



**Values Statement for the  
Pemaquid Watershed Association  
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PWA fulfills its mission in a way that:

- Assigns highest priority to the preservation of open space and the conservation (protection and restoration) of natural resources and diversity of native biota, including prevention and abatement of pollution.
- Balances natural resource protection with multiple low-impact public uses of PWA preserves.
- Balances attraction of outdoor-recreation tourism with protection of the rural natural assets of the Pemaquid Peninsula (i.e., “quality of place” attributes of open space, forests, fields, marsh, ponds, rivers, streams, and coastlines, and the scenic views and other values they afford).
- Promotes and honors personal connection to place and quality of life.
- Respects the needs, values, and traditional natural resource uses of local communities.
- Watchdogs land development to promote environmental sustainability, with emphasis on large-scale land development projects in ecologically sensitive areas.
- Meets the highest ethical and professional standards.
- Is accountable to the organization’s mission and to the public.
- Includes conducting operations in an environmentally sensitive manner.