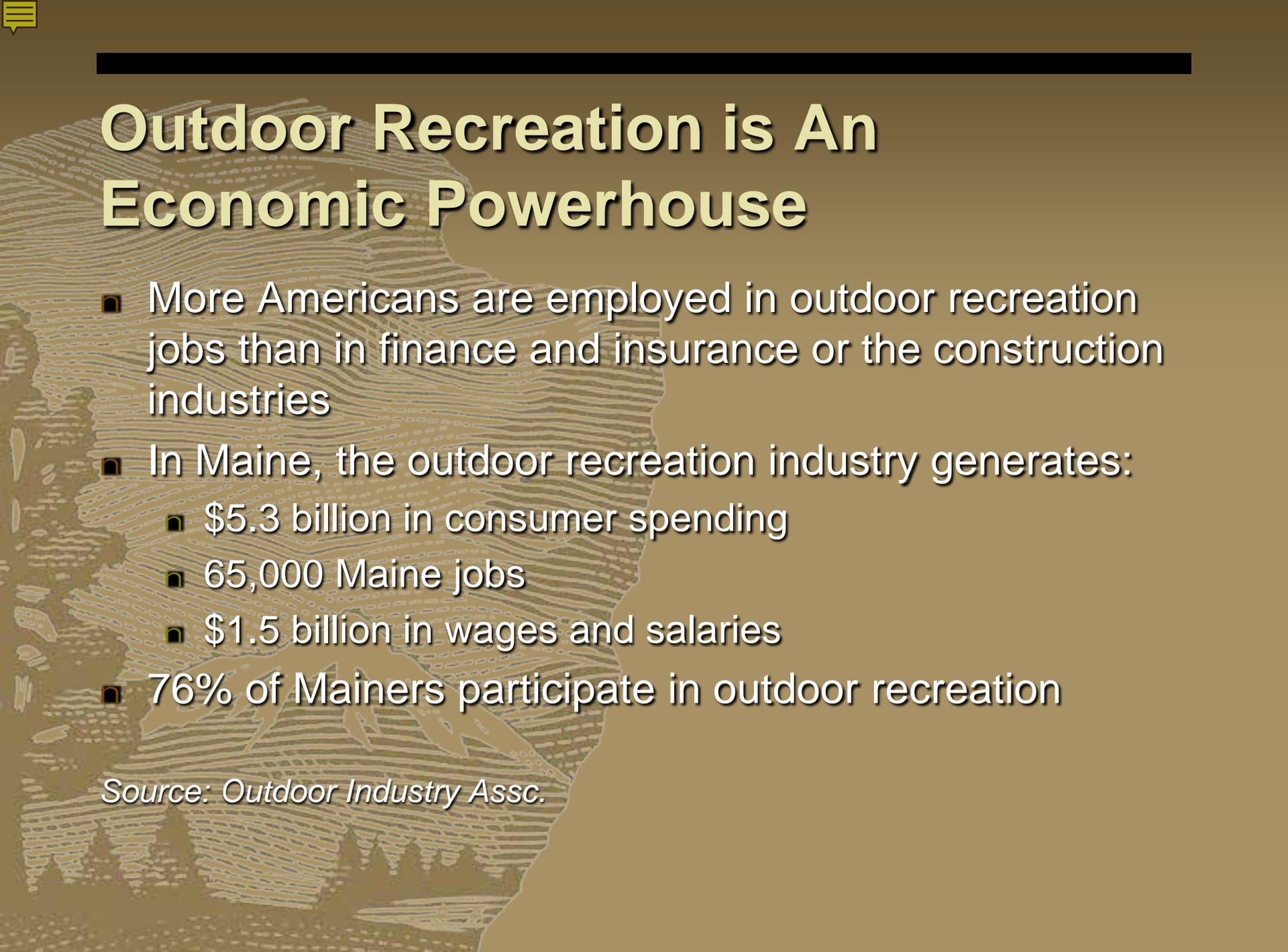


# Outdoor Recreation is An Economic Powerhouse

Annual Consumer Spending in Billions



Source: Outdoor Industry Assc., *The Outdoor Recreation Economy*, 2012



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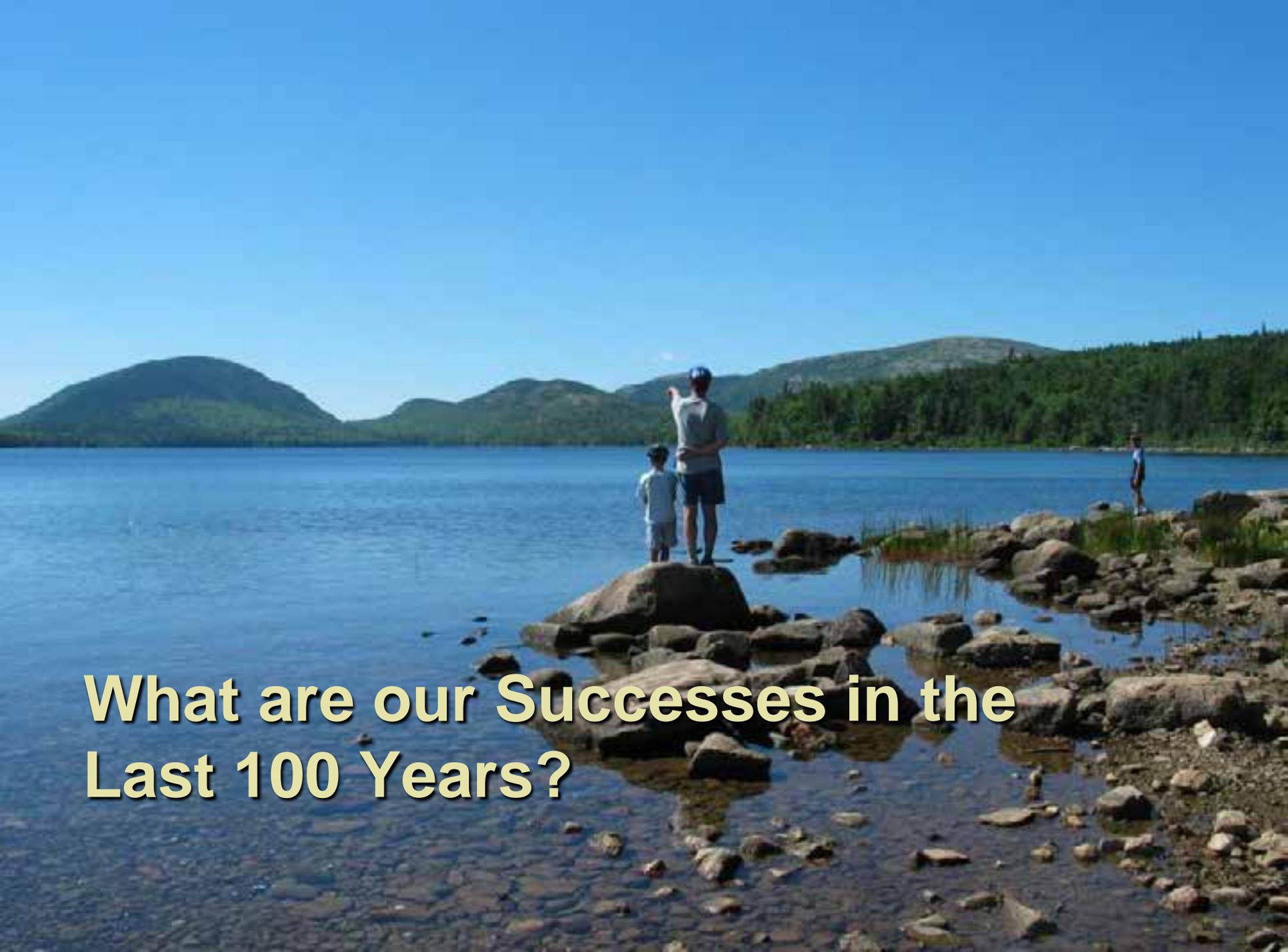
- More Americans are employed in outdoor recreation jobs than in finance and insurance or the construction industries
- In Maine, the outdoor recreation industry generates:
  - \$5.3 billion in consumer spending
  - 65,000 Maine jobs
  - \$1.5 billion in wages and salaries
- 76% of Mainers participate in outdoor recreation

