



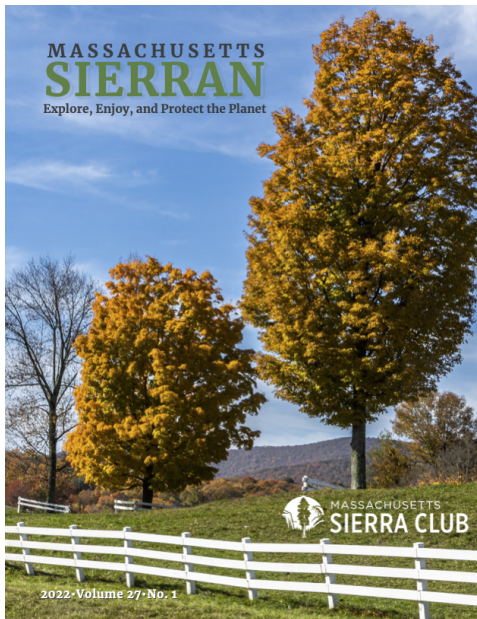
Monthly E-Sierran Newsletter

January 2023

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



Announcing our 2022 Massachusetts Sierran Magazine!

The 2022 edition of the Massachusetts Sierran Magazine is now available! Check out what's been happening at the Chapter in our *Letter from the Director* and other exciting articles about the year:

- *Two Years of Effort Results in a Major Climate Bill*
- *Transportation Policy Wins in 2022*
- *Food Lies at the Heart of Fighting Climate Change*
- *Decarbonizing Boston*
- *Equity Update*
- *Expanding Municipal Climate Leadership*
- *MASC PAC Takes Guesswork Out of Campaign Support*
- *Forests and Trees: Why Should We Care?*
- *The Pesticide Crisis - 60 Years On*

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!





Join us for our first Advocacy Hour of the new year! Next week we'll be taking action by reaching out to our local legislators, asking them to co-sponsor some of our key climate bills this session!

RSVP Here

FEBRUARY 8TH at 5pm

Support the Chapter



Clean Energy & Climate

Stop the Longmeadow Pipeline Project

As you might already know, Eversource Gas has filed with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) for approval to build its proposed “Western Massachusetts Gas Reliability Project” in Springfield and Longmeadow.

This proposed project faces strong resistance from both the Springfield and Longmeadow communities because it is unhealthy, dangerous, climate-changing, costly, and unnecessary.



Watch the new video “[Gaslight](#)” explaining why Eversource’s proposed pipeline is unnecessary and harmful to Springfield and Longmeadow residents.

Visit the local activist website to learn more, [here](#).

Transportation Matters

Transit Equity Day

Saturday, February 4th is Transit Equity Day -- a national day of action and remembrance that honors Rosa Parks' birthday and promotes public transit as a civil right and strategy to combat climate change. Communities built around safe, accessible, affordable, and pollution-free transit for all are a victory for climate, for economic justice, and for workers.



Join the Labor Network of Sustainability, Sierra Club, and others on Feb 4 at 12 noon for a [Youtube livestream featuring actions across the country](#) aiming to expand public transportation while building worker power and addressing climate change at the same time.

Advanced Clean Cars (II) Regulation

Light-duty vehicles account for 58% of all transportation emissions in Massachusetts. In December, Massachusetts released [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 and limit toxic pollution from gas vehicles in the near term. Timely adoption of ACC II will accelerate the availability and choice of EVs in the state, improve EV access in underserved and frontline communities, activate a secondary EV market, and yield benefits for our air quality, and climate.

Written comments can be sent to Ngoc Hoang (ngoc.hoang@mass.gov) at MassDEP by 5 pm on February 9.

[Click here](#) for talking points.

Stand in Solidarity

Save Crane Ledge Woods

Crane Ledge Woods is a 24-acre urban wild that is surrounded by Hyde Park, Roslindale, and Mattapan, parts of which are designated as Environmental Justice communities. **It is currently under threat of development in an area that is already disproportionately impacted by gentrification, tree loss, urban heat island warming, and pollutants.** A grassroots coalition of local leadership is demanding that this beautiful and ecologically important area be preserved.



Show your support for this critical climate justice issue by [signing the petition](#), [ordering a yard sign](#), [following their newsletter](#), and/or [donating!](#)

Chapter Committee and Team Meetings

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.

[RSVP Here](#)

Elections Team Meeting

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Join our elections team! We are building Sierra Club volunteer power to elect environmental champions this year and in years to come!

[RSVP Here](#)

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.

[RSVP Here](#)

Cape Cod Group Meeting

Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00pm

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

[RSVP Here](#)

Forest Protection Team Meeting

Thursday, February 9th 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!

[RSVP Here](#)

Political Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 14th at 6:00pm

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

[RSVP Here](#)

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 16th at 5:30pm

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

RSVP Here

Plant-based Planet Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 21st 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.

