



Events, Updates, News, and more!
May 2024

Dear Emma,

This month we've continued the push for clean energy and strong climate policy. We hope you'll join us for some exciting upcoming events at the State House and out in our communities!

Upcoming Chapter Events

Massachusetts is Ready for Offshore Wind: An Introduction

Thurs, May 23
6:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Join us to learn about the progress and potential for offshore wind in Massachusetts! Special guest Isaac Slevin, researcher at the Brown Climate and Development Lab and the lead author of "Against the Wind" along with the Massachusetts Sierra Club Climate Research Team, will cover the basics of responsible, community-engaged, offshore wind development as well as the current misinformation landscape driven by offshore wind's opponents.

Environmental and Health Benefits of a Plant-based Diet

Thurs, May 23
7:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Sara Sezun, Chair of the Massachusetts Chapter Plant-based Planet Team, will give this virtual presentation on behalf of the Norwell Public Library. She will discuss how a plant-based diet can benefit both the environment and human health. To sign up, you must register through the Norwell Public Library website.

Lobby Training 101

Tues, May 28
6:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

These training events are in preparation of our June 5th Sierra Club Lobby Day. Participants will learn how to lobby and strategize for their legislative meeting. All experience levels are welcome!

Phone Outreach Team

Wed, May 29
5:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

We have new folks who join the organization every day and we want to make sure they are properly welcomed into the organization and invited to engage with us. Join us on Wednesday to build community and build power for our work at the Sierra Club! *We'll offer brief training at the beginning of each session for anyone who is new to making calls.*

Wachusett Reservoir walk on National Trails Day!

Sat, June 1
10:00am

[RSVP Here](#)

Join us for a walk along the beautiful Wachusett Reservoir on National Trails Day! We expect to walk around 3 miles with little elevation gain and loss. Some highlights include views of the reservoir from up on some bluffs and lots of beautiful varied forests. We will be speaking about the MA Chapter Forest Protection team's [campaign to end logging](#)

on the state lands of the Quabbin, Ware, and Wachusett watersheds.

Final Lobby Training

Tues, June 4
6:30pm

[RSVP Here](#)

These training events are in preparation of our June 5th Sierra Club Lobby Day. Participants will learn how to lobby and strategize for their legislative meeting. All experience levels are welcome!

Lobby Day 2024!

Wed, June 5
10:00am

[RSVP Here](#)

Let's come together to meet with legislators and advance Sierra Club Massachusetts' priority legislation. From bills that protect us from PFAS to legislation ending the expansion of the gas system, there is a lot at stake in this session. Join us on June 5th either in-person or virtually to lobby for the passage of key environmental legislation.

Evans Notch Hike in the White Mountains

Sat, June 8
10:00am

[RSVP Here](#)

The Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire Sierra Club chapters have joined together to offer a day hike in the scenic Evans Notch area of the White Mountains National Forest. The trail system passes through beautiful hardwood forest and nearby mountain streams and pools and has stunning mountain vistas of the White Mountains and Caribou-Speckled Mountain Wilderness.

"Bad River" Film Screening at Patagonia Cambridge

Thurs, June 13
7:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Join Sierra Club Massachusetts and Patagonia Cambridge for a special screening of the film [Bad River](#), a documentary that chronicles the Wisconsin-based Bad River Band and the Band's ongoing fight for sovereignty, which unfolds in a groundbreaking way through a series of shocking revelations, devastating losses, and a powerful legacy of defiance and resilience. Light food and drink will be provided.

Global Wind Day Rally on Cape Cod

Sat, June 15
11:00am

[RSVP Here](#)

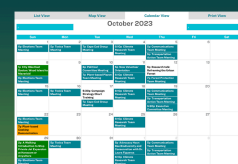
SAVE THE DATE! Cape Cod and Massachusetts are ready for offshore wind. This family friendly event will bring together folks across the Cape to celebrate and connect with each other, learn about the facts of offshore wind, and the role it will play in fighting the climate crisis. Please register for early access to details!

Upcoming Committee and Team Meetings

Check out our Events Calendar for all Committee and Team Meetings in addition to special events!

[Events Calendar](#)

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✨ Volunteer Action of the Month ✨

Submit Public Comment on the Mass Save 3-Year Plan!