*Source: Outdoor Industry Assc.*

# Acadia is an Economic Engine

- \$248 million in annual visitor spending locally
- 3,878 local jobs generated





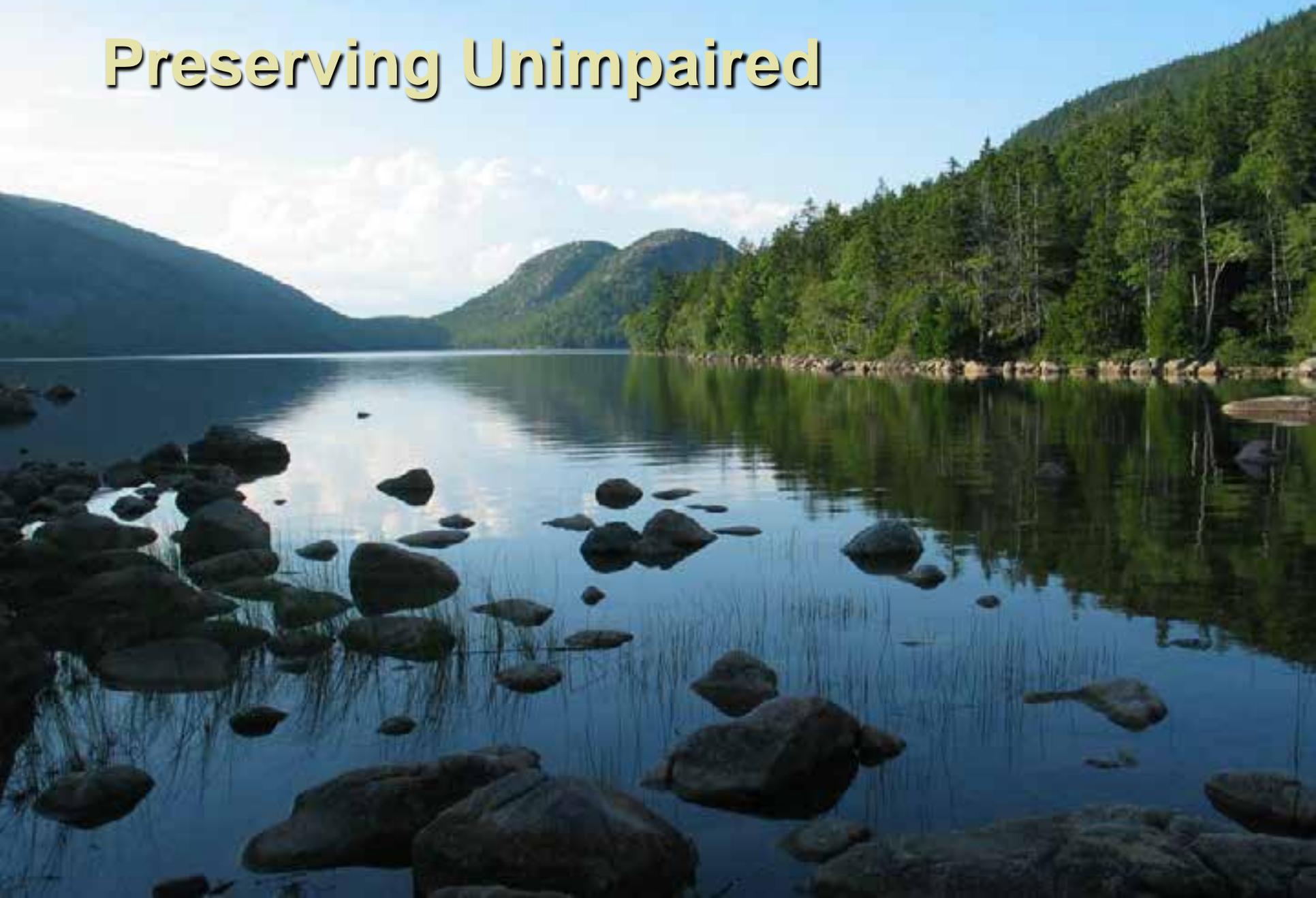
**What are our Successes in the Last 100 Years?**



