

20th Annual NPS Conference



State of Maine
Department of Environmental Protection
Commissioner David P. Littell
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Welcome to Maine

5,800+ lakes and ponds

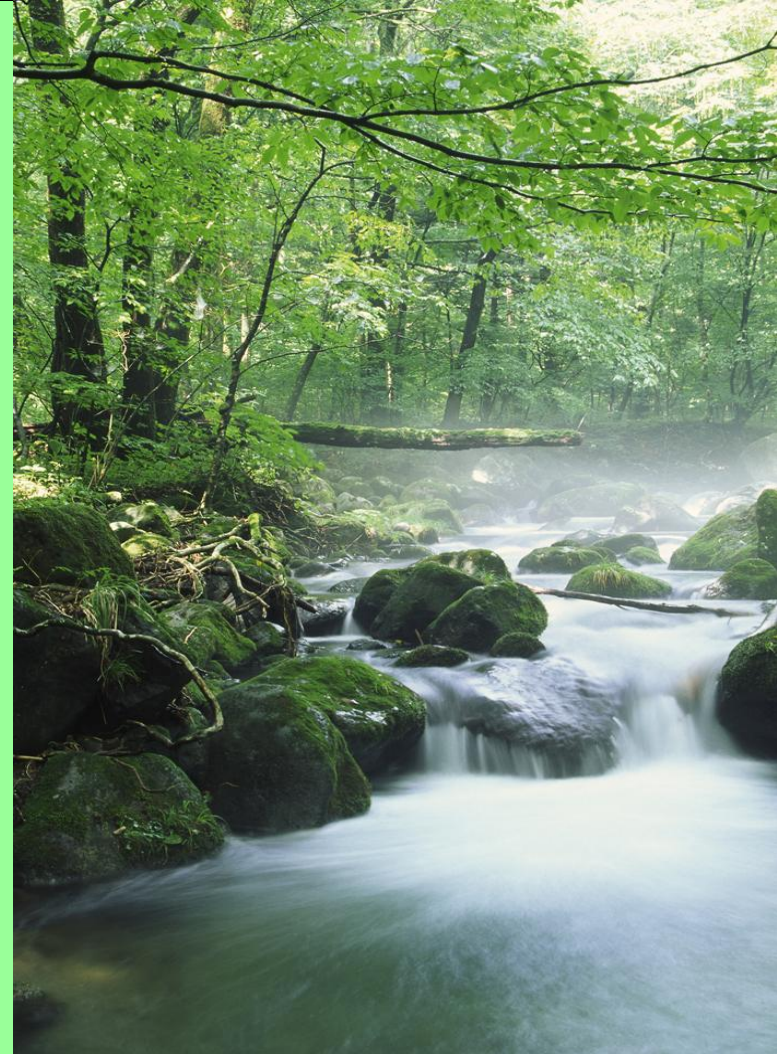
32,000 miles of rivers and streams

66,723 miles of freshwater shoreline

5300 miles of coastline; one of the longest in the continental U.S.

Nearly 90% forested; most heavily forested state in the continental US.

Home to about 20% of the nation's intact brook trout populations and primary steward of 97% of the wild brook trout in large lakes in the eastern US.



