



Events, Updates, News, and more!
November 2024

Dear Emma,

Tomorrow is Election Day! If you haven't voted already, make a plan to get to your polling location tomorrow. Polls are open from 7am-8pm.

Now is a critical time for the climate, and we need all hands on deck. Consider [becoming a member today](#) or [give the gift of membership](#) this holiday season.

Keep reading to see what we've been up to at the Chapter in the last few weeks!

Upcoming Chapter Events

Processing and Reflection Community Space

Wed, Nov 6
5:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

We've been hearing and feeling a lot of stress surrounding this election. We have no idea what we will know by the time of this event, but we think it's important to hold a space for processing and reflection. This will be hybrid, with zoom and in-person options available.

Chapter Book Club! 📖

Thurs, Nov 7
6:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

We are launching a book club, and we want you to join us! We'll be starting with the book: "What If We Get it Right: Visions of Climate Futures" by Ayanna Elizabeth Johnson. Register and then read a little, read a lot, or not at all... whatever you can fit in and no pressure, just join us for community and conversation.

Middlesex Fells Reservation: Fall Foliage Viewing Outing

Sun, Nov 10
10:00am

[RSVP Here](#)

Join the Chapter on an expedition around the reservoir areas of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. Together, we'll experience the enchanting beauty of fall foliage while discussing the climate challenges threatening this cherished season.

How to Make our Energy Bills Fairer and Cleaner

Wed, Nov 13
5:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

You've probably noticed your electric bills rising over the years. As we move to an electric energy system powered by renewable electricity, higher rates are a financial burden and a barrier to transitioning from fossil fuels to clean energy. Join us as we talk about how to make our energy bills fairer and cleaner, learn what the state is doing, and find out how to make change.

Plant-based Cooking Demonstration

Sun, Nov 17
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.

Upcoming Committee and Team Meetings

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

[Events Calendar](#)



✨ Volunteer Action of the Month ✨

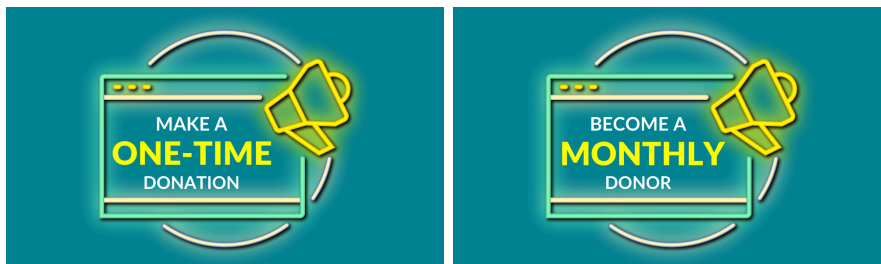
Cape Cod Gateway Airport must not be allowed to expand unless work begins with cleanup of PFAS-contaminated sites threatening Hyannis area water supplies, residents, workers, and visitors.

Compliance with the Commonwealth's greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements should also be required.

Your voice is needed to help ensure that Rebecca Tepper, Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs (EEA) for Governor Maura Healey, rejects the Airport's expansion plan based on an incomplete and fatally flawed Final Environmental Impact Report. *Comments must be submitted by November 8.*

[➔ Add your voice to this important campaign! ➔](#)

Support the Chapter



Food Justice and Climate Policy

This past summer we were grateful to have Tami Gordon join our team as our Climate Leadership Intern! Tami's work focused on municipal climate research, and they had the opportunity to dig into the topic of environmental justice and food policy. Check out an excerpt from their reflective blog post..



The land took care of us.

Physically, community farms, like this one, helped give abandoned plots new life and gave communities autonomy from additional exposure to vehicular emissions from long distance transport.

Emotionally, swaths of people took to the farm to take care of their heart -

stewarding love through labor towards restoring food sovereignty when COVID dismantled local food production systems.

Keep reading Tami's full blog →

Climate Bill Update



Advocates at the State House last week. Photo by Dan Zackin.

The MA House of Representatives still has not passed the climate bill, despite the [Senate passing the bill in a reconvened formal session](#) last week. Instead, the Speaker of the House, Ron Mariano, has said he will defer calling the House back until an economic development bill emerges.

🌱 The climate bill must not be tied to the fate of a yet-to-be-seen economic development bill.

🗳️ After the legislative failure this summer, we are now very close to the passage of an excellent climate bill. We must not see a second failure.

📣 Your voice is needed to send a message to your state Representative that they must bring the climate bill forward now!

Send a message to your state Rep!

New Offshore Wind Bid Winners



Last week, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management announced two offshore wind bid winners on four lease areas in the Gulf of Maine! [Today's sale marks significant progress](#) toward developing responsible, equitable offshore wind in New England. Two lease areas went to Invenergy NE Offshore Wind, and two went to Avangrid Renewables.

🌍 The wind in the Gulf of Maine is stronger than almost anywhere in the world.

🏠 The areas auctioned last week have the potential to power 2.3 million homes.

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

What We're Reading

- Here's how much your Eversource natural gas bill could go up this winter ([Boston Globe](#))
- First wind leases provisionally awarded east of Cape Cod. What to know. ([Cape Cod Times](#))
- A warning about Project Maple ([CommonWealth Beacon](#))
- Some Mass. voters express frustration over lack of emphasis on climate change ([Milford Daily News](#))
- In unusual move, Mass. Senate reopens formal session to pass sweeping climate bill ([Boston Globe](#))

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