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## JOAN SAXE WINS NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Freeport resident Joan Saxe is among those being honored with national awards from the Sierra Club this year.

Saxe is receiving the **Environmental Alliance Award**, which recognizes members or entities who have helped further environmental goals through collaboration with other, non-Sierra Club constituencies.

The Maine Partners for Cool Communities is a collaboration of five groups including the Sierra Club-Maine Chapter, American Lung Association of Maine, Maine Council of Churches, Maine Energy Investment Corp., and Physicians for Social Responsibility-Maine. The Partners work together at the grassroots to engage local citizens in efforts to implement climate action plans and smart energy in their municipalities and neighborhoods.

Under Saxe's leadership, the statewide Cool Cities Campaign is building knowledgeable and motivated Cool Teams in nearly 50 Maine communities, 18 of which have signed onto the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement. The successful Cool Cities Campaign has become a model for other Sierra Club Chapters.

Volunteer Anne "Andy" Burt wrote in her nomination that Saxe "is one of the Sierra Club's and the Earth's most precious resources in her tireless commitment to creating trusted partnerships and alliances that are the bedrock and hope for real changes that benefit the environment."

The award will be presented Sept. 20 during the Sierra Club's Annual Dinner in San Francisco. For more information on the Sierra Club awards program, visit [www. sierraclub.org/awards](http://www.sierraclub.org/awards).

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