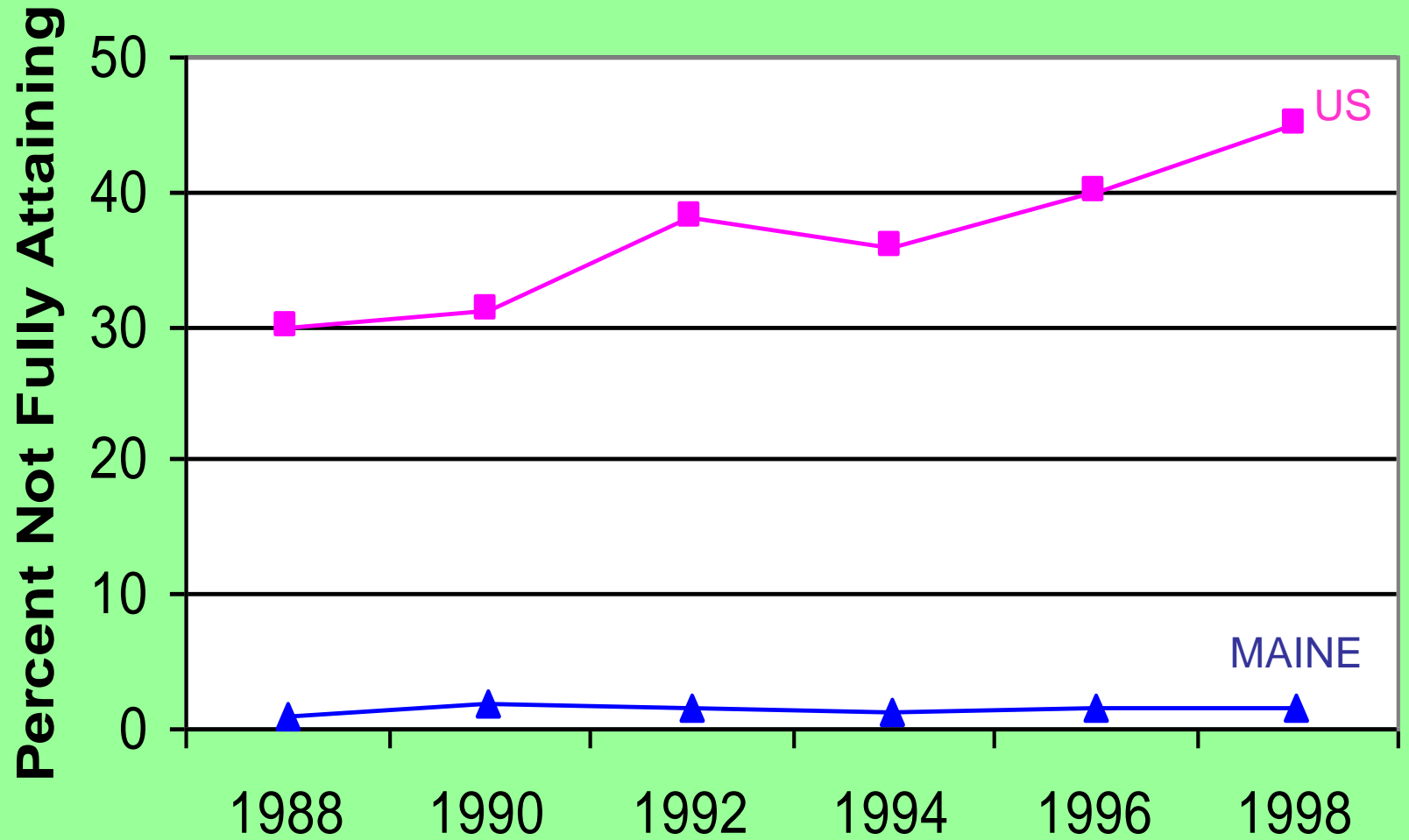
Maine has Great Water

92% of Maine lakes meet their Clean Water Act designated uses.

