



2019 - Twentieth Annual Forum: A Partnership to Reach New Audiences on Climate Change

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Title: A Free Enterprise Solution to Climate Change
Who: Bob Inglis, former Republican House Representative from South Carolina
Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Time: 5:00-8:00pm, see below for details
Where: Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 123 E. Main St., Rochester, 14604
Suggested Donation: \$10. You decide based on your budget and the value you place on this event. All are welcome!
Registration required in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/SCforum2019>
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- 5:00 - 5:45p – Tabling Expo
- 6:00 – 7:30p – Keynote address with Q&A
- 7:30 – 8:00p – Tabling Expo (same organizations as pre-Keynote)

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- First come, first served, space is limited.
 - **Cost:** \$50 for non-profits, \$100 for businesses / for-profit organizations
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2019 Sierra Club 20th Annual Forum: A Partnership to Reach New Audiences on Climate Change

This year, your Sierra Club Regional Rochester Group is proud to announce that we are working with new partners to bring to Rochester a new conversation about climate change, one that will engage audiences that were previously hard to reach.

Through our membership in Rochester People’s Climate Coalition, we are working with our allies Mothers Out Front, Citizens’ Climate Lobby, the Pachamama Alliance, and others. This year, the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the University of Rochester College Republicans are first time collaborators on our Earth Day event! This is hopeful news as it illustrates that climate change has become an issue of great concern for people across economic belief systems and across the political aisle, and it gives us an opportunity to explore promising solutions that arise there. It also enables our local climate movement to engage with bipartisan and other conservative audiences that might not take seriously a Sierra Club or other “progressive” or “environmental” voice.

*Bob Inglis
Former
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FROM THE CHAIR: The Importance of Featuring a Conservative Voice at Our 2019 Environmental Forum

By Jessica Slaybaugh

As you have read on page 1 of the *Ecologue*, our featured speaker at this year's Environmental Forum is former congressman Bob Inglis. A member of the EcoRight, Inglis and his EcoRight peers advocate for free market climate change solutions.

Featuring a speaker like Inglis is a departure from past forums, which largely showcased liberals who have devoted their lives to championing various environmental causes. We know that some of you may be wondering why we are not continuing this trend, and I wanted to address that here.

In the United States, the issue of climate change is highly politicized, a problem that has steadily grown over recent years, especially since Trump took office. We are in a place now where many people (understandably) make broad generalizations such as "Republicans don't believe in climate change." We are also in a place where many of us often feel like we're just spinning our wheels, that there's nothing we can do to bridge the gap and properly engage conservative politicians in a way that will lead to government actions that address climate change.

As we began planning for the 2019 Environmental Forum, we thought about these challenges, wondering if there was anything different we could do that would address them. The speakers we've featured in the past have been fantastic and informative, but they have attracted the same audience year over year – (largely) liberal climate change advocates. Essentially, we're always preaching to the choir. Don't get me wrong – we love providing our members and other local residents with the opportunity to hear these speakers. When we look at the previously mentioned challenges, though, these types of speakers unfortunately don't attract the people who *really* need to hear the speakers' messages.

The fundamental problem with the approach that many of us take when engaging conservatives on the topic of climate change is that we use arguments that resonate with liberals, not conservatives. Yes, some elements of our arguments do resonate with many conservatives, but there's a pervasive belief among conservatives that many of the solutions that have been proposed by liberals violate or endanger some of the basic tenets of the conservative platform. Some conservatives take the stance that these solutions must be put in place in spite of this. The majority, however, take a "something needs to be done, but show me another way, or convince me that I won't be compromising my beliefs by supporting these solutions" stance.

Bob Inglis will help us reach these people. He can speak to their concerns because he shares a political belief system with them. He knows what types of actions will garner conservative support, and how to explain them. He is someone who conservatives can identify with, and thus someone whose message can be more easily trusted and received.

I am very much looking forward to hearing what Inglis has to say. He is just as passionate about addressing climate change as we are, and is the type of conservative champion we need in order to address the political gap that has thus far prevented our country from taking the necessary steps toward mitigating the effects of climate change. He may have a different belief system from many of us, may have a different approach to addressing climate change, but at the end of the day, he cares about climate change as much as we do.