# Philanthropy



# Preserving Unimpaired





# A Community of Stakeholders



# Conservation Easements



# 125 Miles of Trails



# 45 Miles of Carriage Roads



# Endowments



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# The Island Explorer





# Schoodic Education and Research Center

# What's to come for the Next 100 Years?



# #1 - Managing Visitation





# Transportation Planning



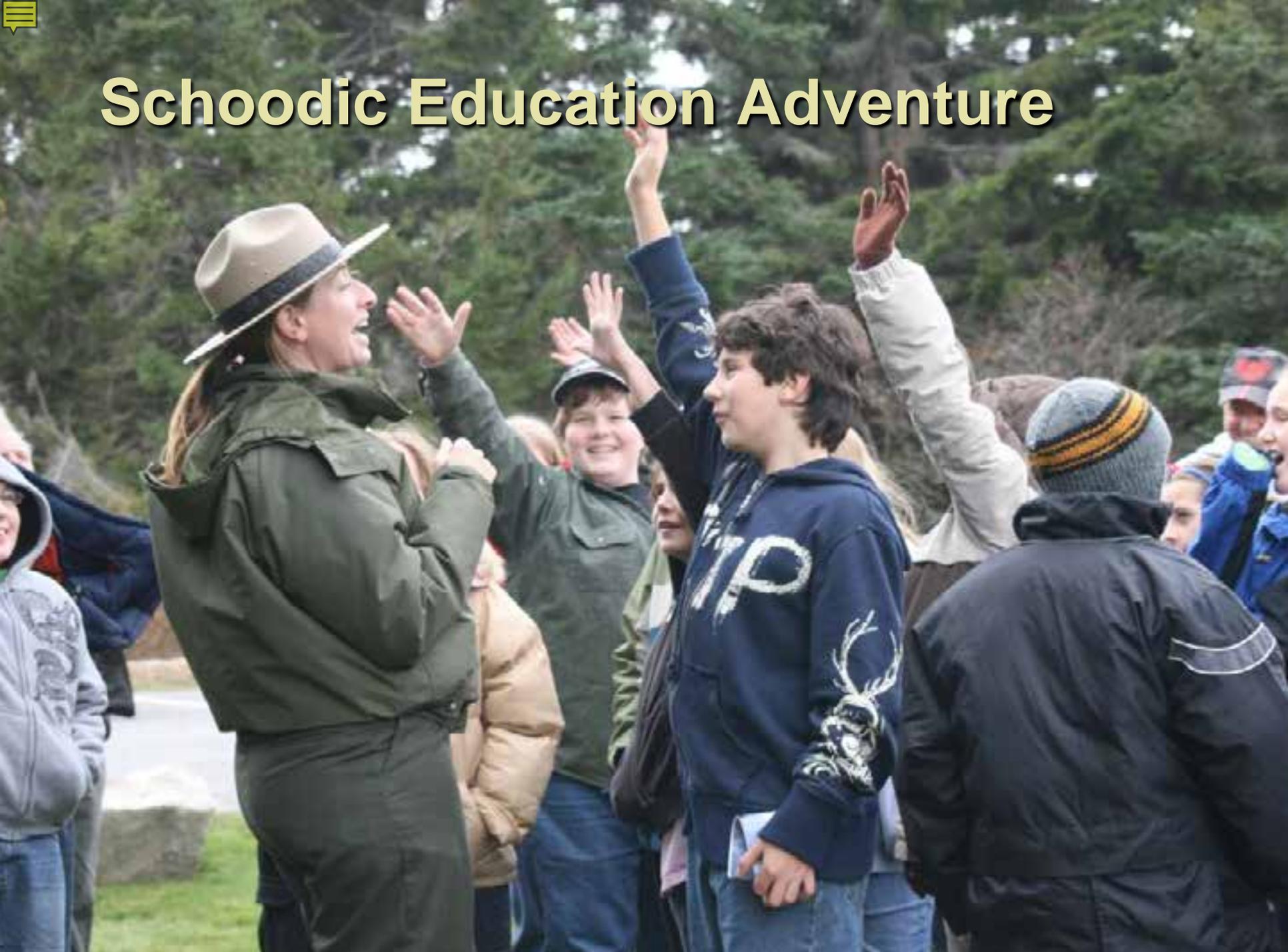


## #2 - Connecting Kids with Nature

# Youth Conservation Corps



# Schoodic Education Adventure



# Teacher-Ranger-Teacher



# #3 - Land Protection

- 100 parcels to purchase inside Acadia; more than 1,000 acres
- Conservation easements will be key
- Working with other organizations to protect common interests and provide for compatible uses

