



MASSACHUSETTS
**DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY RESOURCES**

2026 DOER Town Hall

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Commissioner



Welcome!

Welcome to DOER's Virtual Town Hall

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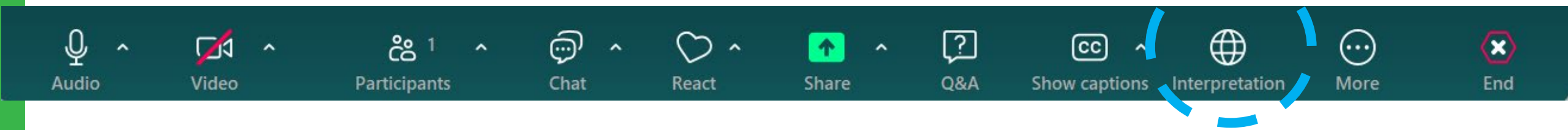
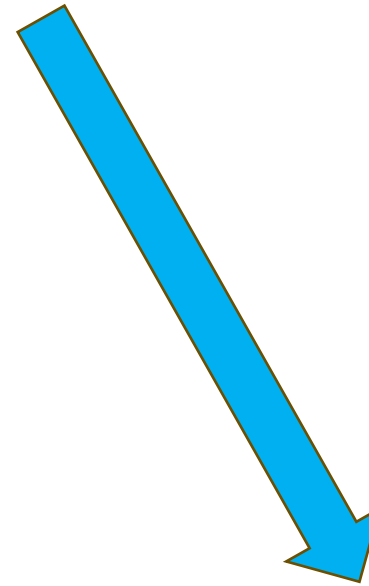
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Agenda

Welcome

Introduction to DOER

2025 Accomplishments

2026 Goals and Projects

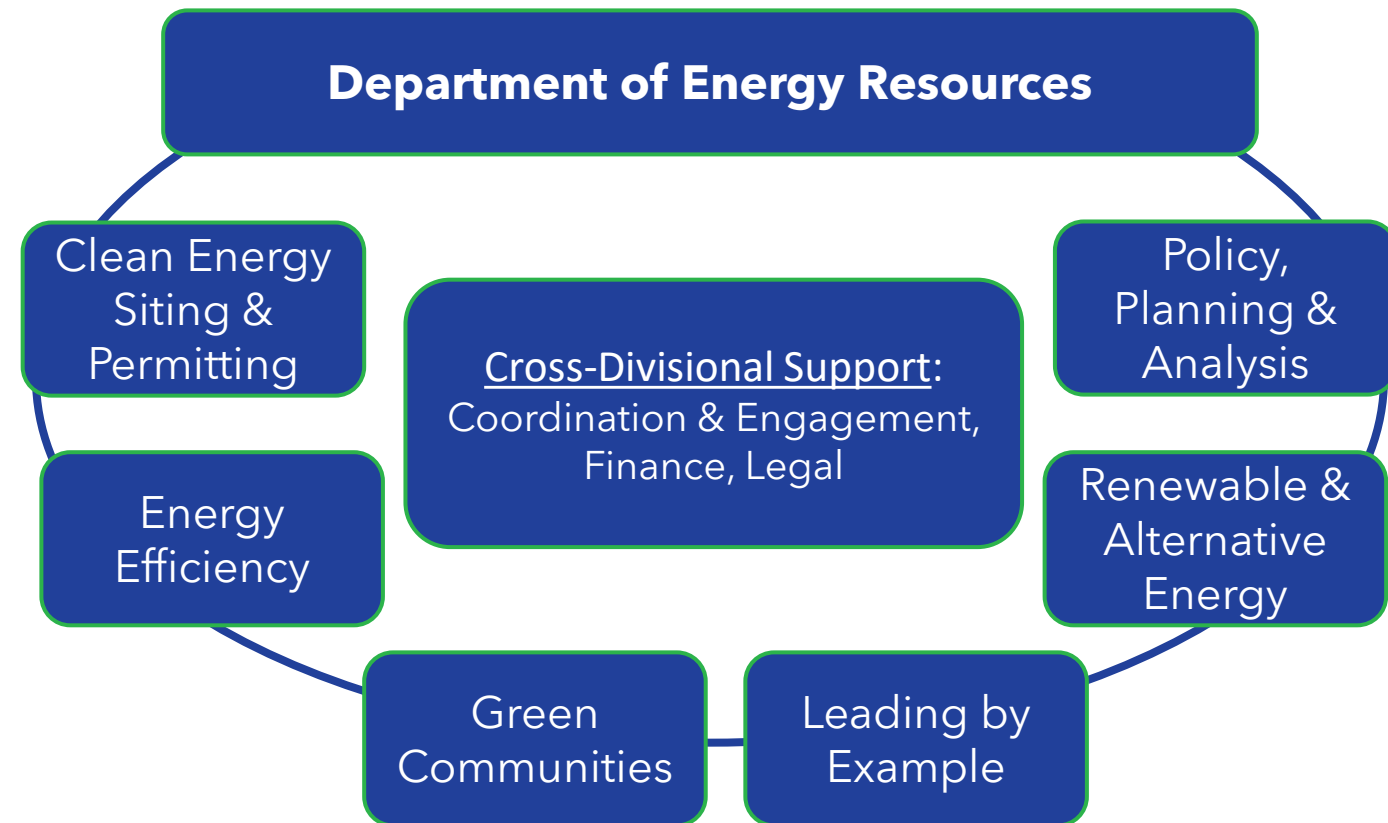
2026 Goals and Projects by Division

Questions and Answers

About DOER

Mission: To create a clean, affordable, resilient, and equitable energy future for all in the Commonwealth.

