



Events, Updates, News, and more!  
September 2024

Dear Emma,

Happy September! It's hard to believe that fall is just around the corner, but here at the Massachusetts Chapter we are keeping the pressure on our legislators and continuing to push for bold climate action around the state.

🌿 Keep reading to learn what's coming up at the chapter and how you can get involved!

## Upcoming Chapter Events

### Crown Jewels Film Screening at Patagonia Boston

**TODAY!**  
**Thurs, Sept 5**  
**6:30pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

Come see a film about gorgeous old growth forests at Patagonia Boston with [Standing Trees](#), Environment America, and Massachusetts Sierra Club! "Crown Jewels" documents a year-long journey through some of the last ancient forests on US public lands, highlighting their crucial role in protecting our land, air, and water. Q&A afterwards with Zack Porter, Standing Trees Executive Director.

*Can't attend the film screening in person? Join our Forest Protection Team for a [virtual screening on Thursday, Sept. 12th!](#)*

### Climate Walk and Talk: Arnold Arboretum

**Sat, Sept. 7**  
**12:00pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

Join us for a beautiful walk through the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University! Event organizers will facilitate discussions for participants to talk openly about their worries regarding ecological and climate crises happening around the globe and release their anxieties about the future. We'll also share positive news regarding recent international and local environmental advocacy and how these changes can inspire hope!

### Ice Cream Social: Legislative Group Open Mixer

**Mon, Sept 9**  
**5:00pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

The legislative session ended in disaster...or did it? Come learn about what happened and where we go from here. Meet other Sierra Club members like you who care about the environment and also weighed in to push for a strong bill addressing climate change. Join us for ice cream, information, and new friends!

### New Volunteer Orientation

**Wed, Sept 11**  
**5:00pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

Want to get involved with our volunteer teams and campaigns? Join us for a virtual welcome orientation to meet staff and volunteers, learn about our various volunteer teams, how you can get involved and start making an immediate impact in your local community!

### Letter to the Editor (LTE) Training: Climate Legislation

**Thurs, Sept 19**  
**6:30pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

We urgently need the state legislature to reconvene for a special formal session this fall to pass a climate bill that addresses the climate crisis! Join us to write a Letter to the Editor urging your legislators to support a bill that protects environmental justice communities and responsibly moves us away from fossil fuels like methane gas. We'll set you up with everything you need!

### Plant Based Cooking Demonstration

**Sun, Sept 22**  
**7:00pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

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

### Seasonal Picnic Series: Corey Hill, Brookline

**Fri, Sept 27**  
**5:30pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

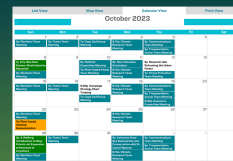
We're going to welcome the Autumn by taking over Corey Hill, a small park up Summit Ave in Brookline (in between York Terrace and Jordan Road). Bring your own picnic, and join us to relax and enjoy the sunset, weather permitting!

### 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 ✨

Even though the traditional formal session has concluded, House Speaker Ron Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka have the power to reconvene the legislature in a formal session this fall. **The only way we can pass a robust climate bill this year is by encouraging our legislators to return for a special formal fall session.**

[➡ Send a message to your state legislators and Governor Healey to tell them we need a robust climate bill this fall!](#)

## Support the Chapter



## Stop Project Maple

Stop Project Maple is a multi-state coalition of nearly 100 community organizations in opposition to [Enbridge's](#) proposed expansion of the "Algonquin" Gas Transmission (AGT) Pipeline system in the Northeast, [affecting New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts](#). This will be the third expansion on this gas pipeline in a decade.

