



Monthly E-Sierran Newsletter

April 2022

Massachusetts Equity & Justice Roadmap

In 2020, the Massachusetts Chapter—with the help of numerous volunteers, partners, and allies—wrote and publicly released an [Equity and Justice Roadmap](#). Over the last two years, we have continued to refine our Roadmap, providing updates on our progress along the way. We recently added updates to the Roadmap, and hope that you'll take the time to review them!

What's Happening at the Massachusetts Chapter

Advocacy Hour: Campaign Updates

Wednesdays at 5:00pm
Virtual Event

Join Sierra Club Massachusetts leaders on Zoom for a campaign update, every Wednesday at 5pm. This is an opportunity to get plugged into our campaigns, learn about [timely issues](#) and ongoing projects, and talk directly to Sierra Club staff and leaders. New members and volunteers welcome!



May 4 at 5pm

Introduction to Sierra Club's Core Values & Messaging

Here at the Sierra Club, we recently adopted five core and aspirational organizational values: anti-racism, balance, collaboration, justice, and transformation. These values guide how we will interact with each other, how we show up in relationships with partners, and the approach we take as we advance our established mission.

RSVP Here

Join this discussion to learn more about our core values and how we can talk about these values to further our mission.



Advocacy Hour: Transportation Update

RSVP Here

Join the Chapter for an update on our current transportation campaigns!

May 11 at 5pm



Ending Glyphosate-based herbicides on town-owned land

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15 Massachusetts municipalities have already ended Glyphosate based herbicides on town-owned land. Join Advocacy Hour to learn about this statewide effort, why it matters, and gain resources for contacting your local Board of Health.

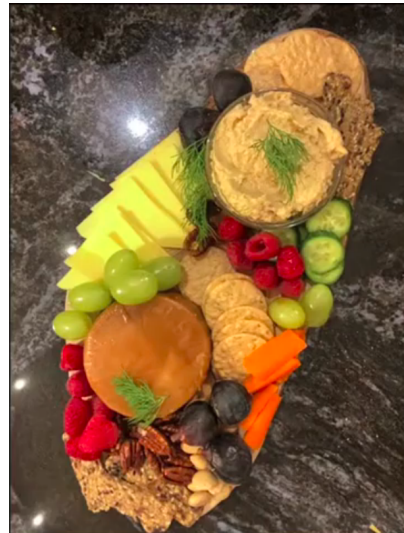
May 18 at 5pm

Our Sustainable Kitchen Cooking Class

May 17 at 6:30pm

Virtual Event

Join professional Chef Diana Goldman as she demonstrates the preparation of a plant-based recipe. Feel free to check out Diana's repertoire of healthy recipes and cooking tips at her website: beantownkitchen.com. A list of ingredients will be sent to people who register, so you can cook along with Diana. If you'd rather just watch, that's okay too.



RSVP Here



Plant-based Cooking Demonstration

May 22 at 7:00pm

Virtual Event

Learn how to make healthy plant-based food with the Plant-based Planet Team! We'll demonstrate how to make various plant-based dishes at home. Feel free to ask us questions; we'll be happy to help you.

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Interfaith Summit 2022
May 1 at 4:00pm
Virtual & In-Person Event
105 South Huntington Avenue,
Boston

Together in Climate Chaos: Interfaith Solidarity for Climate Resilient Communities. Join faith communities from around the greater Boston area as we gather to discuss how we can respond to extreme weather and grow in our solidarity against the threat of climate disaster. Diverse faith groups will come together both online and in person at the North American Indian Center of Boston, at **105 South Huntington Avenue** in Jamaica Plain!

Learn More & Register

Interfaith Summit 2022
Together in Climate Chaos: Interfaith Solidarity For Climate Resilient Communities

Join faith communities around the greater Boston area as we come together to discuss extreme weather and climate resilience in combination with diverse faith groups!

