



# Monthly E-Sierran Newsletter

November 2022

## Massachusetts Equity & Justice Roadmap

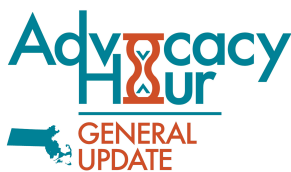
In 2020, the Massachusetts Chapter—with the help of numerous volunteers, partners, and allies—wrote and publicly released an [Equity and Justice Roadmap](#). We advocate for environmental justice and climate justice across the state, but we can't do this well without ensuring that we are a just organization. Learn about the Roadmap we've created for the Chapter to become a more equitable organization and ways you can be part of the movement!

## 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!



November 30 at 7pm

### New Volunteer Welcome Orientation

While we deserve some celebration for the hard-fought victories we earned on November 8th, there is still a long road ahead in the fight for climate justice. Looking ahead to 2023, we want to focus on building local and state power to support our elected officials in taking the bold, urgent action needed to address the climate crisis and protect our planet for all people.

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December 7 at 5pm

### Advanced Clean Cars II Regulations

Light-duty vehicles account for 58% of all transportation emissions in the state. In December, Massachusetts will release proposed Advanced Clean Cars (ACC) II regulations that will set an annual increasing Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) sales requirement to get to 100% ZEV sales by 2035. This regulation will accelerate the market for light-

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duty electric vehicles and reduce toxic air contaminants and greenhouse gases from passenger cars. Join us to learn more about these regulations, the recent updates to the MOR-EV rebate structure, and how you can take action.



## Our Sustainable Kitchen Cooking Class

**Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30pm**  
**Virtual Event**

Join Chef Diana Goldman of [Beantown Kitchen](#), who will teach you how to make some delicious plant-based food for the holidays. Feel free to either cook along with Diana or just watch.

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## Annual Holiday Party!

**December 14 at 5pm**  
**Virtual Event**

Please save the date! Our annual holiday party returns this year on December 14th. Stay tuned for more details—and in the meantime, rest assured that there will be plenty of fun and games. Start working on your best Ed Markey impression and searching for the perfect ugly sweater!

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## Plant-based Cooking Demonstration

**Sunday, December 11 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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**Help Sustain Our Work!**



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## Clean Energy & Climate

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### Municipal Aggregation on the Cape

**Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00pm**

**Virtual Event**

At Sierra Club Cape Cod's December 6 meeting, Mariel Marchand, power supply planner for Cape Light Compact, will describe this municipal aggregation's 2022-23 electricity supply mix and the prospects for stabilizing costs and increasing equity by purchasing more renewable energy for Cape and Vineyard consumers. Mariel manages and works on power purchasing, renewable energy, and regulatory matters for the Compact's aggregation program, which serves approximately 145,000 residents and businesses. Prior to joining the Compact, she served as Renewables Program Coordinator for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources and attended Tufts University, receiving a Masters degree in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning. Mariel grew up on the Cape and lives in Sandwich.

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### Fill the room re: Peabody Peaker hearing!

**December 7 at 7:00pm**

**Virtual and In-Person**

Due to pressure from our climate active partners such as [Mass Climate Action Network](#) (MCAN) and [Breathe Clean North Shore](#) (BCNS), MassDEP has scheduled an in-person and remote participation public hearing to receive public comments on the "CO2 Budget ECP Application and Proposed Decision" regarding the Peabody Peaker Plant. The public hearing is to be held on December 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM, at the: Torigian Senior Center, 75R Central Street, Peabody, Massachusetts 01960. Please consider attending to help fill the room or offer public comment!

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## Transportation Matters

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### Advanced Clean Cars II Regulation

MassDEP held two online public stakeholder meetings to share information on upcoming regulatory efforts to address emissions from light- and medium-duty on-road vehicles. These efforts will accelerate the market for light-duty zero emission vehicles and reduce emissions of oxides of nitrogen and other criteria pollutants, toxic air contaminants, and greenhouse gases from light- and medium-duty vehicles. The stakeholder meeting will cover the adoption of California Advanced Clean Car II standards that sets an annual increasing ZEV sales requirement starting with model year 2026 to get to 100% ZEV sales by 2035.

MassDEP plans to adopt the Advanced Clean Cars II regulations by the end of this year. Stay tuned for dates for the public hearing. [Read about the proposed regulations here.](#)

This [toolkit](#) created by Sierra Club and Better World Group includes an overview of the legislation and resources you can use in your advocacy.

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## Stand in Solidarity

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### Environmental Justice Council Meeting

**Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00pm**

**Virtual Event**

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs is convening the [Environmental Justice Council](#) (EJC) for its next meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The EJC is appointed by the Governor to advise and provide recommendations to the Secretary of EEA on relevant policies and standards to achieve environmental justice principles that are recognized by [state law](#). As one of its first priorities, the EJC will conduct an analysis to ensure the definition of environmental justice (EJ) population achieves these objectives of environmental justice principles.

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## Chapter Committee and Team Meetings

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### Climate Research Team Meeting

**Wednesdays at 6:10pm**

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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### 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, December 6 at 7:00pm**

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

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### Transportation Committee Meeting

**Thursday, December 8 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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### Forest Protection Team Meeting

**Thursday, December 8 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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### **Political Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00pm**

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

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### **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, December 15 at 5:30pm**

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

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### **Plant-based Planet Team Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00pm**

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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### **Energy Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 27 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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## **Friend and Partner Events**

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### **Cold Climate Heat Pumps - Warm Homes on the Coldest Days**

**December 14 at 3:00pm**

**Virtual Event**

High efficiency heat pumps - often called Cold Climate heat pumps are a key technology in helping individuals and communities move towards rapid electrification and decarbonization no matter where they are located. Because they are designed to maximize heating efficiency, they are able to keep houses warm in cold climates where temperatures fall well below zero.

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### **Pittsfield Green Drinks – “Protecting What Sustains Us All: a conversation with Berkshire Environmental Action Team”**

**December 20 at 6:00pm**

**Virtual Event**

Join the December Pittsfield Green Drinks event to talk with Berkshire Environmental Action Team staff about BEAT’s important work of this past year and explore what comes next as the new year approaches! Be part of the discussion and hear about ways we hope to get Pittsfield residents involved in their upcoming air quality monitoring; how we’re currently working with the City to remediate pipes that discharge pollution into the Housatonic River; the findings from coldwater streams monitoring; and next steps in our continuing fight to shut down peaking power plants.

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## **Our Reading List**

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

- [Could the New Governor Breathe New Life Into the T's Regional Rail Plans?](#) (Streetsblog MASS, 11/29/22)
- [Boston buildings not reporting greenhouse gas emissions, city reports](#) (MassLive, 11/21/22)
- [Majority of US affected by climate disasters, but nation is moving in the wrong direction](#) (Boston Globe, 11/18/22)
- [Study touting hydrogen — a technology favored by gas firms — was funded by gas interests, e-mails show](#) (Boston Globe, 11/16/22)
- [The super-rich are funding climate devastation, report shows](#) (Boston Globe, 11/10/22)
- [Beyond Mass Save: Legislators and advocates say it's time for a change](#) (Boston Globe, 11/6/22)
- [Peabody Peaker plant would harm already 'overburdened' communities, advocates say](#) (Boston Globe, 11/4/22)
- [Boston's 2030 climate goal is out of reach, a new report finds](#) (Boston Globe, 11/3/22)
- [New England's electric grid operator opened its doors to public participation — and got a dressing down](#) (Boston Globe, 11/1/22)

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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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