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NATURALIST'S CORNER

By Peter Debes



The spotted salamander (dark with yellow spots) emerges from its winter refuge underground and often CRAWLS THROUGH SNOW! to get to the pond where it breeds year after year. Once ice crystals start to form on the skin, it can flood its blood with so much sugar it acts like antifreeze protecting its body. Its muscles can keep working even at 32 degrees, so the female can lay her eggs before lots of predators are around. During the winter, the lungs of the partially frozen amphibian stop breathing and the heart stops beating. But they don't die! Spotted salamanders still breed in some ponds in our area, but many die on roads on their way to the pond. So...SLOW DOWN and watch for them, especially after the first warmer rain in March or early April. They can range from 6" or 7" long to

even 10" long! The females are the larger ones.

PERINTON TOWN BEEKEEPING CODE

By Elizabeth Agte Elizabethagte@gmail.com

The article I wrote for the December Ecologue was very optimistic about the new enlightened path that the Town of Perinton was taking to include backyard beekeeping in its new code. But the world of politics does not stand still. After I was phoned by the town attorney to inform me of a desirous change in course, and after I stood before the town board and publicly thanked them for their new progressive stance, things have changed.

The town attorney who had been keeping me up to speed about the upcoming code committee meeting, where I was encouraged to be present, mentioned that he would be retiring at the end of 2018, and therefore would not be at that January meeting. The town supervisor suddenly resigned, and with haste, one of the town board members, Ciaran Hanna was appointed town supervisor. At the same time board member Joe LaFay was appointed the new town attorney, thus, leaving two town seats open, subsequently appointed by Supervisor Hanna. The public was not part of this process.

The code committee meeting had been scheduled for January 10th, and I was asked to give a twenty-minute presentation. On January 3rd I was called by a town representative informing me that the committee meeting had been postponed until the end of January, and apologetically rescinded my ability to attend that meeting, offering instead a private meeting with town officials prior to that meeting.

Frankly I was not concerned. I had been at the town meeting when we had all been very enthused about the new direction towards a new backyard bee code. Since then, I had been busy providing the town with the guidelines and policies that other towns and cities around the world use to maximize harmonious relationships between pollinators and people.

I met with town officials on January 29th, just two days before the rescheduled meeting on the 31st. I wasn't worried because I believed all we were doing at that point was fine tuning guidelines. That is until Supervisor Hanna said he just wanted to keep the code the way it was. He said he was uncomfortable about including honeybees into the town code, and clearly stated he was not going to alter his position. There are many people who have misguided beliefs about honeybees, but most of those people do not have political power. Fortunately, in this age of environmental awareness, most people are willing to educate themselves and reconsider their beliefs.

I put out a call through Facebook. Within twenty-four hours approximately 30 people contacted the town supervisor. There was a detailed email from a beekeeping activist organization in Oregon and a letter from the Sierra Club. I received supportive calls from other elected officials, and the press has been asked to be kept informed.

Though no decision has been made public I have confidence that the town and the new supervisor will vote on the side of the environment and move forward with the backyard bee code.

FORUM SPEAKER BOB INGLIS BIO

Bob Inglis was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1992, having never run for office before. He represented Greenville-Spartanburg, South Carolina, from 1993-1998, unsuccessfully challenged U.S. Senator Fritz Hollings in 1998, and then returned to the practice of commercial real estate law in Greenville, S.C. In 2004, he was re-elected to Congress and served until losing re-election in the South Carolina Republican primary of 2010.

In 2011, Inglis went full-time into promoting free enterprise action on climate change and launched the Energy and Enterprise Initiative ("E&EI") at George Mason University in July 2012. In the fall of 2014, E&EI rebranded to become republicEn.org.

republicEn is a growing grassroots community of over 5,000 Americans educating the country about free-enterprise solutions to climate change.

For his work on climate change Inglis was given the 2015 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. He appears in the film *Merchants of Doubt* and in the Showtime series *YEARS of Living Dangerously* (episodes 3 and 4), and he spoke at TEDxJacksonville and TEDxBeaconStreet

Inglis was a Resident Fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics in 2011, a Visiting Energy Fellow at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment in 2012, and Resident Fellow at the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics in 2014.

Inglis grew up in the Lowcountry of South Carolina, went to Duke University for college, met and married his college sweetheart, graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law and practiced commercial real estate law in Greenville, S.C., before and between his years in Congress. Bob and Mary Anne Inglis have five children (a son and four daughters). They live on a small farm in northern Greenville County, South Carolina.