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VIEWSITES GREAT HARBOR / CADILLAC MOUNTAIN  
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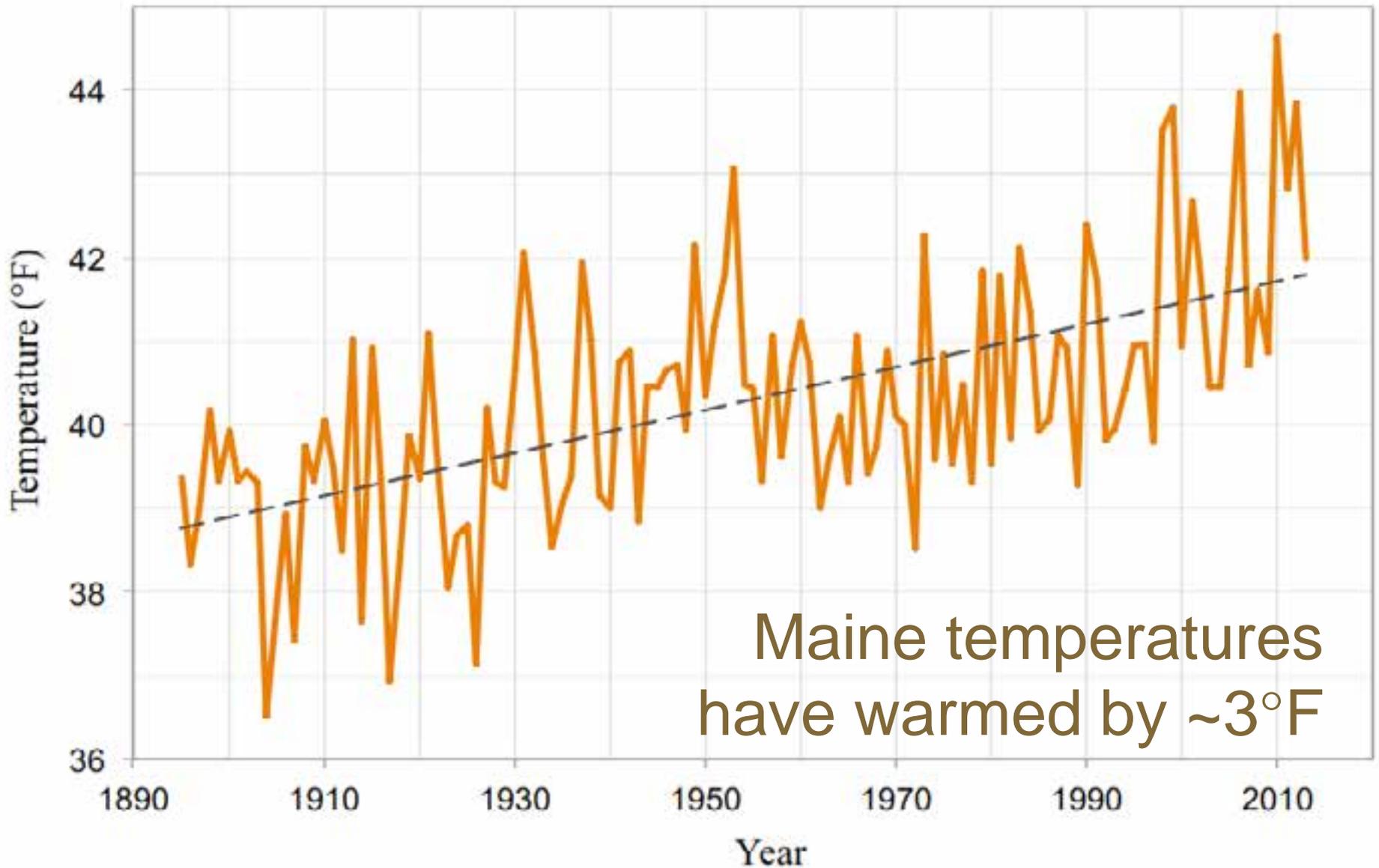
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# #4 – Climate Change

