



Monthly E-Sierran Newsletter

December 2021

What's Happening at the Massachusetts Chapter

The Massachusetts Chapter will be closed from December 23, 2021 through January 2, 2022. We hope you have a great New Year and we'll see you in 2022!



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!



PFAS in Drinking Water

Join Clint Richmond for a presentation and discussion of PFAS in drinking water in Massachusetts.

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2022 Legislation and Lobbying Training

Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30PM

Virtual Event

Learn about how we'll pass meaningful climate legislation this session as well as how to effectively use your power as a constituent! We'll give you the tools and resources you need to successfully lobby your elected officials.

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Plant-based Cooking Demonstration

Sunday, January 23 at 6:00pm
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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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](#)

Clean Energy & Climate

Real-World Benefits of the Build Back Better Act's Historic Climate Investments

The Build Back Better Act includes [more than 130 programs](#) that would invest nearly \$600 billion in climate action, clean energy jobs, and environmental justice. Collectively, these unprecedented investments would put us firmly on the path to achieve President Biden's goal of cutting climate pollution in half by 2030 while creating hundreds of thousands of family-sustaining jobs and advancing racial, economic, and environmental justice.

[Get the Facts](#)

Transportation Matters

Webinar: Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Rule: The Road to Electrifying Trucks in Massachusetts

Massachusetts is considering adopting 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. Sierra Club, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and ACE held a webinar on why the ACT Rule is important, and how you can support the regulatory process to get the strongest possible rule. [Read about the proposed regulations.](#)



[Click here for the webinar recording, slides and analysis by MJ Bradley](#) on the benefits of adopting the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Rule in MA and other New England states.

Watch the Webinar

Environmental Protection Agency Finalizes Federal Rule, Strengthening Clean Car Standards

Today, the Environmental Protection Agency announced [its final rule](#) for federal clean car standards, which will curb emissions from the transportation sector and protect our health and our climate by strengthening the stringency for model years 2023 through 2026 for cars and light-duty trucks, including making important changes to improve on its initial proposal from August.

This final action follows months of advocacy from a diverse coalition of environmental, health, faith, and consumer organizations, after years of defending the Obama-era clean car standards from the previous administration's rollbacks. In September, [over 200,000 people](#) urged the Biden administration to strengthen the proposed rule and drop automaker loopholes in the final rule in order to act on climate action, racial justice, and public health. Additionally, [21 state attorneys general, the District of Columbia, and six cities urged the EPA](#) to strengthen its rule.

Read More

Chapter Committee and Team Meetings

Toxics Team Meeting

Monday, January 3 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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Climate Research Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 5 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

Thursday, January 6 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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Forest Protection Team Meeting

Thursday, January 6 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!

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Political Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00pm

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

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Plant-based Planet Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 19 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

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fighting climate change and conserving natural resources.

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 20 at 5:30pm

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

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Transportation Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 27 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

MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda Action Hour & Teach In

January 11 at 7:00PM

Virtual Event

This is a critical time to join with the MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda Coalition to support proposed legislation that will benefit Indigenous Peoples. Our current Agenda includes five bills in the 2021-2022 session that address some of the key concerns within Massachusetts.

January is a key moment for the bills that have not yet been voted favorably out of committee; join us for action to get our bills moving fast. [The fact sheet on all 5 is here.](#)

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Our Reading List

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

- [Manchin's 'no' on \\$2 trillion social spending bill leaves White House, liberals fuming](#) (Boston Globe, 12/19/21)
- [Massachusetts doubles offshore wind in power pipeline](#) (Boston Herald, 12/18/21)
- [Braintree considers banning single-use plastic bags](#) (The Patriot Ledger, 12/17/21)
- [Pesticide attracts eye of committee, commission](#) (Gloucester Times, 12/16/21)
- [Letter To The Editor: Sierra Club Weighs-In On Nantucket Public Schools Athletic Fields Project](#) (Nantucket Current, 12/15/21)
- [Building electrification momentum grew in US cities in 2021](#) (Utility Dive, 12/8/21)

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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