About republicEn.org

republicEn.org is a 501(c)(3) educational initiative based at George Mason University. We conduct educational programming on the power of free-enterprise solutions to climate change. Our growing community of over 3,500 "republicEn's" is dedicated to building an #ecoRight movement to apply conservative principles to climate action.



E-WASTE PROTOCOLS

By Tom Krahl

E-Waste is electronic products which are discarded and includes cell phones, computers, computer displays, office equipment, entertainment devices, tablets, and appliances. The pace of change in technology means that many products are called obsolete after a short lifespan even if they are still functional, especially cell phones and tablets. In spite of being relatively small the largest contributor to e-waste is cell phones.

The quantity of e-waste produced worldwide was 49 million metric tons in 2018. E-waste often contains toxic heavy metals such as lead and cadmium, as well as flame retardants, phosphors and other noxious and non-biodegradable chemicals. The annual value of e-waste is estimated to be \$62 Bn per year as material. E-waste returned for recycling is often sent to less-developed countries for dismantling into component reusable material, but an estimated 80% ends up in landfills.

The best option to minimize our contribution is to reduce consumption, especially of high-volume, high-tech items such as cell phones, tablets and computers. A decision to replace a cell phone is either due to necessity (it is broken), an operating system that has become obsolete or from a desire to have the latest features. Consider if replacing your phone is a *want* or a *need*. If a new unit is needed you may want to consult the cell phone repairability scorecard at www.ifixit.com/smartphone-repairability before choosing the new phone.

If your electronics are still in good working order but you need to upgrade, consider donating or selling the old unit to increase the chances it will be used until it is truly broken or obsolete. Local electronics recycling events should be a last resort unless it is truly a boat anchor.

Some products, such as laptops or desktop computers, are available for lease, which means when they are returned the supplier will probably resell the unit. We have the option to be at the leading (lease new) or trailing (buying refurbished) sides of this process. I have been buying refurbished computers for many years and have only had to replace one power supply.

Appliances of all stripes can often be repaired. There are, or course, repair people with experience who can fix your device. If you're clever or frugal DIY is also an option. YouTube is a great resource for diagnosis and walk-through when repairing almost anything. Parts are available on the internet.

Smart choices can also play into the amount of e-waste we generate. Cheap printers are notoriously unreliable and not cost-effective to repair. Purchasing a durable product may save money as well as the landfill. Also consider the ethics of the manufacturer, such as Nimble (www.gonimble.com) who produce device charging modules made with sustainable materials for lower environmental impact. Nimble will recycle one pound of e-waste for every product sold.

As always, reducing consumption is the best option. Unfortunately it is also the least American. As we move forward to become less American and more Global Citizens we should consider holding onto things longer.

BLUE-GREEN ALGAE

By Bernie Marcus

At a time when unprecedented insanity seems to be the norm across much of the world and especially in Washington, D.C., it's sometimes easy to forget that there are local issues too. One in particular in our region has been blooms of blue-green algae in the Finger Lakes. Referred to as cyanobacteria by biologists and often as HABs (for harmful algae blooms) in the media, when conditions are right these organisms can rapidly proliferate into dense population eruptions that can make a body of water look like a lake of pea soup. As they die back, they rob the water of oxygen leading to possible fish kills, and some forms excrete toxic compounds that likewise can kill fish. Additionally, these organisms can cause a number of health problems in people who encounter them during water-content recreation or when they occur in drinking water.

The principal factor that seems to trigger a bloom is the addition to and accumulation of plant nutrients, i.e. fertilizers, particularly compounds of nitrogen and phosphorus, nitrates and phosphates respectively. Much of this comes from agricultural runoff. Phosphate fertilizers applied to fields can be carried away by wind or, more likely, by rain. As the rainwater washes over and through soil, it accumulates phosphates and carries them into the drainage ditches and creeks that ultimately feed into lakes. In addition, substantial amounts of plant nutrients are now coming from what are called CAFOs or concentrated animal feeding operations. Once called feedlots, these are essentially factory farms, where hundreds of animals, even thousands depending upon the type and age of animal in question, are confined. Such concentration of farm animals means that a huge amount of manure is going to be produced. One cow can produce 65 to 120 times as much excrement as a human, and animal manures can be potent fertilizers. Often this manure goes into ponds where it partially decomposes. The breakdown products are then usually spread on land, where the nitrates and phosphates they contain can leach off or through the soil and into water. Parenthetically, animal manures can potentially contain pathogens, which can possibly make their way to people.

