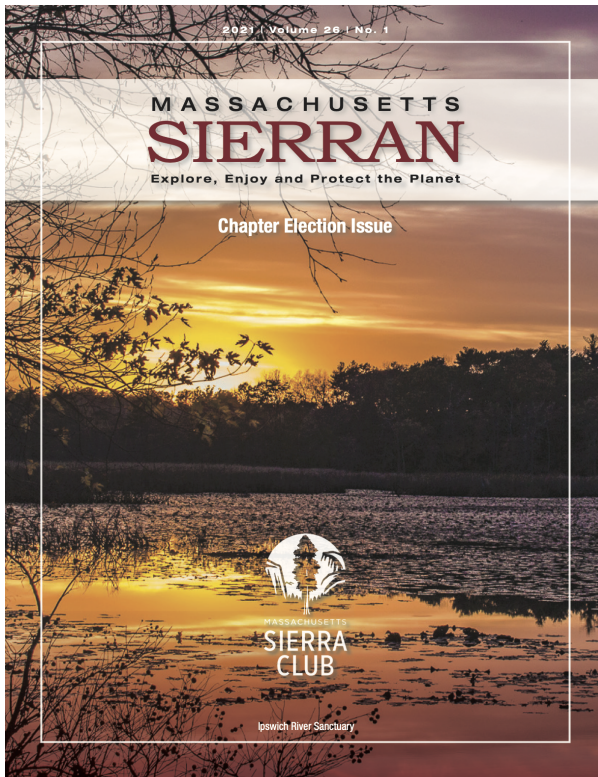




Monthly E-Sierran Newsletter

January 2022

What's Happening at the Massachusetts Chapter



Announcing our 2021 *Sierran* Magazine

Our 2021 *Sierran* Magazine is available now! Enjoy annual favorites, like the *Letter from the Director* and *What's Happening on Cape Cod*, alongside new articles for 2021:

- *Building Decarbonization in Boston*
- *New Regulations for Electric Trucks*
- *Pulling Back the Curtain on PFAS*
- *The Peaker Plant in Peabody*
- *Equity and Justice Roadmap*
- *Massachusetts Plastic Bans*
- *Municipal Climate Action*
- *2021 Municipal Election Roundup*
- *The Critical Role of Forests*

Check it out!

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!



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Vegetable Garden Planning

Wednesday, February 2 at 5:30pm

Virtual Event

The Plant-based Planet Team is happy to collaborate with the Trustees of Reservations for this event, so you can learn how to grow your own fresh vegetables. The Trustees is welcoming Sierra Club members to participate in this virtual class on Vegetable Garden Planning.

[Learn More](#)



Plant-based Cooking Demonstration

Sunday, February 27 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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Clean Energy & Climate

Climate Can't Wait

Last week, Sierra Club joined the Climate Action Campaign for the [Climate Can't Wait National Townhall](#) livestream, featuring Sierra Club President Ramón Cruz and Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey.

For more information and context, read Ben Beachy's article [The Senate Must Still Pass Build Back Better. Here's Our Path Forward.](#)



[Watch the Livestream Recording](#)

Why Old-Growth Forests Are Essential for Slowing Climate Change with Joan Maloof

Thursday, February 10 at 9:00pm ET

Virtual Event

Join the Oregon Chapter Sierra Club Forest Team for a presentation by ecologist, writer, and conservationist Joan Maloof, founder of the Old-Growth Forest Network.

In this one-hour presentation plus Q&A, Joan will offer insight and detail about the science of

old-growth forests, their uniquely valuable biodiversity and superb capacity for carbon uptake and storage.

[RSVP Here](#)

Transportation Matters

Transit Equity Day

February 4, 2022



Join grassroots transit rider groups, environmental, climate justice, civil rights and faith organizations, and transit workers unions, for Transit Equity Day to recognize transit equity as a civil right and critical to slashing climate emissions!

Together, we can demand our leaders prioritize investments in safe, reliable, and affordable public transit services and better pay and benefits to expand and retain the workforce.