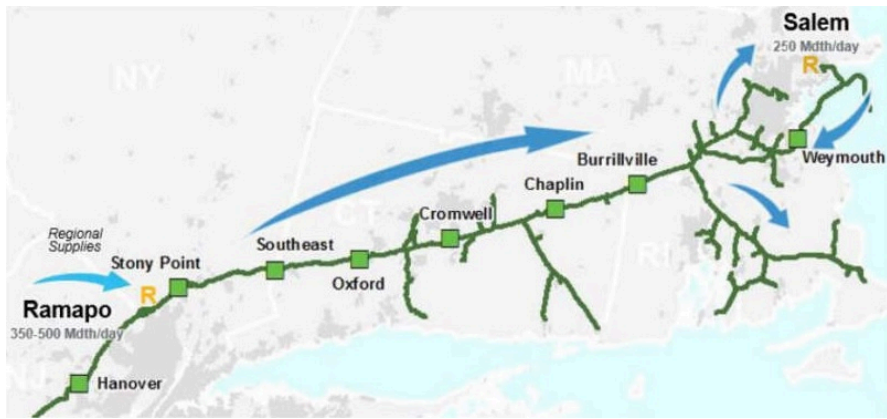
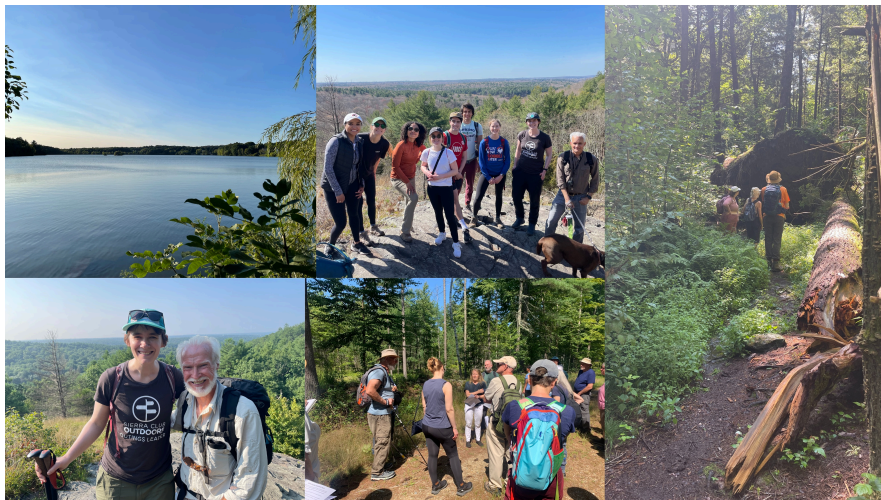


Photo: Enbridge

We are doing one final push to get elected officials in MA to tell Governor Healey that when the time comes, she should do all in her power to stop Enbridge's multi-state pipeline expansion.

- ➡ [Sign on letter link](#) you can send to elected officials.
- ➡ [Sample email](#) you can send to elected officials, requesting they sign (sign on link included).
- ➡ [Tracker](#) to see who has already signed on.
- ➡ [Easy-send letter](#) for residents to send to their legislators and the Governor!
- 👉 [Sign-on as an individual here.](#)

## Outings Highlights



We've had some amazing outings around the state over the past few months -- check out a few highlights!

- 🍷 Picnicking at the beautiful Horn Pond in Woburn
- 🌅 Sunrise hiking in the Blue Hills
- 👤 Connecting with the Military Outdoors community
- 🌲 Learning about Old Growth Forests at the William Cullen Bryant Estate
- 💧 Exploring undisturbed forests at the Quabbin Reservoir

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

## Friend & Partner Opportunities

[What 3M Knew About PFAS: A Conversation with Former 3M Chemist Kris Hansen, PhD](#)

📅 September 18th at 12pm ET

📍 Virtual webinar

Join the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition for a webinar about Kris Hansen's groundbreaking PFAS research at 3M, and how 3M executives buried data, dismissed the science and minimized the risks.

## [Heat Pump Curious? AMA w/ Elephant Energy, Sierra Club CO & Electrified Homeowners](#)

 **September 19th at 8pm ET**

 **Virtual webinar**

Join Sierra Club for an interactive AMA (Ask Me Anything) with Elephant Energy and real homeowners who've switched! Whether you're just starting to explore your options or already in the process, this webinar is your chance to get answers to all your questions. Plus, learn more about the financial incentives available in Massachusetts that can make your transition even more affordable.

## [Climate Resilient Schools Youth Cohort Application \(2024-25\)](#)

For the 2024-2025 school year, the Climate Resilient Schools Coalition is launching a youth cohort to support up to fifteen 9th-12th grade public school (including public charter) students in leading campaigns for climate action resolutions at the school district level. The program will run from October 21st - May 31, and participants should plan to devote roughly three hours per week to completing cohort programming, as outlined below.

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## What We're Reading

- New program trains geothermal drillers to meet growing need in Massachusetts ([WGBH](#))
- Healey-Driscoll Administration Celebrates More than \$16 Million in Federal Funding for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations ([Mass Gov](#))
- State's climate chief says 'compromise' may be in the works for Mount Washington forest project after top officials tour site ([The Berkshire Eagle](#))
- Massachusetts cities are quickly embracing new emission-slashing building code option ([Energy News Network](#))
- Massachusetts has received billions in federal clean-energy dollars, and is on track for more. What if Trump is elected? ([Boston Globe](#))
- Sea levels reach new high in 2023, Earth 'shatters' several climate records, new report finds ([Boston Globe](#))
- Holtec argues state has no authority to ban radioactive water discharge into Cape Cod Bay ([WBUR](#))



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