Another, more recent complication in this story is climate change in terms of longer growing seasons and higher temperatures in lake water. Both of these support algae growth. Indeed, blue green algae blooms have become problematic over much of the country coincidentally as global temperatures have increased. As temperatures continue to increase, it is likely that problems with blue green algae will only increase unless steps are taken to mitigate them. Resolving this problem is challenging.

Controlling climate change would be beneficial, and steps are being taken as sustainable energy sources are being utilized more. However, the most effective thing to be done is to reduce, ideally stop, nutrient inputs into the lakes. Advocacy groups for a number of the lakes exist. The city of Auburn, NY, is particularly active in trying to correct problems in Owasco Lake.

New York's Finger Lakes provide more than pretty scenery; they are an important resource. Multiple communities, including Syracuse and Rochester, use them for drinking water. Tourists flock to them; people fish, swim, and boat in them. They are surrounded by high-end real estate that pumps much money into local economies. Losing all of this to bothersome algae would be a shame.

It is too easy to forget, deeply immersed as we are in the paradigm of dollar chasing and electronic addiction, that life is vastly older and larger than Homo sapiens. Civilization, itself the child of an immature species, has been employed by human beings to work such colossally damaging changes on planetary systems and the machinery of life, that it becomes increasingly harder to imagine the world as it was before we re-invented it. This makes it tougher, still, to put all the broken pieces back together should we ever find the resolve to do so. And, all of our tinkering has occurred with such blinding speed as to be all but invisible to the eyes of trees. Do trees have eyes? Are they, in fact, conscious beings? Is it only because we live at the pace we do that we are unable to perceive an intelligence so different from our own?

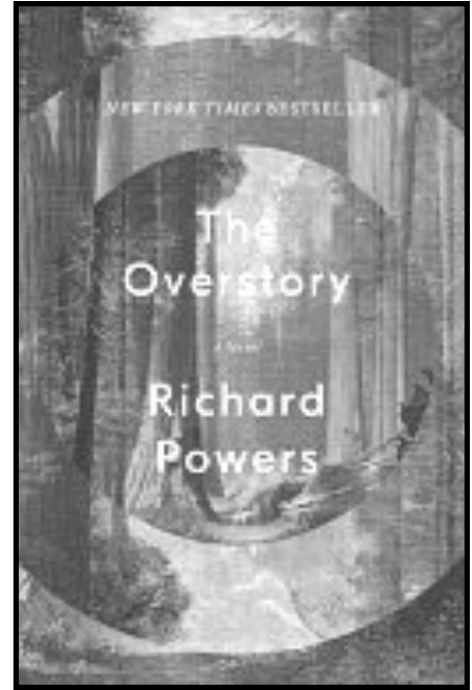
These are questions that are suggested in the brilliant text of Richard Powers' new novel, *The Overstory*, the well-deserved winner of the national book award. In addition to being, quite possibly, the most stunning environmental book since Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, Power's writing will move you with its remarkably unique and poetic prose, which flows like bitter nightshade honey over the ease and comfort of our American life.

The Overstory is the richly detailed odyssey of nine people from widely different backgrounds, as beautifully and compassionately drawn as Rembrandt portraits, all of whom have startling, but separate epiphanies concerning the lives and plight of trees. Each of the characters in the novel is launched on life changing adventures, some together, some individually, that take them, and you, on a roller coaster ride to the message from the trees that awaits all at the conclusion of this most original work.

Though a work of fiction, Mr. Powers description of the biology and history of trees is meticulously researched. The entwining of his characters into actual historical events is masterful and convincing. The writing is pure, artistic genius, as one might expect from the winner of a MacArthur genius grant. *The Overstory* is a deeply affecting book that will leave you changed. It will break your heart; perhaps even make you look at your own life. In any case, you will never look at trees again in quite the same way.

The Overstory, by Richard Powers

W. W. Norton, 502 pages



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While we live in dishearteningly divided times, this is an incredible opportunity for the Sierra Club to lead on bridging those divides and finding common ground towards solutions that work for everyone.

