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It's Time to Act!

Time is running out. Legislators only have until July 31st to vote on crucial climate and environmental justice legislation, and they have even less time to bring these bills up for a vote. If they don't take action, we will have to start from scratch in the 2019-2020 session. We are very close to the passage of critical bills that would boost renewable energy mandates, lower artificial barriers to solar energy, and ensure environmental justice provisions in state law. [Click here to tell your State Representative to pass these bills now!](#)



Reduce Pollution - Increase Public Health

Electrifying our transit system is one of the best ways to cut pollution from our state's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions - transportation. But how can you help get more EVs into your community? First off, Sierra Club and Plug In America have released this [EV Model Policy Toolkit](#) with [recommendations](#) on things like increasing access to public EV charging stations, electrifying public transit bus fleets, and ensuring equitable benefits to all community residents. There is also [this short list](#) of some current opportunities specific to Massachusetts. And lastly, just for comedy, we thought you might enjoy these videos dispelling some EV myths on [cost](#), on [battery-range](#), and even on [carwashes](#).



MA Senate Energy Omnibus Bill: What You Need to Know

The Massachusetts Senate passed an ambitious energy omnibus bill on Thursday, June 14, compiling several pieces of legislation that

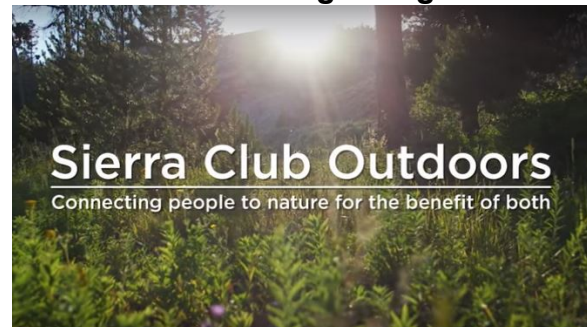
Farewell and Good Luck, Emily!

We are at once saddened and proud to say farewell to our Chapter Director, Emily Norton. At the close of this legislative session, Emily will be moving on to succeed Bob Zimmerman as the new executive



director of the [Charles River Watershed Association](#). Through her time here with us, Emily led the Massachusetts Sierra Club's lobbying efforts for stronger policies and laws on clean energy, electrification of transportation, reducing plastic pollution, protecting water quality and reducing toxics, all while running trainings for hundreds of volunteers all over the state to become more effective advocates. Emily is leaving very big shoes to fill. We will be advertising for her replacement soon and would welcome help finding fantastic candidates!

Like the Outdoors? Join our Outings Program!



Do you love getting outdoors? Sierra Club is launching an Outings Program here in Massachusetts! Although this weekend's Outings Leader training is all booked up, we will be hosting another training in Western Massachusetts later in Fall 2018. Outings can range from an easy stroll to a rock climbing adventure -- something for every ability level. If you're familiar with some woods, rivers, hills, lakes, or beaches in your part of the state, you can share your enjoyment with others as a Sierra Club Outings Leader! Check out [this web page](#) to learn more, and [email Aileen Kelley](#) to be invited to future outings or trainings.

Ready for 100%

Have you thought about what it would take to get to 100% renewable energy in your community? Over 70 cities and towns [have committed](#) to this

would keep Massachusetts on track to meet its 2050 greenhouse gas reduction goal: reducing emissions to 80% below 1990 levels. If passed into law, the policies in this bill would offer incredible opportunities to mitigate climate change and prepare the Massachusetts economy for the inevitable switch to 100% renewable energy. To help you understand the specific policies in this bill that have the potential to help tackle climate change and improve your life, Sierra Club intern Anne Marie Green helps make sense of it all in [this blog post](#). The Senate passing legislation is not enough however. We need the House to act. **[TAKE ACTION HERE](#)** to urge your representative to act now!

transition already, and are implementing the steps to get there. Here in Massachusetts, we've seen at least six municipalities doing the same, with many more considering it now. Local activism is helping push this movement forward as teams across the state work with their communities to get Ready for 100. We'll be hosting another call in early August to hear from some of these local teams and how you can plug in. Interested? [RSVP here!](#)



Support Clean Energy and Massachusetts Sierra Club



You, like many of us, may not be able to put solar panels on your roof. Sierra Club and Mass Energy Consumer's Alliance have an easy way for you to purchase renewable energy for your home. We have worked together for many years to advocate for better energy policy and are teaming up now to help you switch to cleaner, locally sourced electricity. [Click here to learn more and enroll now!](#)

What Will Be Your Legacy?



Ensure your legacy by making a gift to the Massachusetts Sierra Club in your will or trust by beneficiary designation. Planned gifts are particularly important to the Chapter as they provide significant resources to continue conservation activities over an extended period of time. For more information on naming the Massachusetts Chapter as a beneficiary of a bequest or on creating life-income gifts, call (800) 932-4270 or email giftplanning@sierraclub.org.

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