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Events, Updates, News, and more!
April 2024

Dear Emma,

As we celebrate Earth Day this year, we recognize the climate crisis and how it feels like no matter how many cleanups and marches we attend, progress is still not happening as fast as we'd like.

At Sierra Club Massachusetts, we want to build a community of climate activists who want to get outside, work towards addressing the big questions, and fight corporate power together with like minded folks. For this Earth Day on April 22nd, [can you donate \\$22 to support our ability to host more outings, pass more laws, and elect better politicians to office?](#)

🌻 Keep reading to learn about recent victories, upcoming chapter events, and opportunities to take action for Earth Day with partners around the state!

Upcoming Chapter Events

TONIGHT - Phone Outreach Team 📞

Wed, April 3rd
5:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

This week we will be **calling folks across the state to discuss the campaign to Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom or anywhere**. Right now is a crucial time for the campaign as we have an opportunity to send a message to Governor Healey's administration, through the MEPA review process, to do the right thing. *We'll offer brief training at the beginning of each session for anyone who is new to making calls.*

Advocacy Hour: Protecting Our Night Skies

Wed, April 10th
5:00pm

[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.2102](#) / [H.3164](#)) that, if enacted, would provide a crucial first step in combating light pollution throughout the Commonwealth.

The Malden River: Access, Advocacy, and Action

Sat, April 13th
10:00am

[RSVP Here](#)

The Malden River is a beautiful, but often under-appreciated, part of the landscape connecting the cities of Everett, Malden, and Medford. Join us on an approximately 3.2 mile walk around the riverfront and learn about the history of this community treasure, the work to overcome the impact of it's industrial past, and how you can be a part of it's future.

Plant-Based Cooking Demonstration

Sun, April 14th
7:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Join us for a monthly demonstration to learn how to make delicious plant-based food in the comfort of your home.

Advocacy Hour: Homes for All

Wed, April 17th
5:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Join us for a special advocacy hour presentation on April 17th on one of our chapter endorsed solidarity campaigns: Homes for All. We'll hear from guest presenter Carolyn Chou, director of Homes for All Massachusetts - a statewide formation of grassroots housing justice groups working to halt displacement, increase community control of land, and win on housing justice.

Outings Leader training and Adult First Aid at Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary

Sat, May 4th
9:00am-5:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

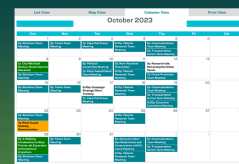
Our second Outings Leader training this Spring is happening at Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary to get folks ready to lead others outside with the Sierra Club MA Chapter. For the first time, we are offering First Aid training in the same session to reduce the barriers to get involved!

Upcoming Committee and Team Meetings

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

[Events Calendar](#)

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🌟 Volunteer Action of the Month 🌟

Stop the Project Maple Fracked Gas Expansion in Massachusetts!

It was just this past December when we celebrated the DPU decision in 20-80 that affirmed there is no future for gas in Mass. Yet, Enbridge has a proposed pipeline expansion, "Project Maple" that will put that future at risk, in addition to impacting already overburdened environmental justice communities in our state.

We need you to reach out to your local elected leaders and ask them to sign on and tell Governor Healey to Stop the Maple Fracked Gas Expansion in Massachusetts!

[👉 Take action and sign the letter to Gov. Healey here 👈](#)

Clean Energy Victories



Every month is Earth month for us at Sierra Club, but this month we are celebrating some very exciting environmental victories!

🌐 **Project bids for new offshore wind development were submitted last week** as part of a [tri-state procurement](#) process for future state-crossing offshore wind farms in MA, CT, and RI.

🇺🇸 **The Biden Administration announced the approval of the nation's seventh commercial-scale offshore wind project, Sunrise**

Wind. Sunrise Wind, [which is expected to be operational in 2026](#), will be built off the coast of NY, RI, and MA, and will power more than 320,000 homes per year.

 **New England will be COAL-FREE by 2028!** The region's last coal-burning units in NH will [retire by 2025 and 2028](#)

Advocating for Energy Rebates

Last month, our Chapter circulated and submitted a sign on letter to the Department of Energy Resources (DOER), supported by 32 organizations, that calls for [\\$146 million in home energy rebates](#) and incentives to be prioritized for low-income households and minority populations. This letter aims to strengthen the state's funding proposal by:

- ✓ Increasing transparency
- ✓ Removing subsidies toward fossil fuels or hybrid heating solutions
- ✓ Increasing renter protections

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

Earth Month Partner Events

[Documentary Screening - "The Poison In Us All"](#)

 **April 10th at 12pm**

 **Virtual Event**

"The Poison In Us All" is a Bloomberg Original Series by Bloomberg Investigates. Following the documentary screening will be Q&A with Dr. Laurel Schaider, who is featured in the documentary. Dr. Laurel Schaider is a Senior Scientist at Silent Spring Institute where she leads the Institute's water quality research on PFAS and other contaminants of emerging concern.

[Amherst Sustainability Festival](#)

 **April 22nd, 10am - 4pm**

 **Amherst Town Common**

The Sustainability Festival is a day of family fun, education and entertainment. There is something for everyone with vendors of renewable energy, energy efficiency product suppliers, advocacy groups as well as sustainable crafts and artisans! *Sierra Club Massachusetts will be tabling at this event!*

[Earth Day with Eastie Farm](#)


 **April 22nd, 11:30am - 4pm**

 **Various locations, East Boston**

Sign up to support Eastie Farm across different locations in the neighborhood of Eagle Hill, Gove St, and Jeffries Point. Each location will have different activities or tasks for everyone to take on throughout the day.

[FICC Earth Day Celebration!](#)

 **April 27th, 11am - 3pm**

 **Mary Hannon Park, 621 Dudley Street, Dorchester, MA**

Join the Fairmount Indigo CDC Collaborative (FICC) for an Earth Day celebration, to bring together community members from along the Fairmount Line and surrounding neighborhoods to engage with neighbors, organizations, and vendors that are interested in working towards solutions to climate change.

[Everett Community Growers Earth Day](#)

 **April 27th, 12pm - 2pm**

 **Broadway Farm, 548 Broadway, Everett MA**

Come help us kick off the 2024 growing season and celebrate Earth Day at our ECG Farm Kickoff! We will have: a free taco lunch from La Hacienda, coffee from the Well Coffee House, crafts table by Art Lab Everett, a Patagonia item

raffle, a live dance performance from Grupo Quetzalli, and some soil and planting prep for the season.

What We're Reading

- Advocates urge state to prioritize energy rebates ([The Eagle Tribune](#))
- Interior approves 2 wind farms for Massachusetts coast ([E&E News](#))
- New England's last coal plants will close by 2028 ([WBUR](#))
These energy suppliers say they can save you money. Regulators say it's a scam ([WBUR](#))
- The city of Boston wants in on offshore wind ([Boston Globe](#))
Report calls for greater equity in siting of new power infrastructure projects ([WGBH](#))
- Salem has welcomed new offshore wind terminal, giving us glimpse of the future more of us must embrace ([Boston Globe](#))



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