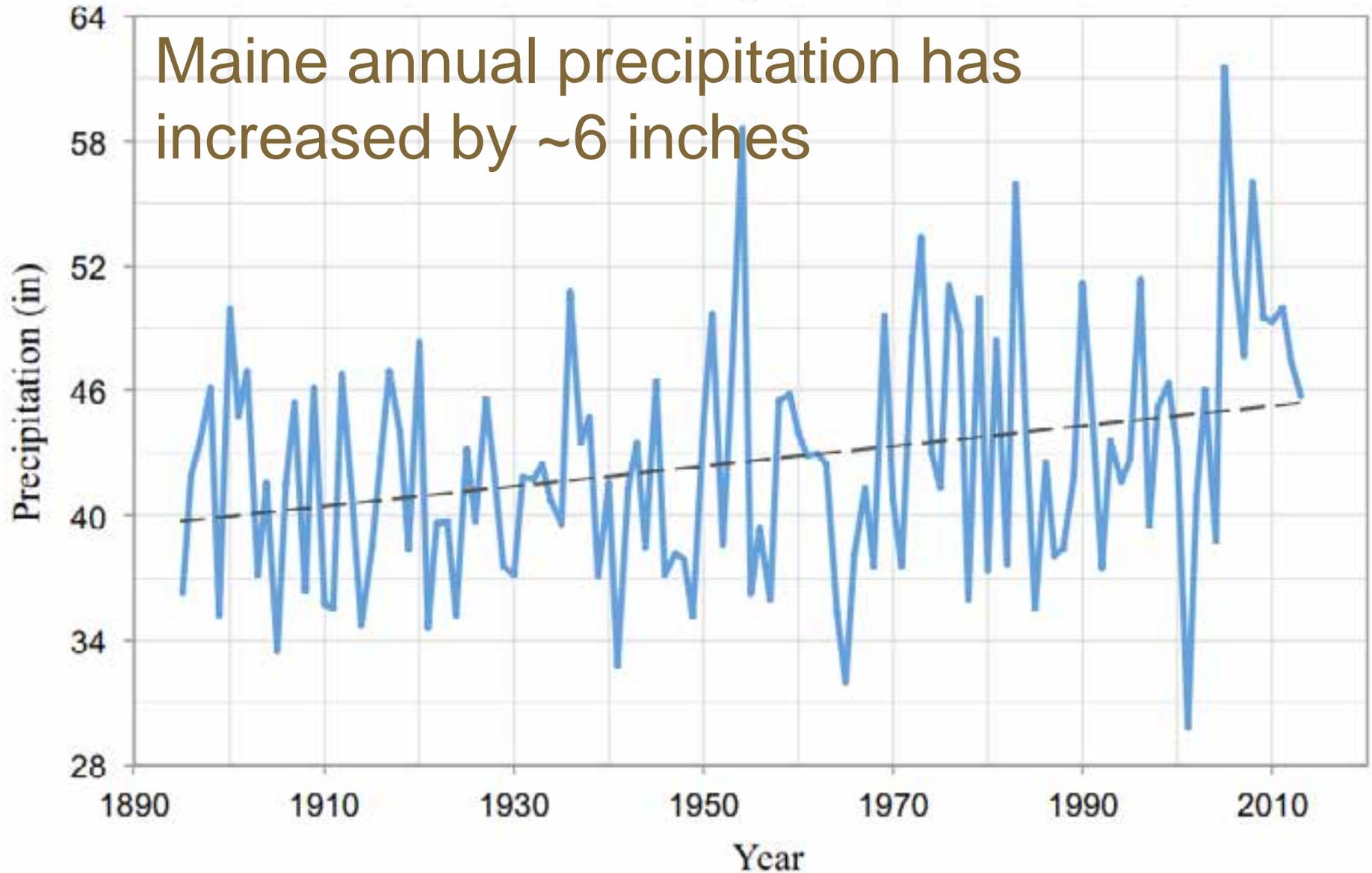
- “...is fundamentally the greatest threat to the integrity of our national parks that we have ever experienced” – NPS Director Jon Jarvis
- Climate change is here and is affecting Acadia
- n Adaptation – How are we changing our management to adapt
- n Resiliency – How can we ensure ecosystems are resilient

