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Events, Updates, News, and more!
April 2024

Dear Emma,

Being part of a strong community inspires our hope for a better future—and we are so glad that you're in the fold.

Just in the month of April, we've been able to walk along the banks of the Malden River, phonebank to end private jet expansion, and celebrate the adoption of national restrictions on PFAS in drinking water, all while connecting with our Sierra Club community.

We're grateful to all of you for showing up, bringing your passion, and growing our movement, we couldn't do this without you. 🌻

Onwards!

Upcoming Chapter Events

TONIGHT! Advocacy Hour: Homes for All

Wed, April 17
5:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

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. Carolyn will provide an overview of their active campaigns including the statewide push for rent control and foreclosure prevention.

Invasive Plant Removal at Cambridge-Watertown Greenway

Sat, April 21
10:00am

[RSVP Here](#)

We are partnering with the Friends of the Cambridge-Watertown Greenway to remove invasive species and beautify this urban wild! Join us to meet new people and work together for positive change this Earth month.

"Common Ground" Film Screening in Boston

Mon, April 22
6:30pm

[Get Tickets](#)

Join us for a screening of the award-winning environmental documentary, Common Ground, a sequel to the Netflix film, Kiss The Ground. Both movies discuss the promise of regenerative agriculture to improve the health of soil and people, while addressing climate change through farming practices such as no-till, cover cropping, and well-managed grazing. *Our Director, Vick Mohanka, will be speaking on a panel after the movie!*

Phone Outreach Team 📞

Wed, April 24
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.

Blue Hills Skyline Loop

Sat, April 27
8:00am

[RSVP Here](#)

Join Sierra Club Massachusetts for a moderately challenging 4-mile hike in Boston's beautiful Blue Hills. Starting at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum we will make our way up to Eliot Tower, continuing over to Hemenway Hill and Hancock Hill before looping back down.

Plant-based Pioneer Valley Potluck

Tues, April 30
5:30pm

[RSVP Here](#)

The Plant-based Planet Team is collaborating with Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine to hold a plant-based potluck dinner. Bring: A plant-based dish (no meat, chicken, fish, eggs or dairy) that can feed several people. To register, please contact Julie O'Connor: plantbasedpioneervalley@gmail.com.

Advocacy Hour: Stop Project Maple

Wed, May 1
5:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Enbridge has proposed an expansion of a pipeline to bring more fracked gas into New England. Learn about the history of this pipeline, current expansion efforts, and what will happen next. We will also have the opportunity to email and call your local and state elected officials asking them to sign on to a letter to Governor Healy opposing this project!

Outings Leader Training and Adult First Aid at Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary

Sat, May 4
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!

Pipelines and Powerlines: The Economics of Massachusetts Utility Companies

Tues, May 14
4:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

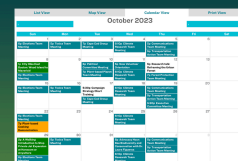
Increase your understanding of how our energy system works! Join us for an informative presentation on utilities across the Commonwealth by Mark LeBel, Senior Associate at the Regulatory Assistance Project. We'll demystify the relationships between the utility business model, our energy bills, and our energy infrastructure.

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!

➔ [Share this sign-on letter to Governor Healey with your elected leaders!](#) ↩

Support the Chapter







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?**

 Give \$22 for Earth Day! 

Come Hike with Sierra Club MA!



We have several hiking outings coming up this spring, including our first inter-chapter outing taking place in the White Mountains of New Hampshire in collaboration with Sierra Club New Hampshire and Sierra Club Maine!
All of our Chapter hikes are free to participate in!

-  **April 27th:** [Blue Hills Skyline Loop](#)
-  **May 18th:** [Pine Barrens Hike in Myles Standish State Forest](#)
-  **June 1st:** [Wachusett Reservoir Walk](#)
-  **June 8th:** [Evans Notch Hike in the White Mountains](#)

Interested in leading chapter outings? Sign up for our last spring [Outings Leader training session](#) on May 4th at Wachusett Meadows Sanctuary!

Clean Energy & Climate Wins

Need some good climate news? Read what we've been up to recently!



Boston's Building Emissions Performance Standard is Paving the Way for Equitable Building Decarbonization

Just before the close of 2023, the City of Boston adopted regulations for the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO).

[Read on →](#)



Press Release

Massachusetts Groups Applaud EPA Drinking Water Limits and Call for State Action on PFAS.

[Read on →](#)



Press Release

Sierra Club Massachusetts Celebrate New England's Tri-State Offshore Wind Bid Day.

[Read on →](#)

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

Friend & Partner Events

[Why Trees Matter for Green Development](#)

Sunday, April 21st at 7pm

Zoom forum

Learn how to make development climate friendly and “green” by preserving trees’ crucial eco-services in urban areas and in wild forests. Two scientists and three community advocates will explain how natural climate solutions can work together with the development Massachusetts needs.

[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!*

[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

- The Gas Utility Industry is Gaslighting Us ([The Equation](#))

- EPA puts limits on 'forever chemicals' in drinking water ([NPR](#))
- The end of the coal era, the beginning of a cleaner era ([Boston Globe](#))
- AG: Competitive electric suppliers missed 'perfect' savings opportunity ([WBUR](#))
- Campbell takes another swipe at electricity retailers ([CommonWealth Beacon](#))
- A coal-free New England is a victory for the entire country ([The Hill](#))



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