Please join us and former Congressman Bob Inglis (Republican, South Carolina) for a discussion about climate change and a promising path forward to solving this great global crisis.

As Executive Director of republicEn.org, Inglis works to bring together Americans to lead the way on a free-enterprise solution to climate change, showcase #EcoRight ideas and momentum, call upon American greatness, and summon in lawmakers the courage to work together on this important issue.

Inglis has said, "Policies based on bedrock conservatism could harness the power of free enterprise while being acceptable to many progressives. America could lead the world to solutions on climate change. We can get there. On climate change and many other issues, we just need to ask our leaders for solutions rather than scapegoats, for light rather than heat, for courage rather than outrage."

Takeaways from this interactive presentation will include:

1. With a true level playing field (void of subsidies for various fuels and renewables), free enterprise can deliver the innovation to solve climate change.
2. A carbon tax needs to be structured so it is 'revenue neutral' meaning you cut taxes somewhere else or you dividend the money back.
3. The tax swap also has to be border adjustable so that it is applied on imports. Then you get China and rest of the world in on the deal.

Join us. This promises to be groundbreaking-- the biggest Earth Day event in Rochester ever. The Rochester climate movement is alive, growing, and making a difference here in our community! Come see and learn with us.

What follows was contributed by our newest appointed member of the ExCom, Ronald Garrow, who is Mohawk. He recited the full Thanksgiving prayer before our February ExCom meeting, and offered to recite it before each of our meetings. These are the words and their meanings.

The **Ohenton Karihwatehkwen** is the central prayer and invocation for the **Haudenosaunee** (also known as the Iroquois Confederacy or Six Nations — Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Onondaga, Seneca, and Tuscarora). It reflects their relationship of giving thanks for life and the world around them. The Haudenosaunee open and close every social and religious meeting with the Thanksgiving Address.

It is also said as a daily sunrise prayer, and is an ancient message of peace and appreciation of Mother Earth and her inhabitants. The children learn that, according to Native American tradition, people everywhere are embraced as family. Our diversity, like all wonders of Nature, is truly a gift for which we are thankful.

When one recites the Thanksgiving Address the Natural World is thanked, and in thanking each life-sustaining force, one becomes spiritually tied to each of the forces of the Natural and Spiritual World. The Thanksgiving Address teaches mutual respect, conservation, love, generosity, and the responsibility to understand that what is done to one part of the Web of Life, we do to ourselves.

Onen Kati Skanikonra tewaton tanon Teiethinonweratons

(Now we put our minds together and as one and Give greetings and Thanks)

Onkweshona	People
Iethi Nistenha ohontsia	Mother Earth
Ohnekashona	Water
Kenstionshona	Fish
Ohenteshona	Grasses
Ononkwashona	Medicine
Ohtehrashona	Roots
Kaienthohsera	Food
Kahishona	Fruit
Ostinonwashona	Bugs
Kontirio	Animal
Okwireshona	Trees
Ostitenokona	Birds
Ratiweras	Thunders



kiokenekaha Karahkwa	Sun
Ionkhisotha ahsontenhneka karahkwa	Grandmother Moon
Ostistohkwashona	Stars

Onen kati skanikonara tewaton tanon tenshitewanonweraton

(Now we put our minds together and as one and Give greetings and Thanks)

Shonkwaitison	Creator
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Eh kati niiontonhak ne onkwanikonra
(Now our minds are one)

REMEDIATION WORK ALONG THE CANAL By Elizabeth Agte elizabethagte@gmail.com

In February 2018, the three towns of Brighton, Pittsford and Perinton took the Canal Corporation to court and subsequently won. The plan to clear cut the trees along the Erie Canal was halted, and the project was correctly labeled a Type I action requiring a full State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) before further work could proceed. The Canal Corporation and its parent agency New York State Power Authority waited until October to announce that they would not appeal this court decision.

During the spring and summer, the Canal Corporation held meetings in Brockport and Albion to discuss the remediation work that would start in those areas come winter. This remediation work can only be done when the canal has been dewatered, because the stump extraction and large equipment have the potential to destabilize the canal embankments.

At the end of November 2018, the remediation began in Spencerport. This work includes pulling all tree stumps that are a result of the clear cutting from last year, removing roots and underbrush, installing toe drains where needed, and re-grading the slope of the embankments.