[Join the Livestream](#)

[Find a Local Event](#)

Transit Equity Day of Action

Friday, February 4 at 10:00am

Nubian Square, Boston

Join the T Riders Union along with other transit equity champions and receive your FREE Covid PPE pack as we stand up for our rights to a Clean & Green equitable affordable public transportation system.

In December 2021, after years of advocating, Boston's new Mayor Michelle Wu, along with the City Council, approved the extension of the fare-free pilot on MBTA bus routes 23, 28, and 29 for two years!

[Learn More](#)

Speak up for Clean Trucks in Massachusetts!

MassDEP has announced [emergency regulations](#) to adopt the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Rule that, if adopted, will increase the percentage of clean, zero-emission trucks sold in Massachusetts leading to climate, health and economic benefits. [Read about the proposed regulations here.](#)

There will be a virtual public hearing on February 1, 2022 at 10 am. [Register here to](#)

[join the hearing.](#)

Finally, [sign this petition telling MA to adopt the strongest possible rules to clean up dirty trucks and buses.](#)



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Take Action: Sign the Petition!

Chapter Committee and Team Meetings

Toxics Team Meeting

Monday, January 31 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, February 1 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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Forest Protection Team Meeting

Thursday, February 3 at 7:30pm

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!

[RSVP Here](#)

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, February 8 at 6:00pm

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

[RSVP Here](#)

Plant-based Planet Team Meeting

[RSVP Here](#)

Wednesday, February 16 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.

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 17 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, February 22 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.

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Transportation Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 24 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

Overextended – Report Debrief & Discussion

Tuesday, February 8 at 4:00pm ET

Virtual Event

RMI recently released a report, *Overextended: It's Time to Rethink Subsidized Gas Line Extensions*. The report's lead authors, Sherri Billimoria and Mike Henchen will host a webinar Tuesday, February 8. They'll share report highlights and host discussion. Discussion will include gas line extension allowances and how to shift these policies to support our decarbonization goals and avoid financial risk.

[Learn More](#)

Holding Climate Polluters Accountable: A Virtual Learning Series

The Center for Climate Integrity (CCI) is holding a virtual learning series focused on the growing movement to hold oil and gas companies accountable for their contributions to the climate crisis. This four-part series will include perspectives, commentary, and discussion on issues related to climate accountability from leading experts in the scientific, investigative, journalistic, and legal communities. Each session will explore a different critical topic related to climate accountability. Sessions include:

- How to Talk About Climate Accountability — A Messaging Deep Dive: Thursday, February 10th
- Climate Accountability and the Courts — Legal Perspectives on Holding Climate Polluters Accountable: Thursday, March 10th

[Learn More](#)

Pittsfield Green Drinks: How Massachusetts can Kick its Dirty Incinerator Habit

Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00pm

Virtual Event

Join us for our February Pittsfield Green Drinks event where Elizabeth Saunders, the Massachusetts director of Clean Water Action, will speak about how our two ways of disposing of trash, incinerators (“Community Eco Power” in Pittsfield) and landfills, have huge negative consequences for public health, the environment, and justice.

[Learn More](#)

Our Reading List

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

- [Gas Stoves in the US Emit Methane Equivalent to the Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Half a Million Cars](#) (Inside Climate News, 1/27/22)
- ['Walking into the lion's den': Cities and towns say they need help as climate change dangers grow](#) (Boston Globe, 1/26/22)
- [Inspired by King's Words, Experts Say the Fight for Climate Justice Anywhere is a Fight for Climate Justice Everywhere](#) (Inside Climate News, 1/17/22)
- [Energy Department slammed for funding 'false' plastics solutions](#) (Grist, 1/14/22)
- [Decolonizing Conservation: Native Communities Know How to Protect Nature](#) (Teen Vogue, 1/14/22)
- [Massachusetts' Biggest Climate Wins and Losses 2021](#) (Boston Globe, 1/2/22)
- [Old, Primeval Forests May Be a Powerful Tool to Fight Climate Change](#) (Smithsonian Magazine, 1/22)
- [Op-Ed: Earth is Melting](#) (The Gator, 10/18/21)

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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