



Events, Updates, News, and more!
July 2024

Dear Emma,

As the days of the 2022-2024 legislative session slip away, we are eager for the MA House of Representatives to meet the moment and pass a strong equity-focused climate bill! We need action now to meet MA's climate goals before the legislative session ends on July 31st. To keep the pressure on, send a message to your state representative AND bring a friend to the [rally this Saturday July 13th in Boston at 1pm!](#)

Tell your state representative to pass a strong climate bill!

The [Senate passed a climate bill](#) at the end of June, but the House must pass a bill as well before the chambers can resolve differences in conference committee. [Check out this blog](#), written by State Political Director, Jess Nahigian, for an overview of what was passed in the senate bill!

👊 Let's push strong before the session ends!

Upcoming Chapter Events

Crane Ledge Woods Walk

Fri, July 12
1:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Join Crane Ledge Woods Coalition and Sierra Club MA for a walk and talk around the edges of this beautiful urban forest! Advocates will speak about their efforts to get this special area protected from development. There has been a major update in the campaign recently with the developers submitting a lawsuit against the Boston Planning and Development Agency for its two disapprovals of a proposed luxury housing project.

Evans Notch Hike (Rescheduled from June!)

Sat, July 13
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.

Rally for Climate Justice!

Sat, July 13
1:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

The MA Sierra Club is joining the MA Youth Climate Coalition and Mass Power Forward Coalition at the Boston Common to call on our state legislature to commit to climate action. The legislative session is drawing to an end and we still don't have a comprehensive climate bill on the governor's desk. We need a bill that electrifies our energy infrastructure, energizes our green transition, and enhances environmental justice. Join us to show our legislators that we the people demand action to protect our environment and communities now.

LGBTQ+ Affinity walk at Beaver Brook Reservation (Rescheduled date!)

Mon, July 15
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 and will loop us back to the start. This walk will provide us the opportunity for open conversations about what Pride means to us. Optional social afterwards at Mighty Squirrel Brewing Company.

Plant-based Cooking Demonstration

Sun, July 21
7:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Join our Plant-Based Planet Team to learn how to make delicious plant-based food in the comfort of your home. Please register to participate, instructions for joining via Zoom or phone will be sent one day in advance.

Our Sustainable Kitchen Plant-based Cooking Class

Tues, July 30
7:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Join our Plant-Based Planet for a sustainable cooking class! Chef Diana Goldman will show you how to make delicious, plant-based food at home. She'll also be glad to answer your questions about plant-based food preparation and nutrition.

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 🌟

Take Action on PFAS

Twenty six states have passed laws to restrict PFAS, a large class of toxic industrial chemicals, in one or more products, *but Massachusetts isn't one of them.* We must stop making, consuming, and disposing of items containing these dangerous forever chemicals.

Time is running out: Tell your state legislators that you want them to vote before the July 31st legislative session deadline to pass the Act to Protect Massachusetts public health from PFAS.

[➡ Send a message today! ⬅](#)

Support the Chapter



Plastic Reduction Wins



At the end of June, an overwhelming bipartisan majority of the Massachusetts Senate [voted to pass Senate Bill 2830](#), the Plastics Reduction Act, which would:

- 🚫 Ban carry-out plastic bags and black plastic containers
- 🚫 Stop state agencies from purchasing single-use plastic bottles
- 🍴 Make restaurant food service accessories like utensils and straws optional
- ♻️ Create a new statewide program to recycle large plastic objects

The bill now needs to pass the House in order to become law! [Contact your State Representative](#) and tell them to pass the bill before July 31!

Are you registered to vote?



Summer's in full swing, but the state primary elections are just around the corner! [Have you registered to vote yet?](#)

- 📅 The State Primaries are held on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024.
- 🕒 Polling hours are from 7am to 8pm.
- 🗳️ There are several offices on the ballot including the U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor's Councilor, State Senator, State Representative, Register of Deeds, Clerk of Courts, and, in some counties, County Commissioner.

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

What We're Reading

- Advocates press for more emphasis on environmental justice populations ([CommonWealth Beacon](#))
- New Peabody 'peaker' power plant prepares to go online less green than promised ([WGBH](#))
- 'Not adequate': State wants more from developers on Hanscom expansion ([Concord Bridge](#))
- Mass. Senate advances energy reforms ([WGBH](#))

- State officials reject environmental impact review of Hanscom Airport expansion ([Boston Globe](#))
- BOEM Approves Construction and Operations Plan for Sunrise Wind's Offshore Wind Project ([BOEM](#))
- Senate in Massachusetts passes bill curtailing use of plastics including bags, straws ([AP](#))
- Massachusetts moves toward plastic-bag ban as New Bedford moves away. What to know. ([SouthCoast TODAY](#))
- The transition away from natural gas has to get started ([CommonWealth Beacon](#))



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