In December, at our request, the Canal Corporation allowed members of STOP the CANAL CLEAR CUT to tour the work being done in Brockport. Though members have been regularly posting pictures of the invasive work being performed in their backyards, nothing is the same as seeing it in person. We had numerous overriding concerns after our tour. One was that it did not appear that crews were extracting all the dead tree roots. Dead tree roots, not live ones create the water piping the Canal Corporation say they are most concerned about. Two that they are, to a greater extent than we had imagined, restructuring the embankment, and three, enormous equipment was repeatedly crossing over culverts as they were frequently shifted from one work location to another. (I just want to remind readers that this expensive and overreaching project was stated to be essential for the prevention of embankment breaches. In the long history of the Erie Canal, the only breaches that have occurred were along or near culverts and were the result of maintenance work, not trees!)

The Canal Corporation, as the "lead agency" in this remediation project has the authority to self-police and determine if the work they are doing on the westside of Monroe County and into Orleans County constitutes an Environmental Review. Renaming the project may prevent it from falling under the jurisdiction of the court ruling. The Canal Corporation filed a "negative declaration", and their Environmental Assessment Form or EAF states that this current work doesn't create an environmental impact. (This EAF is available for view at the Canal Corporation website, canals.ny.gov)

The Canal Corporation hosted informational meetings February 25 in Albion, and February 26 in Brockport. These meetings are of crucial importance to determine if the Canal Corporation intends to keep their word to the citizens on the westside and offer a replanting program that restores natural beauty, habitat and privacy. The results of these meetings will be posted on the Facebook page [STOP the CANAL CLEAR CUT](#).



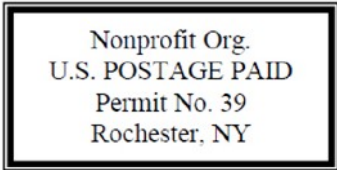
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Yakity Yak #2: Sounds of the Night - Spring: Friday, May 3rd (rain date Saturday May 4th)

Enjoy a mystical evening eavesdropping on frogs and birds, and maybe even coyotes in the peak of breeding season at Mendon Ponds Park. We will identify up to five species of frogs and hope for a woodcock, snipe, ducks, geese, and owls. Dress for the weather- we will go even in a very light rain. Waterproof footwear essential for mud. Headlamp or flashlight needed. Total distance walking will be about 1 mile on trails. Join our Vice-chair and naturalist Peter Debes at 7:30 PM at the visitor center on Pond Road near the intersection of Route 65. Footwear for muddy spots, and flashlight or headlamp recommended. *Thunder or heavy rain—we'll try May 4, Call 585-820-2018 if in doubt.*

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Spring 2019 Calendar			SIERRA CLUB and other environmental events	
DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
3/21, 4/18, 5/16	3rd Thurs.	6 - 7 pm	Climate Change Committee meetings	Abundance Coop meeting room 571 South Ave. 14620
March 5th	Tuesday	6:30-8:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Harro East Bldg., 400 Andrews St., Suite 600
May 3rd (May 4)	Fri. (or Sat.)	7:30 until...	Yakity Yak Sounds of the Night walk	Mendon Ponds Visitor Center, Pond Rd. off Rt. 65
April 2nd	Tuesday	6:30—8:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Harro East Bldg., 400 Andrews St., Suite 600
April 17th	Wednesday	5 pm — 8 pm	Environmental Forum: Free Enterprise Solutions to Climate Change	Rochester Riverside Convention Center; Preregister @ https://tinyurl.com/SCforum2019
May 7th	Tuesday	6:30—8:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Harro East Bldg., 400 Andrews St., Suite 600
Nov. 25-May 2019	Sundays	1-4 pm	Brighton WINTER Farmers Market	Brighton Brookside Center, 220 Idlewood Road., Rochester (off Westfall Road)
All year	Every day	M-F 8am-9pm Sat-Sun 9am-8pm	Abundance Coop Food Market: local, organic, sustainable food, open to public	571 South Ave., Rochester, NY in South Wedge (585) 454-2667 www.Abundance.coop

*****Watch our Facebook page and website for information on upcoming community meetings & other activities*****

All Committees are local volunteer groups of the Rochester Regional Group of the Sierra Club.

Follow us on Facebook to keep up-to-date on new events throughout the year—www.facebook.com/SierraROC

Executive Committee meetings are open to Sierra Club members. All other meetings are open to everyone.

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