MAINE WATERSHEDS PROJECT

The Maine Watersheds Project offers workshops to encourage faculty in all disciplines to address environmental sustainability issues in their teaching. The goals of the project are to:

- enhance faculty and student understanding of the connections between human communities and the natural world,
- produce graduates who contribute to the social, environmental, and economic welfare of local and global communities, and
- help create a campus that models the principles of sustainability.

The Maine Watersheds Project was launched by Associate Professor of Criminology Sandy Wachholz in 2005. It is modeled after the Ponderosa Project at Northern Arizona University and the Piedmont Project at Emory University. The first USM workshop was led by Peg Barlett, co-founder of the Ponderosa and Piedmont projects. Subsequent workshops have been coordinated by our planning board. Funding has come from community grants, the 2005-2007 Gloria Duclos Convocation on Liberal Studies, the Center for Teaching, and the Provost’s office.

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