



Events, Updates, News, and more!  
June 2024

Dear Emma,

Read on for updates and news happening at the Massachusetts Chapter this month!

## Upcoming Chapter Events

### 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](#)

Cape Cod and Massachusetts are ready for offshore wind. This family friendly rally in Barnstable, MA 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!

### LGBTQ+ Affinity walk at Beaver Brook Reservation

**Thurs, June 20**  
**6:30pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

Join us for an LGBTQ+ affinity walk through the beautiful Beaver Brook Reservation and Rock Meadow Conservation Area. This 2-mile walk will take us through both woods and a meadow with minimal elevation loss or gain (~150ft) and will loop us back to the start. This walk will provide us the opportunity for open conversations about what Pride means to us.

### Plant-Based Cooking Demonstration

**Sun, June 23**  
**7:00pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

Join our Plant-Based Planet Team as we show you how to make delicious healthy plant-based food at home!

## 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 🌟

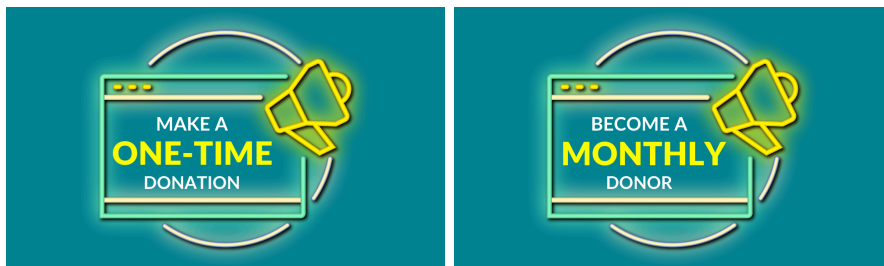
### Ask Senator Warren to Help Stop the Machine Gun Range on the Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve

The multi-purpose machine gun range proposed atop the state's Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve poses unacceptable threats to the drinking water supplies of Sandwich, Bourne, Falmouth, and Mashpee.

📢 Please urge Sen. Elizabeth Warren to join Rep. Bill Keating in ensuring that the 2020 funding authorization for the multipurpose machine gun range at Joint Base Cape Cod expires on September 30, 2024.

✉️ Call 617-565-3170 and/or send an email to [caleb\\_white@warren.senate.gov](mailto:caleb_white@warren.senate.gov) and [janice\\_rottenberg@warren.senate.gov](mailto:janice_rottenberg@warren.senate.gov), asking Senator Warren to use her position on the Senate Armed Services Committee to prevent a funding extension from being included in the Senate's June 12 mark-up of the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act.

## Support the Chapter



## Climate & Clean Energy

In a new report titled "[Charting the Wind](#)," Synapse Energy has analyzed the possible impact that Offshore Wind could have on electricity bills, carbon emissions, and public health in New England.



**According to the Report, 9 GWs of Offshore Wind by 2030 Would:**

- ⚡ Reduce New England electricity customers' bills by approximately \$2.79/month to \$4.61/month, depending on future gas prices.
- ⚡ Save New England an average of \$630 million annually on electricity costs.

- ⚡ Cut 42% of annual CO2 emissions from the New England power sector. *That's 14 million short tons of CO2 gone!*
- ⚡ Provide \$362 million in annual public health benefits by avoiding 3,700 short tons of NOX emissions, 824 tons of SO2 emissions, and 641 tons of PM2.5 emissions annually.

👨‍👩‍👧 **Don't forget to join us on Global Wind Day (June 15th)** for a [family friendly rally event](#) in Barnstable, MA 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.

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## Protecting Natural Resources



On Saturday, May 18th, Massachusetts Sierra Club joined Ipswich residents from the Free the Ipswich River campaign at a canvass to speak with residents about the benefits of removing the Ipswich Mills Dam. There is a lot of history attached to the dam and nostalgia is a powerful emotion, but in the face of climate change, it is critical that we evaluate the mitigations that will protect our environment and our communities, such as dam removal.

Removal of the Ipswich Mills Dam would have a significant impact including:

- ✅ Improving the health of the Ipswich River
- ✅ Saving taxpayers money long term
- ✅ Restoring a rare freshwater tidal habitat

If you would like to learn more about this project and how you can support the advocates in Ipswich, visit the [Ipswich River Watershed Association](#) and take a few minutes to watch the excellent short film [Our Responsibility: Freeing the Ipswich River](#).

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## Legislative Update



The Massachusetts legislative session is over 90% done and important environmental priorities still haven't passed! Time is running out -- our next shot will be in 2026!

**Take action TODAY for strong climate legislation:**

- ✉ [Email legislative leaders](#) and let them know that they must prioritize the environment before the end of session on July 31!

📅 Join us as part of [Mass Power Forward's Lobby Day](#) on June 20th if you'd like to take further action!

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## Reducing Toxics and Plastics

On Monday June 3rd, the Town of Cohasset adopted a Plastic Water Bottle Ban bylaw that will reduce plastic waste, harmful pollution and carbon emissions. The Massachusetts Chapter sent a [letter of support](#) and mobilized our members in Cohasset to support the bylaw.



This victory marks 28 Massachusetts communities across 8 counties to ban single-use bottled water! **Thank you to all the activists who made this possible!**

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

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## Friend & Partner Events

### [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.

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## What We're Reading

- Distributed justice must be key in state energy efficiency plan ([CommonWealth Beacon](#))
- Massachusetts kicks off first pilot to shift gas utilities to clean heat ([Canary Media](#))
- Gas interests helped take down climate regulations in Berkeley, Calif. Massachusetts could be next. ([Boston Globe](#))
- Massachusetts to recharge solar programs for low-income residents with \$156M federal grant ([Energy News Network](#))
- New England's largest fossil fuel electric plant is shutting down ([WBUR](#))
- Biden-Harris Administration announces over \$42 million in rebates for Clean School Buses across Massachusetts as part of Investing in America agenda ([EPA](#))
- Gas bans are being challenged across the country. Mass. could be next. ([Boston Globe](#))



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