Every three years, the MassSave energy efficiency program is redesigned. While every Massachusetts ratepayer pays into the program through a charge on their energy bill, historically the program has poorly served renters, lower income residents, and non-English speakers. The draft 2025-2027 MassSave Plan is underway and special interests are already weighing in.

➡ [Send a public comment that Mass Save must be strong on equity and on decarbonization!](#) 🗨️

Support the Chapter



Climate & Clean Energy



Massachusetts has huge progress and potential for offshore wind. We believe that through responsible development and authentic community engagement that empowers community members, we can aid and accelerate the transition to this renewable energy.

📺 **Tune in to our webinar this Thursday, May 23rd** for an [introduction to offshore wind](#) in Massachusetts.

👨‍👩‍👧 **Join us on Global Wind Day (June 15th)** for a [family friendly rally event](#) to bring together folks across the Cape to celebrate and connect with each other, learn about the facts of offshore wind, and the role it will play in fighting the climate crisis.

📄 **Learn more about offshore wind** proposals and development process in this [information sheet](#) compiled by the Climate Research Team.

Pine Barrens Outing Recap

Written by Outings Leader John Hirst

Last Sunday, the MA Chapter teamed up with Community Land & Water Coalition (CLWC) and Friends of Myles Standish State Forest (MSSF) for a five mile hike through the exceptional Pine Barrens. Hikers had the opportunity to see what makes this forest so special - floral and fauna native only to this region, kettle ponds, cranberry bogs, and other unique geologic features.



In addition, the group viewed some recent clear cutting, piles of stumps and soil, and huge piles of sand that are right up to border of the state forest. The private owner pushed through these devastating changes in preparation for strip sand mining. This was a disconcerting scene and shows in stark terms the serious environmental threat that sand and gravel mining poses to the land, wildlife, and the aquifer in this region of the state.

CLWC has been actively challenging sand mining in southeast MA for years. They have a [petition to place a moratorium on sand and gravel mining in the region](#) and to have state and federal officials assess the damage to date and devise protections for the future. The MA chapter supports this petition and will be engaging further to address this critical problem in the Commonwealth. CLWC plans to present the petition to the Governor and Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs in mid-June.



Photo by John Hirst

Want to learn more about our current work?
Check out our [Campaign Updates Document](#) for more information!

Friend & Partner Events

[Site With Love - Transition is certain, justice is not.](#)

📅 **Thursday, May 23 at 5:00pm**

📍 **Virtual Event**

The MA Environmental Justice Legislative Table invites you to join us in a vision for justice. All too often we see public policy driven by fear and scarcity- yet as our planet is transformed by climate change, we have the opportunity to move towards justice. This webinar invites allies to connect, to learn and ultimately take action in solidarity with Environmental Justice communities both long-term and short-term for siting justice this legislative session.

[Framingham Repair Cafe](#)

📅 **Sunday June 9th, 2pm to 5pm**

📍 **Scott Hall at 24 Vernon St, Framingham MA**

Our volunteers can help fix many things for free including: clothing, lamps, small appliances, computers/other electronics, bikes, batteries, toys, jewelry and sewing machines. We will also have a station for sharpening straight knives, scissors and garden tools. If you know what parts are needed, please get them ahead of time.

[MA Climate Legislation Update!](#)

📅 **Monday June 10th, 7pm**

📍 **Virtual Event**

Join advocates and policy experts to hear about proposed Massachusetts climate change and climate justice legislation and how we can help get it across the finish line. Panelists: Carrie Katan (Green Energy Consumers Alliance), Claire-Karl Muller (Unitarian Universalist Mass Action Network and Mass Power Forward), Jess Nahigian (Sierra Club Massachusetts), and Kirstie

Pecci (Just Zero). Hosted by hosted by The Climate Reality Project, Massachusetts Southcoast chapter.

What We're Reading

- Study links gas stoves to 50,000 current cases of childhood asthma ([WBUR](#))
- Massachusetts legislation seeks to build on state order to phase out natural gas ([Energy News Network](#))
- This New Bedford-based offshore wind training program just scored funds to help it expand. ([SouthCoastTODAY](#))



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