RSVP Here

Transportation Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 23rd at 6:00pm

Join us to discuss and respond to critical transportation issues affecting Massachusetts, including rail, bus, bike, pedestrian, and traffic pollution policies.

RSVP Here

Friend and Partner Events

Make Valentines with Mass Power Forward: Love on our Bills Party

February 1st @ 5pm

Virtual Event

The new legislative session has begun! Sierra Club is supporting Mass Power Forward's (MPF) Valentine's Day action! Now that bills have been filed, it's time to get them co-sponsored with lots of "love". Join MPF to ground into our priorities, and then using stationary, stamps, and other supplies already in your home- make two valentines to snail mail to your senator and representative This is the type of thing that will help make important bills rise to the top fast. (optional to plan ahead and buy Vday cards at a card store near you!)

Please register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Register Here

Youth Led Lobby Week

February 6-10th, 2023

In-person and Virtual

Are you a young person? Do you want to support young people?

You are invited to attend the [Massachusetts Youth Climate Coalition \(MYCC\)](#) Youth-led Lobby Week 2/6/23 - 2/10/23. We will be hosting upwards of 30 meetings with legislators to advocate for key climate legislation aligned with [policy principles](#).

The agenda will include virtual lobby trainings on Monday afternoon, virtual deep dives on policy priorities Monday night. An in person lobby day at the State House on Tuesday, and then virtual meetings for those who can't make it in person for the remainder of the week.

While the event will be youth-led and most participants will be youth, we would very much appreciate adult allies to take on the following supporting roles:

- Adult support in legislator meetings, mostly observing and not speaking unless youth turn to you for help.
- Advise youth preparing for legislator meetings, including by role playing as legislators.
- Encouragement and help distributing materials, navigating the statehouse.
- Assistance obtaining or organizing food or other in kind support.
- Helping individual schools or meeting logistics.
- Help young people you know to complete the RSVP and get involved.

If you're interested in participating please fill out the [RSVP form](#) as soon as you can.
Thanks for supporting MYCC and efforts to uplift youth climate organizers - hope to see many of you there!!

Green Shipping Corridors: Getting Maritime Shipping to Net Zero

February 7th @ 10am ET
Virtual Event

A green shipping corridor is more than a way to get from point A to B. It's how an essential, hard-to-abate sector will start to decarbonize this decade. Green shipping corridors allow ships to travel along their route with low-carbon energy, principally green hydrogen and its derivatives ammonia and methanol. How do we start building these corridors?

This interactive, one-hour webinar, co-hosted by RMI and the Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping, will discuss the state-of-play in green shipping corridor development and cover important considerations when selecting their location. The webinar will also introduce a practical, free handbook, based on real-world experience and local data, to help ports, shipping companies, fuel producers, financiers, and governments start developing green shipping corridors

[RSVP Here](#)

The New Electric Car Tax Credit

February 9th @ 12pm ET
Virtual Event

Federal and state incentives for electric vehicles (EVs) have all changed recently, thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the 2022 climate bill in Massachusetts, and new program announcements from the Office of Energy Resources (OER) in Rhode Island.

Join this webinar to learn the latest on:

- The new federal Clean Vehicle Credit, for both new and used cars
- Recent updates to the MOR-EV state rebate program in Massachusetts
- The DRIVE-EV and DRIVE+ rebate in Rhode Island
- Incentives for e-bikes, current and potential upcoming

[RSVP Here](#)

Our Reading List

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

- [Climate group to Gov. Maura Healey: Keep up the good work, do more](#) (Worcester Telegram, 1/25/23)
- [Power to the people: How activists are working to change New England's grid operator from the inside](#) (Boston Globe, 1/25/23)
- [Climate change is making power outages more common](#) (Boston Globe, 1/23/23)
- [Why gas stoves actually matter](#) (Heated, 1/19/23)
- [City Declares Copley Open Street Pilot a 'Success' and Plans Permanent Improvements](#) (StreetsBlog MASS, 1/19/23)
- [Why gas stoves matter to the climate – and the gas industry: Keeping them means homes will use gas for heating too.](#)(The Conversation, 1/18/23)
- ['There's a dam breaking:' Cities and towns start to kick fossil fuels with new building code](#) (Boston Globe, 1/17/23)

- [Climate protesters arrested while blocking entrance to controversial East Boston substation construction site](#) (Boston Globe, 1/17/23)
- [Exxon Accurately Predicted Global Warming, Years Before Casting Doubt on Climate Science](#) (Inside Climate News, 1/12/23)
- [The EPA Is Helping School Districts Purchase Clean-Energy School Buses, But Some Districts Have Been Blocked From Participating](#) (Inside Climate News, 1/8/23)
- [Can dam removal save the Snake River?](#) (High Country News, 1/1/23)

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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