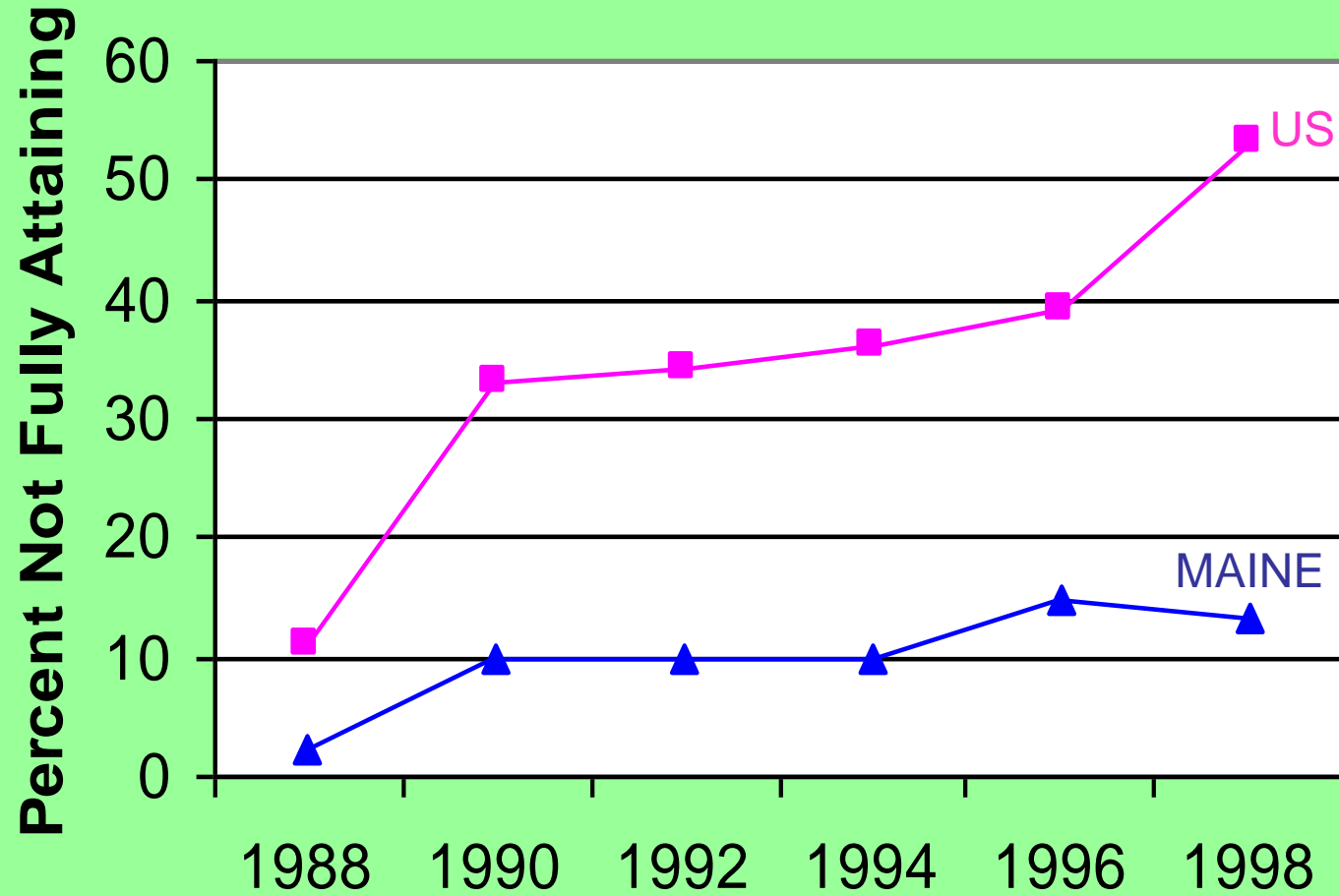


96% of our stream miles are well above Clean Water Act minimum standards.

