



Events, Updates, News, and more!
March 2024

Dear Emma,

March has arrived, and with it comes the first primary of the year in Massachusetts! 🗳️ We know 2024 is an important election year, so we gathered [information on important voting dates](#) you need to know as we get closer to November.

📖 Read on to see what's been happening at the Chapter, including a new campaign to protect forests from logging and exciting celebrations of offshore wind!

Upcoming Chapter Events

Bad River Film Screening

March 15th
5:30pm

[Event Info](#)

Join the Massachusetts Sierra Club for the screening of [Bad River](#) at AMC Boston Common 19, followed by a group discussion and food and drink at our Boston office. *Bad River* is a story about money, oil, and a pipeline now on the brink of rupture.

Tickets required. Half of ticket sale profits go to the Bad River Tribe.

Outings Leader Training and Adult First Aid

March 23rd
9am - 5pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Our first of two Outings Leader trainings scheduled for this Spring is happening in Boston to get folks ready to lead others outside with the Sierra Club MA Chapter. For the first time, we are offering First Aid training in the same session to reduce the barriers to get involved!

If you live in Central or Western MA, check out our [Wachusett Training in May!](#)

Plant Based Cooking Demonstration

March 24th
7pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Join us as we show you how to make delicious healthy plant-based food at home. Feel free to ask us questions; we'll be happy to help you.

Advocacy Hour: Protecting our Night Skies

April 10th
5pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Light pollution represents a threat to nocturnal habitats, disrupts our circadian balance, wastes energy, and robs us of enjoying the night sky's glorious canopy of stars. Our partners at DarkSky Mass will speak more about this issue and solutions, including Massachusetts legislation ([S.1382/H.2131](#)) that, if enacted, would provide a crucial first step in combating light pollution throughout the Commonwealth.

Upcoming Committee and Team Meetings

Check out our Events Calendar for all Committee and Team Meetings in addition to special events!

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✨ Volunteer Action of the Month ✨

Solidarity Action: Protect Water and Reject Line 5!

The 70-year-old Line 5 crude oil pipeline stretches from Superior, Wisconsin, east through Michigan's Upper Peninsula and the Straits of Mackinac, on to Ontario, and crosses critical waterways flowing into Lakes Superior, Michigan, and Huron.

Now Enbridge, the pipeline's operator, is seeking permission from the Army Corps of Engineers to reroute a portion of the pipeline around the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation in Wisconsin.

📣 [Tell the Army Corps: Don't take any shortcuts on the proposed Line 5 pipeline reroute in Wisconsin!](#) ↩

Support the Chapter



The (Re)Quest for a Quabbin, Wachusett, and Ware Wildlands

The Chapter's Forest Protection Team wants you to [join us in a quest](#) to protect the Quabbin, Ware River, and Wachusett basins from logging!



Photo: Chris Matera

Almost a century ago, the towns of Dana, Prescott, Enfield, and Greenwich were cleared to create a massive water supply for Boston, the Quabbin Reservoir. Now its forested watersheds constitute an almost-wilderness. With your help, we hope to protect it from the industrial logging that has been the state's signature program to maintain water quality. Many aspects of this program are questionable, from where the wood goes, to who benefits, to how effective it is in protecting water quality.

The Forest Protection Team sees a big advantage to letting the forest maintain itself—wild and free.

- 🌲 This area of hundreds of thousands of acres already sequesters massive amounts of carbon.
- 👉 It connects northern and southern New England in its wildlife and biodiversity habitats.
- 🌱 The public forests in the Quabbin, Wachusett, and Ware watersheds should be permanently protected and left to reach maturity to become old growth for future generations.
- 📣 **Show your support and sign our petition TODAY!**

Sign & Join the Campaign!

Celebrating Vineyard Wind 1



Sierra Club Cape Cod joined by offshore wind professionals, supporters, advocates and local officials.

Offshore wind professionals and supporters, leading advocates, and local officials convened in Hyannis on February 22 to celebrate initial commercial operation of the first utility-scale offshore wind project in the US—an accomplishment more than 20 years in the making!

The event, organized by Sierra Club, highlighted community benefits delivered to the Cape & Islands through Vineyard Wind 1 and opportunities for the next set of offshore wind projects seeking to bring power onshore in Southeastern Massachusetts. [Check out the local coverage of the event by WCAI!](#)

*Want to learn more about our current work?
Check out our [Campaign Updates Document](#) for more information!*

Friend & Partner Events

[Climate Resilient Schools Coalition Network Meeting](#)

📅 **March 12th, 4pm**

📍 **Virtual meeting**

The Climate Resilient Schools Coalition is a diverse network that empowers teachers, students, and community members to catalyze rigorous climate education and infrastructure improvements in Massachusetts schools by passing and implementing climate action resolutions at the district level. The Organizing Network Meeting is where local teams come together to learn and share their experiences introducing and winning climate action resolutions in school districts.

[Fix the Grid Community Forum](#)

📅 **March 23rd, 9:30am - 5pm**

📍 **Southern NH**

Fix the Grid Community Summit

SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd 2024

9:30am - 5pm

Southern NH

REGISTER NOW

Build relationships with other communities impacted by electric grid infrastructure and connect with movement partners!

- child care, Spanish interpretation, and food provided
- transportation support available
- sliding scale registration fee

bit.ly/FTG-communitysummit



[New England Youth Oceans Summit](#)

Sunday, April 7th

University of Massachusetts, Boston

MASSPIRG Students has been working to protect New England's oceans. As young people, we love the life of our shores and want to see decision makers take steps to protect our oceans. Join us to learn how you can make a difference for the ocean, inspire your peers and make real change.

What We're Reading

- As Massachusetts solar growth lags, stakeholders debate changes to state incentives ([Energy News Network](#))
- Residents shiver in their own homes as they struggle to stay warm during Mass. winters ([WGBH News](#))
- Restrictions for Newton restaurant packaging, utensils, sauces take effect March 1 ([WBZ News](#))
- Boston unveils plan for hundreds of new curbside EV chargers ([Boston Globe](#))
- Up and running: Vineyard Wind operating five turbines; Cape Cod supporters celebrate ([WCAI](#))



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