



Events, Updates, News, and more!
May 2024

Dear Emma,

Happy May!

Earth Month had a whirlwind of activity, but it doesn't stop there 🌸

This month we celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month and International Workers Day. Join us in honoring AANHPI communities and their vibrant histories, stories, and legacies of organizing.

Upcoming Chapter Events

TONIGHT! New Volunteer Orientation

Wed, May 8th
5:00pm

Join us next week for a virtual welcome orientation to meet staff and volunteers, learn about our various volunteer teams, how you can get involved and start making an immediate impact in your local community!

[RSVP Here](#)

Lobby Leader Training

Mon, May 13th
6:00pm

Interested in leading a local lobby day in your district? Join our training to prepare for Sierra Club Lobby Day on June 5th. Lobby Leaders will learn about our priority legislation, best practices for lobbying, and review logistics for the day.

[RSVP Here](#)

Pipelines and Powerlines: The Economics of Massachusetts Utility Companies

Tues, May 14th
4:00pm

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.

[RSVP Here](#)

Free the River Canvas Support

Sat, May 18th
9:00am

Join us in supporting the Free the River campaign ahead of their May 21st town wide vote which will determine if the Ipswich River Dam will finally be removed! We will be joining the Free the River campaign at the intersection of Market St and South Main St. in downtown Ipswich for a sign-holding followed by a canvas.

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Scoop & Switch to Electric School Buses

Sun, May 19th
1:00pm

Take action to support school bus electrification in your community! Join us for a day of learning, and letter writing at our office in downtown Boston. We'll also enjoy some ice cream to kick off the start of the summer!

[RSVP Here](#)

Lobby Training 101

Mon, May 20th

These training events are in preparation of our June 5th Sierra Club Lobby Day. Participants will learn how to lobby

Tues, May 28th

and strategize for their legislative meeting. All experience levels are welcome!

Tues, June 4th

Rally for Climate Justice

Tues, May 21st
Various times

Join Sierra Club and our allies in the Mass Power Forward Coalition and rally for climate action! Our simultaneous Mini-Rallies will send a message to the legislature that we need them to do their jobs and pass climate legislation now. Find a rally near you and join us across the state from Springfield to Quincy.

[RSVP Here](#)

Sierra Club 2024 Lobby Day

Wed, June 5th
10:00am

Let's come together to meet with legislators and advance Sierra Club Massachusetts' priority legislation. From bills that protect us from PFAS to legislation ending the expansion of the gas system, there is a lot at stake in this session. Join us on June 5th either in-person or virtually to lobby for the passage of key environmental legislation.

[RSVP Here](#)

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 ✨



In Massachusetts, private jets benefit the hyper-wealthy and have massive climate pollution impacts. We can't afford to sacrifice our land or our climate goals so a small number of people can pollute even more.

We have a chance today to tell Governor Healey and Massport that we are not okay with more private jets at Hanscom, Logan, or any other airports.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report for the private jet hangar expansion at Hanscom airfield is open for public comment until June 14th; add your voice today!

[👉 Click Here to Send a Message! ↩](#)

Support the Chapter



Lobby Days are an important part of our legislative strategy: a chance for the people to bring issues face to face with lawmakers.

We are proud to bring lobby days in districts and at the statehouse to ensure that we achieve the best climate policy possible -- [including our upcoming June 5th Lobby Day](#). Can you help support conservation and clean energy in

the final push before the July 31st legislative deadline? Every contribution, large or small, helps to support strong climate policy in MA.

♥ Donate today!

Powering Offshore Wind in MA



Offshore wind is a massive economic and environmental opportunity for Massachusetts, bringing thousands of local family-sustaining jobs, cleaner air, cleaner water, healthier people, and a safer climate. We've seen offshore wind victories already this year, and we continue to organize to transition Massachusetts to 100% renewable energy, and set an example for the rest of the country while we do it.

Check out this offshore wind information sheet put together by our Climate Research Team for a progress update on offshore wind in Massachusetts!

Offshore Wind Fact Sheet

Sign Up for Spring Hiking!



Spring blooms and temperatures are back! Join us on one of our spring outings to explore some of the amazing natural areas that Massachusetts and New England have to offer!

- 👣 **May 18th:** [Pine Barrens Hike in Myles Standish State Forest](#)
- 👣 **June 1st:** [Wachusett Reservoir Walk for National Trails Day](#)
- 👣 **June 8th:** [Evans Notch Hike in the White Mountains](#)

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

Friend & Partner Events

[Site With Love - Transition is certain, justice is not.](#)

 **Thursday, May 23 at 5:00pm**

 **Virtual Event**

The MA Environmental Justice Legislative Table invites you to join us in a vision for justice. All too often we see public policy driven by fear and scarcity- yet as our planet is transformed by climate change, we have the opportunity to move towards justice. This webinar invites allies to connect, to learn and ultimately take action in solidarity with Environmental Justice communities both long-term and short-term for siting justice this legislative session.

What We're Reading

- We flew 12 miles out to sea to the Vineyard Wind turbines. Here's what we saw. ([Cape Cod Times](#))
- Breaking: Hanscom expansion plan lands Minute Man, Walden on National Trust endangered list ([The Concord Bridge](#))
- Inflation Reduction Act Delivers \$156 Million in Solar for All Funds for Massachusetts ([Sierra Club Press Release](#))
- Guard scales back machine gun range plan on Joint Base Cape Cod, but EPA isn't convinced ([WBUR](#))
- Boston Foundation invests more than \$4 million in six local social justice leaders ([Boston Globe](#))
- In Celebration of Arbor Day, Healey-Driscoll Administration Announces New Program to Expand Tree Plantings in Environmental Justice Communities ([Mass Gov](#))



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