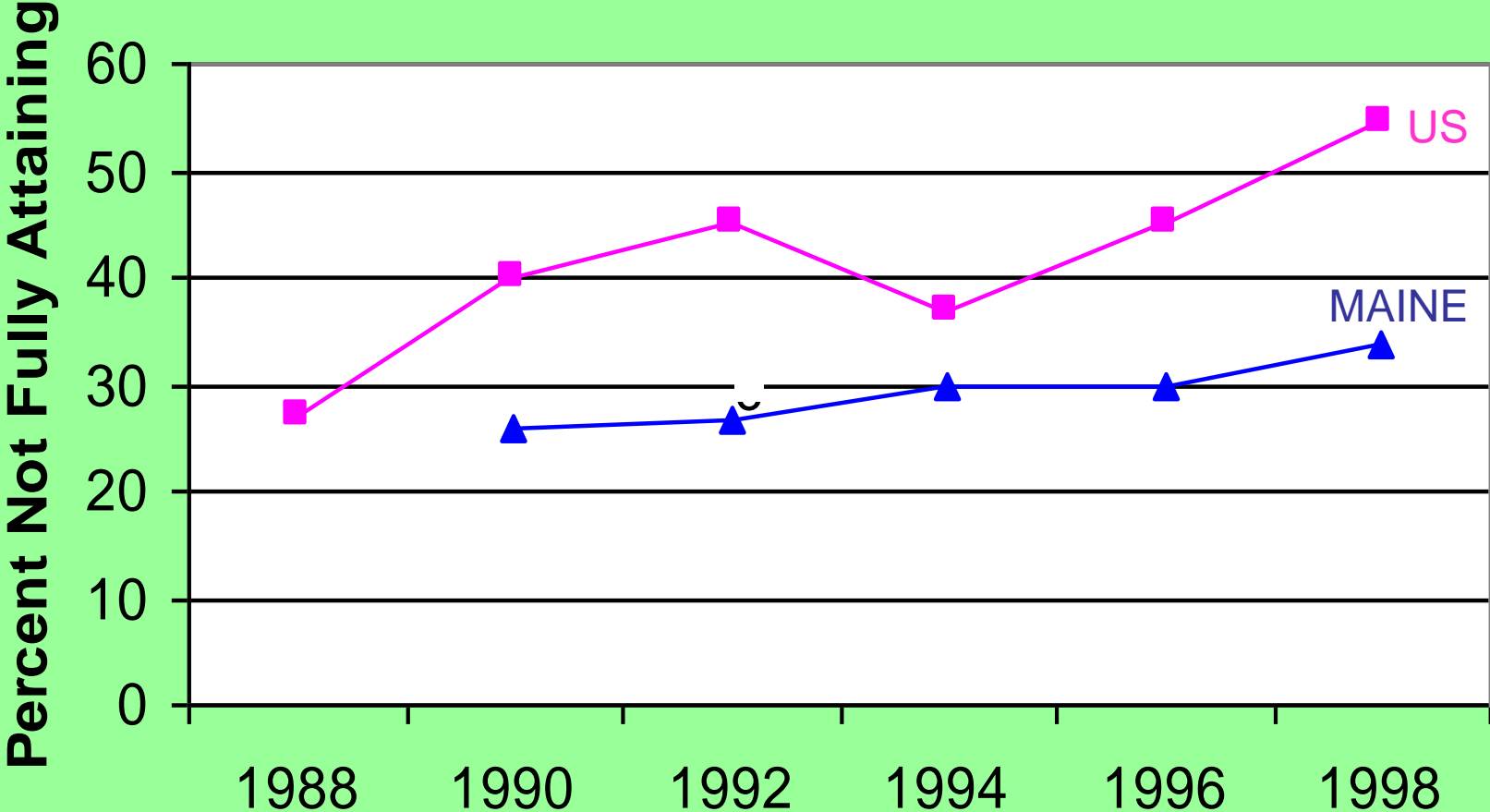
Rivers and Streams



Marine and Estuarine Waters



Lakes, Ponds and Reservoirs



Stormwater





**Erosion creates
sediment runoff**



Maine's 2008 non-point source water pollution reduction projects

- In 2008, non-point source projects reduced pollutant loadings by 760 lbs of phosphorous and 1250 tons of sediment per year (107 8-yard dump trucks**
- During 2008 more than 70 active non-point source projects funded by DEP using Clean Water Act 319 funding. Multiple funding years.**

Lakes: 35 years building sustained watershed restoration



- Cobbossee Lake removed from “Impaired Waters List”
- Five other lakes removed
- Twelve other lakes removed from “Watch List”

Reducing Erosion and Sediment Runoff

- **Nonpoint Source Training & Resource Center:** trained over 1300 contractors, engineers, consultants, site evaluators, municipal officials, and landowners on methods to reduce erosion and runoff.
- **Number of contractors certified in erosion and sediment control practices increased to 615 contractors.**
- **Partners:** Maine's 16 Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Dept. of Ag, local watershed stewardship groups, and NGO's such as ME VLMP, COLA, LEA, and Maine Center for Aquatic Plants.