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# PREFACE

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We are living in an extraordinary period—perhaps *the* most extraordinary period in the history of American environmental governance since the first Earth Day, 1970. The years between 2016 and 2020—from the presidential election of Donald Trump to the election of his successor, Joseph Biden—produced the most sudden, radical transformation and discontinuity in environmental policy ever experienced in modern environmental history. These transformations and their consequences are recognized in every chapter of this book. Still, readers familiar with earlier editions of *Environmental Politics and Policy* will recognize a continuity with previous editions in conceptual framework and substantive policy concerns.

The foundational chapters that explain and illustrate the essential components of the policymaking process (Chapters 1, 2, and 3) still cover these key areas, but they have been carefully reorganized for greater clarity and continuity. Chapter 1 still provides a brief history of important environmental presidencies and some continuing challenges confronting the environmental movement. Chapter 2 now focuses entirely on the policymaking process, while Chapter 3 covers the institutions and politics of policymaking. Throughout the book, case studies and other examples of key concepts have been updated comprehensively to assure timeliness and relevance. Each chapter has been edited rigorously to eliminate material no longer relevant. The result is a more concise and very contemporary narrative that still does not sacrifice fundamentals, such as the conceptual design, the careful explanation of substantive policy, and the abundant case studies and other illustrations that have appealed to readers of previous editions. As always, a major subtext is the continuing challenge, inherent in environmental policymaking, of reconciling sound science with practical politics.

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