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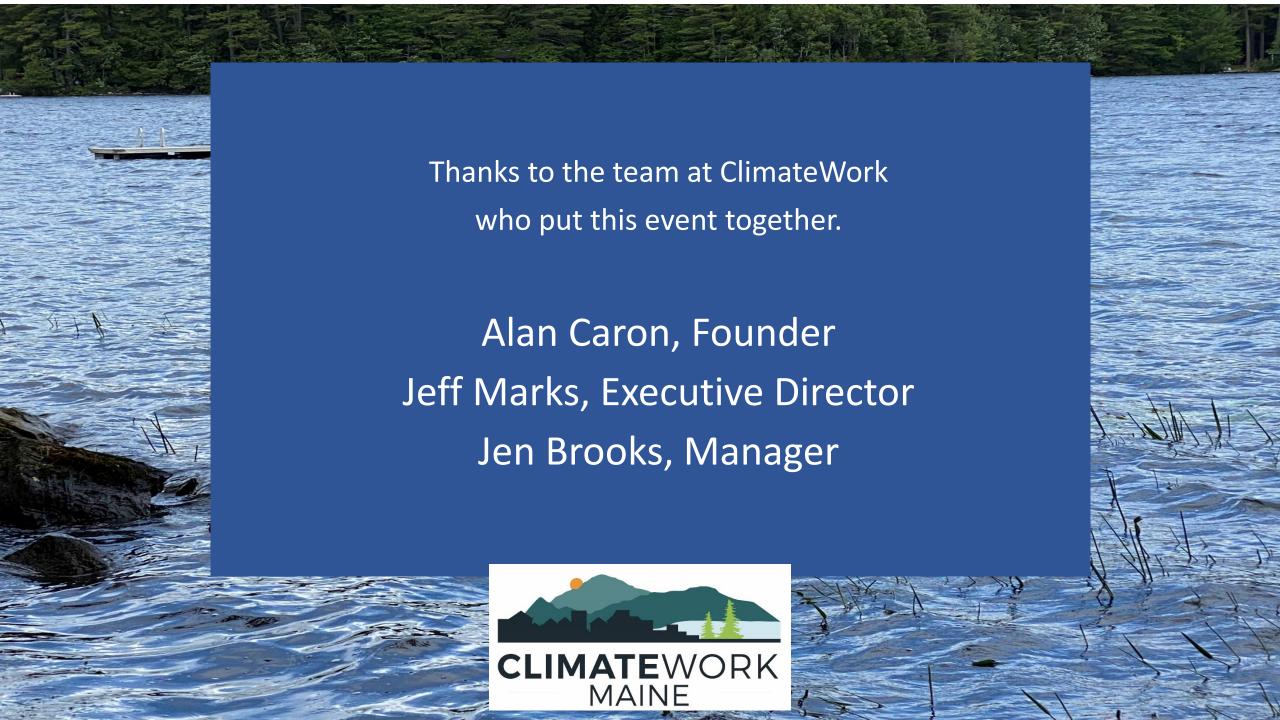




Media



Portland Press Herald





Alan Caron

The Founder of ClimateWork Maine



Why are we all contributing our time and energy to this summit?



And What do We Hope to Achieve?



We're Here Today Because Climate Change is the Greatest Challenge of our time.



It is an Environmental Crisis.



And an Economic One.



It Will Bring the Greatest Changes To Our Economy Since the Industrial Revolution.



But for those regions and companies that plan, and adapt, and work together, it will also bring extraordinary opportunities.



Climate Change will require us to To Think and Act in New Ways



To Focus on Action Rather than Words



Not Just in Faraway Capitals But in Our Businesses, our Homes and Our Communities.



There are 147,000 Businesses in Maine



Together, they run and operate:

Thousands of buildings
Hundreds of thousands of vehicles
And use supply networks around the world.



Unless businesses across the state take action on climate
We cannot meet our goals, as a state.

And our businesses cannot adapt and thrive in the future.



We are here today To Learn.



We are here today To Connect.



We are here today To Share.



We are here today To <u>Teach</u>.



We are here today To Inspire.



We are here today To Build Understanding.



We are here today To Build Alliances.



We are here today To Help Each Other.



We are here today To Make New Friends.



are here today To Build Affection for Each Other.



Even When We Don't Agree.



We are Part of a Growing Movement

For the Things We Love About Maine



We are Part of a Growing Movement

For the People of Maine



We are Part of a Growing Movement

and For the Planet.



But It Is An Important One.



Today is one Small Step Forward.



Many More Will Follow.



The Will Not Always Be Easy or Clear.



But We Must Take Them Together.



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