Date: Sunday May 1st
 Time: 4-6pm Eastern time

Location:
 North American Indian Center of Boston
 105 South Huntington Avenue
 Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
 Register here!

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN HYDE PARK
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022 AT 6:30PM
VIA ZOOM

Moderator:
 State Representative Rob Consalvo

Keynote Presenter:
 Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space, (EEOS) City of Boston

Special Remarks by: Edward Markey, (Invited) United States Senator, Massachusetts

PANELISTS:

Dwain Tyndal, Executive Director, Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE)

Lokita Jackson, Hyde Park resident, Crane Ledge Woods Coalition convener

Jose Masso, Hyde Park resident and activist, Hall of Fame Broadcaster

ALL ARE WELCOME! Registration Here: <https://bit.ly/RejForumclimate>

Environmental Justice in Hyde Park Forum
May 2 at 6:30pm
Virtual Event

This Forum engages us in exploring the Environmental Justice work at hand and the ways in we can be engaged with it and be sources of change. Featuring keynote speaker Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space, (EEOS) City of Boston, and founder of New Roots AME Church. Panelists include:

- Rob Consalvo, MA State Representative, 14th Suffolk
- Dwain Tyndal, Executive Director, Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE)
- Jose Masso, Hyde Park resident and activist, Hall of Fame Broadcaster
- Lokita Jackson, Hyde Park resident, Crane Ledge Woods Coalition convener

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Clean Energy & Climate

Clean Energy and Climate Plan

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is developing the Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2030 that will incorporate new statutory requirements and public feedback. EEA is getting ready to release the 2025 and 2030 CECP proposals and is currently accepting feedback until April 30. [Learn more at the CECP website.](#)

Written feedback on the proposal is accepted at gwsa@mass.gov until April 30, 2022. For talking points, please reach out to [Deb Pasternak](#).

[Learn More](#)

#LetUsBreathe Online Rally

May 3 at 5:00pm

Virtual Event

On May 3 at 5:00 p.m., join the Green Justice Coalition and allies for their annual virtual rally on Asthma Justice! In Massachusetts, low-income and communities of color have a high prevalence of asthma and are disproportionately impacted by pollution and climate change. Now more than ever, we need to fight for clean air, affordable transit, and equitable legislation that will address our health and environmental concerns. This free event will bring to light the expertise of health professionals, legislators, and inspiring grassroots leaders who are working to improve the health of Massachusetts' Environmental Justice Communities. Learn how you can take action on these intersecting issues on World Asthma Day!

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A Virtual Tour of the SouthCoast Project

May 4 at 6:30pm

Virtual Event

The open house will feature a 3D tour of the project from the offshore wind energy lease area located in federal waters extending through an intermediate crossing underneath Portsmouth, RI to an onshore grid connection at Brayton Point in Somerset, MA.



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Transportation Matters



Drive Electric Earth Day

Drive Electric Earth Day is a national campaign to share information about electric vehicles throughout the month of April. In addition to being better for the environment, electric vehicles are more fun to drive, more convenient to fuel and less expensive to operate than gasoline vehicles.

Here are some events for you to check out:

- [Lowell Drives Electric Earth Day, April 30 at 12pm](#)
- [Fueled by Faith \(Westborough\), April 30 at 2pm](#)
- [Western MA Event Series - #3 COOPERATION, Easthampton, April 30 at 10 am](#)

Find an Event

EPA Clean Trucks Rule Public Hearing

The EPA has announced its proposal to revise the clean truck standards. Trucks and buses make up only 10 percent of all vehicles on the road, but they disproportionately spew 45 percent of nitrogen oxide emissions and 57 percent of PM 2.5; and these are linked to childhood asthma, chronic illnesses, lung cancer, and premature death. EPA's standards are insufficient and need to be strengthened. We need to ensure the EPA sets a standard that reduces deadly NOx pollution 90% by 2027 and puts us on a path so that by 2035 all new trucks and buses are zero-emission.



