



Recommendations regarding State 30X30 Legislation

Key elements recommended for inclusion in state 30X30 legislation, recognizing that all elements may not be possible in every state.

Legislation should:

- Set a state goal to protect at least 30% of land and water and 30% of the ocean area within the state by 2030.¹
- Support the national and international goals to protect at least 30% of land and water and 30% of the ocean – in the U.S. and globally – and recognize the need to protect 50% of the planet by 2050.
- Emphasize the need to protect diverse, representative, and well-connected habitats, biodiversity hotspots and areas that will help mitigate the climate and biodiversity crises by providing carbon storage, climate adaptation, and climate and biodiversity resilience.
- Emphasize the importance of protecting areas within and adjacent to urban areas, as well as larger and more remote areas, and of improving access to nature for all people, including people of color and economically disadvantaged communities.
- Call for meaningful consultation and coordination with Native American tribes and other indigenous communities regarding designation of protected areas and protection that accounts for traditional cultural practices.
- Establish a mechanism for implementation of the policy, such as an interagency task force or other process, to provide for the timely, science-based development and implementation of plans to achieve the goal, with opportunities throughout for local community and public input and comment.

¹ We suggest including the following definition of protect or protection: Protect or protection means the establishment of enduring measures on land and waters and in oceans, such that their natural character, resources, and functions are preserved and restored for current and future generations.