



Events, Updates, News, and more!
December 2024

Dear Emma,

The end of the year is approaching fast! Here at the Chapter, we are diving into 2025 campaign planning and taking time to reflect and report on the last year of climate and environmental action in Massachusetts. Keep reading for updates and events in the last month of the year!

Upcoming Chapter Events

Chapter Book Club

Thurs, Dec 5
6:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Join us for book club! We're discussing "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.

Plant-based Cooking Demonstration

Sun, Dec 15
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.

Write Holiday Cards to MA Legislators!

Mon, Dec 16
6:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Join the MA Sierra Club Legislative team in writing holiday cards to MA legislators! This hybrid event will help set the stage for advocacy in the next legislative session while celebrating the recent passage of the energy/climate bill. The benefits of joining us in person are that we will be providing cards, postage, and snacks! Attendees on Zoom will need to provide their own materials.

Chapter Book Club

Thurs, Dec 19
6:00pm

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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 ✨

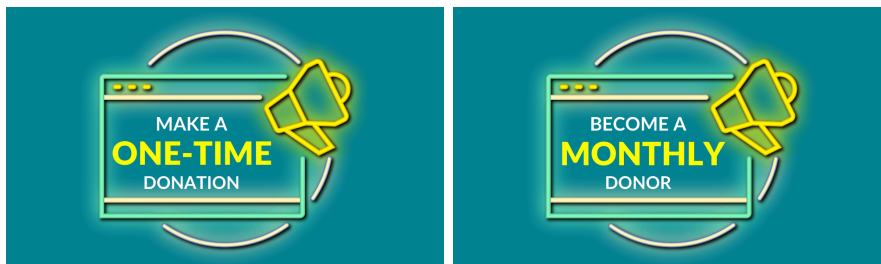
In Massachusetts, nearly 13% of children and more than 10% of adults suffer from asthma, with rates even higher among people of color. We know

that truck emissions are a cause of respiratory issues.

The Heavy-Duty Omnibus (HDO) rule requires new combustion truck engines sold in Massachusetts to be significantly cleaner. Now the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is wanting to delay the implementation of the HDO rule.

➔ [Send a message to show your support for the HDO rule to be implemented!](#)

Support the Chapter



Gov. Healey Signs Climate Bill



Advocates and partners standing with Governor Healey at the bill signing ceremony on Tuesday.

Governor Healey has now officially signed the 2024 Massachusetts Climate Bill into law, *An Act promoting a clean energy grid, advancing equity, and protecting ratepayers.* Looking toward the new year, we will continue to work to ensure all provisions are implemented with the least impact on communities and our natural environment.

➔ Check out this [summary of bill provisions](#) to better understand what was included in the final bill language!

Methane Pipelines, Climate Change, & What Comes Next

Across New England and the U.S., the extraction, transportation, and burning of fossil fuels continues to increase even as it destroys our climate. [Project Maple](#) is Enbridge's proposed expansion of a methane pipeline in NY, CT, RI, and MA. If allowed to move forward, it would continue to tie our region to dirty fossil fuels, raise energy ratepayer rates, pollute the air of our communities, and prevent our states from meeting their climate goals.

METHANE PIPELINES, CLIMATE CHANGE, & WHAT COMES NEXT

Webinar with **Bill McKibben**

Learn about Project Maple and hear from **Dr. Sandra Steingraber**, biologist and author.

Jan 28th @ 7pm

Register now!

More Information: sena.wazer@sierraclub.org

Join the webinar on January 28th at 7pm to hear from **Bill McKibben**, who is a renowned author and the founder of Third Act, an organization focused on organizing people over the age of 60 for climate action. In addition, learn more about Project Maple and hear from **Dr. Sandra Steingraber**, New York biologist and author.

[RSVP Here →](#)

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

Friend & Partner Events

[Community Climate Actions](#)

December 7th from 10am-12pm

Virtual Event

This year, [Sustainable Middlesex](#) is honored to welcome **Secretary Rebecca Tepper** from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs as our keynote speaker. Following Secretary Tepper's address, we'll showcase a series of rapid, "lightning" presentations highlighting successful town-level climate initiatives that can be adapted and implemented in your own community.

[Climate Action Now: Wildlands Campaign Kick Off](#)

December 11th at 6:30pm

Virtual Event

Climate Action Now welcomes individuals and organizations ready to take action to identify and protect priority Wildlands to join our new campaign. Learn about the campaign [here](#), and sign up for our first campaign planning meeting on December 11 at 6:30pm [here](#).

What We're Reading

- This Boston Start-up Has a Recipe for Low-Carbon Cement ([Sierra Magazine](#))
- After years of challenges, new climate law pushes Cape Cod historic district to allow more solar ([WCAI](#))
- This family made a change that many are debating: They got their home off oil and gas ([Boston Globe](#))

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