Tell the EPA to Clean Up Dirty Diesel Trucks!

Chapter Committee and Team Meetings

Toxics Team Meeting

Mondays at 5:00pm

Weekly meeting of the Toxics Team. This team handles toxic pollution issues, including deadly chemicals (e.g. PFAS), plastic-based pollutants, and recycling/solid waste issues.

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Cape Cod Group Meeting

Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00pm

Please join us for the bi-weekly meeting of the Cape Cod Group. All interested parties are welcome.

RSVP Here

Climate Research Team Meeting

Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Weekly meeting of the Climate Research Team. This team looks at municipal progress on clean energy/climate issues and seeks opportunities to leverage municipal power for state policy change.

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Community Outreach Team Meeting

Thursdays at 7:00pm

Weekly meeting of the Outreach Team. This team is responsible for person-to-person outreach to Sierra Club members and supporters. They use a variety of tools, including phone calling, peer-to-peer texting, and email blasts.

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Political Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00pm

RSVP Here

This committee researches political candidates and makes recommendations on who the Chapter should endorse.

Forest Protection Team Meeting

Thursday, May 12 at 7:00pm

The Forest Protection Team is dedicated to protecting and preserving forests and trees throughout Massachusetts through education, advocacy and community involvement. All are welcome to attend!

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Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 19 at 5:30pm

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee. All members welcome to join except for any Executive Session.

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Energy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 24 at 5:30pm

This committee meets monthly for conversations about energy policy. They weigh in on legislative issues, write testimony for hearings/public input sessions, and pen op-eds for media publications.

[RSVP Here](#)

Plant-based Planet Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00pm

Please join us for the monthly meeting of the Plant-based Planet Team. Come discuss strategies to promote a plant-based diet as way of fighting climate change and conserving natural resources.

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Transportation Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 26 at 6:00pm

Join us to discuss and respond to critical transportation issues affecting Massachusetts, including rail, bus, bike, pedestrian, and traffic pollution policies.

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Friend and Partner Events

Boston Fair Share Amendment Canvass Kickoff

April 30 at 10:00am

Stony Brook MBTA Station, [100 Boylston Street, Jamaica Plain](#)

This is the first Boston canvass launch of the Fair Share Amendment 2022 campaign! Join us as we celebrate this milestone and knock doors to speak with voters! The Fair Share Amendment is a proposal to add a small tax on an individual's yearly income over \$1,000,000 — and raise \$2 billion a year to invest in education and transportation. And the proposal will be on the statewide ballot this November. November might sound like a long way off, but we have to work hard now to make sure we win on Election Day.

[Register Here](#)

Pittsfield Green Drinks — Conserving Flowers and their Pollinators

May 17 at 6:00pm

Virtual Event

Joan Edwards will speak at the May Pittsfield Green Drinks event on Tuesday, May 17th at 6:00 PM and give a slideshow presentation about the rapidly decreasing biodiversity that is taking place globally, known as the sixth extinction. She will specifically focus on flowers and their insect visitors.

[Learn More](#)

Our Reading List

Read the latest environmental news from Massachusetts and beyond...

- [Want to Elect Climate Champions? Here's How to Tell Who's Really Serious About Climate Change](#) (Inside Climate News, 4/21/22)
- [Poll: Mass. residents concerned about climate change, but more worried about health care, education and jobs](#) (WBUR, 4/19/22)
- [Abolishing MBTA bus fares is about more than improving transit access](#) (Boston Globe, 4/18/22)
- [How to fight the affordable housing and climate crises at once](#) (Vox, 4/17/22)
- [They derailed climate action for a decade. And bragged about it.](#) (Grist, 4/15/22)
- [What to know about a planned natural gas 'peaker' plant in Mass.](#) (WBUR, 4/8/22)

Always be sure to check our [website calendar](#) for more upcoming events. If you'd like the Sierra Club to co-sponsor your event (and add it to our events digest), [please email us!](#)

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