# Mean Annual Temperature, 1895-2013



## Total Annual Precipitation, 1895-2013

Maine annual precipitation has increased by ~6 inches



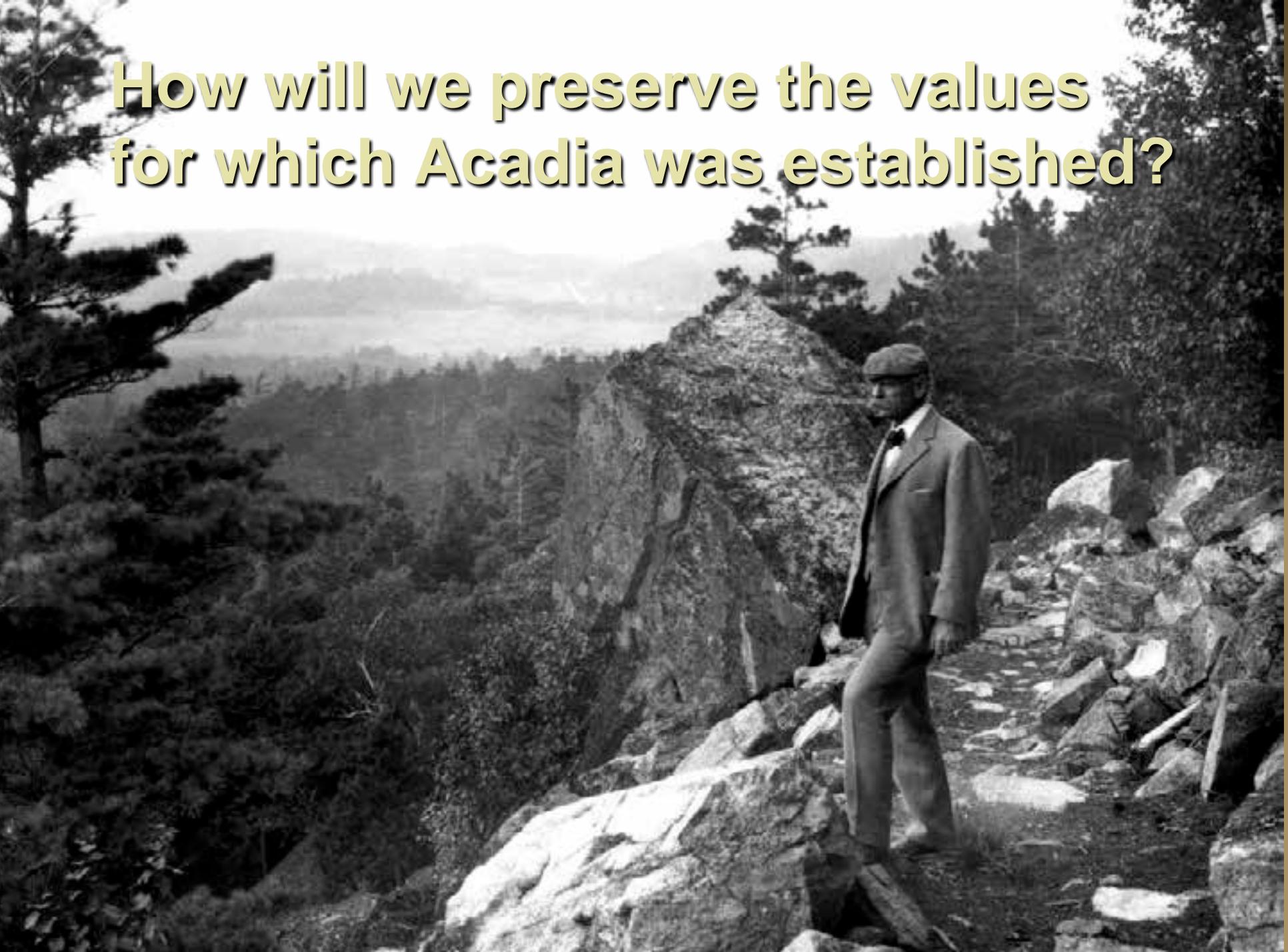
A scenic coastal view featuring a rocky shoreline in the foreground with a small, calm inlet. The water in the inlet is a deep blue-green, while the ocean beyond is a lighter blue with white-capped waves breaking against the rocks. In the distance, a small white boat is visible on the water, and a low, green hillside rises on the left. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

Sea levels have risen by 7 inches over the past 100 years and are expected to rise by 0.5 to 2 feet more by 2050.

# #5 – Operational Sustainability



**How will we preserve the values  
for which Acadia was established?**



# Our Staff



# Our Volunteers



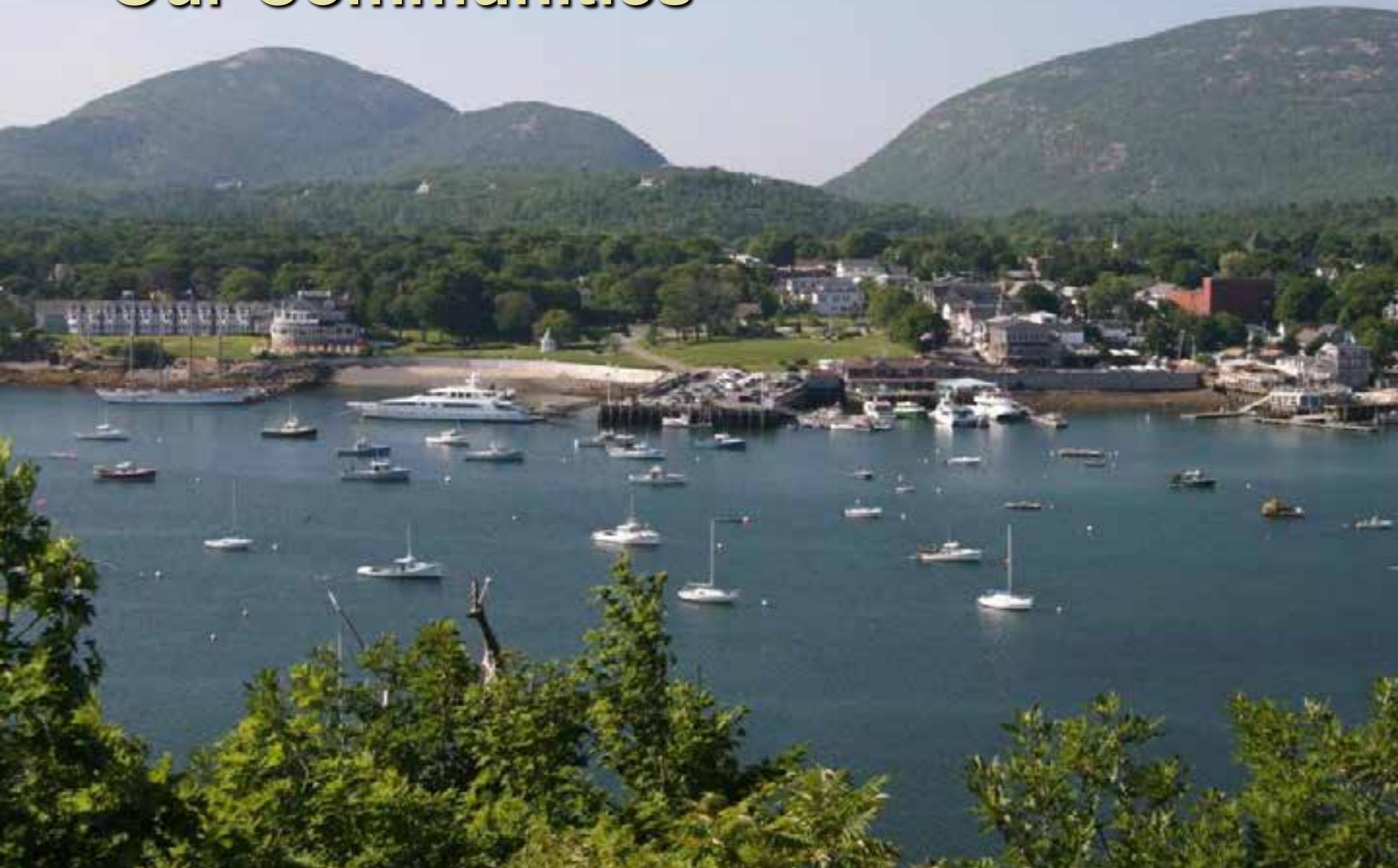
# Our Partners



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# Our Communities





# Our Visitors