We are an agency
of the Executive Office of
Energy and Environmental
Affairs (EEA)



2025 Key Accomplishments

- Clean Energy Siting & Permitting
- Electric Vehicle Rebates (MOR-EV)
- Grants – Climate Leaders, Energy Efficiency, EV Charging, Green Communities, Solar & Decarbonization, Storage
- Large Building Energy Reporting (LBER)
- Merrimack Valley Renewal Fund (MVRF) Renew Program
- Mass Save 2025-2027 Plan Launch
- Procurements – Storage, Regional Clean Energy
- Rulemakings Process for Multiple Regulations
- Seasonal Heat Pump Rate
- Solar Incentive Program Launch (SMART 3.0)



2026 Goals

- Implement core and new programs and regulations
- Identify mechanisms to reduce energy costs
- Disburse funding through grant programs to maximize impact
- Develop strategic and effective energy policy
- Ensure transparency, accessibility, and robust stakeholder engagement
- Create pathways for decarbonization
- Coordinate with neighboring states and regions



2026 Key Projects

- Climate Leader Communities & State Decarbonization
- Electric Rates Petition & Other Regulatory Intervention
- Federal Funding Deployment
- Maintaining 2025-2027 Mass Save Approved Budgets and Engaging Stakeholders in 2028-2030 Mass Save Planning
- Merrimack Valley Renewal Fund (MVRF)
- Procurements – Energy Storage (83E), Regional Clean Energy
- Rulemakings Process for Multiple Regulations
- Siting & Permitting – Regulations & Technical Assistance
- Solar and Storage Grants & Incentives
- Website Reorganization and Accessibility



Clean Energy Siting & Permitting Goals

Goals for 2026

Issue Guidance for Small Clean Energy Siting & Permitting

- Regulations
- Guidelines
- Model Bylaws

Develop and Launch Technical Assistance & Infrastructure

- Clean Energy Infrastructure Facility Application Portal
- Municipal training materials

Continue Public Engagement to Educate and Gather Feedback

- An ongoing iterative process

Develop Internal Processes and Systems

- New team, new regs, new projects



Clean Energy Siting & Permitting Projects

2026 Key Projects

Regulations & Guidelines

- All final rules by July 1

Technical Assistance

- Resources and trainings for municipalities, applicants, and members of public

Application Portal

- Supports universal application
- Provides ongoing data



2026 Timelines

- **March 1:** Promulgate Regulations
- **Spring/Summer:**
 - Issue Guidelines, Model Bylaws
 - Develop/Launch Guidance Materials and Technical Assistance
 - Launch online permitting portal

Public Engagement Opportunities

- **Winter:** Public comment for Guidelines
- **Spring:** Technical assistance, trainings
- **Ongoing:** [Contact your Siting & Permitting Regional Coordinator](#) with questions
- **Ongoing:** Feedback on small clean energy siting & permitting infrastructure at DOER.Siting.Permitting@mass.gov

Coordination & Engagement Goals

Goals for 2026

Coordination with Internal and External Partners

- ResilientMass
- EEA Federal and Regional Affairs
- EEA Office of Environmental Justice and Equity
- Energy Security
- Office of Climate, Innovation, and Resilience
- Office of the Governor, Community Affairs

Support Cross Division Policies and Goals

- External Affairs - Communications and Legislative Affairs
- Equity, Environmental and Energy Justice
- Federal Coordination
- Resilience



Coordination & Engagement Projects

2026 Key Projects

External Engagement Improvements

- Comprehensive strategy for public engagement
- Digital accessibility
- Website reorganization

Streamline and Improve Agency Operations

- Grant administration
- Program design and implementation



2026 Timelines

Fall: Website reorganization

Public Engagement Opportunities

Website reorganization will highlight engagement opportunities for program and policy implementation

Energy Efficiency Goals

Goals for 2026

Support Building Decarbonization in Massachusetts

- Oversight & planning for Mass Save program
- Update building energy codes, training and technical assistance
- Update Commercial PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) guidelines with Mass Development

Facilitate Launch and Deployment of Grant Funding

- Federally funded programs
- Merrimack Valley Renewal Fund (MVRF)

Improve Large Building Energy Reporting

- Implement 2nd compliance year

Improve Opportunities for Public Feedback



Energy Efficiency Projects

2026 Key Projects

Federal Programs

- Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG)
- Home Energy Rebates (HER / HEAR)

Regulations & Guidelines

- Building energy codes
- Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE)
- Large Building Energy Reporting (LBER)

Mass Save Oversight & Planning

Merrimack Valley Renewal Fund



2026 Timelines

- **Spring:** Ready to Launch HER/HEAR
- **Summer:** Promulgate code regulations
- **Fall:** Publish LBER Report
- **Ongoing:** Public engagement improvements, MVRF Funding

Public Engagement Opportunities

- **February:** Public comment on proposed codes regulations revisions
- **Spring:** C-PACE public feedback on proposed guideline revisions
- **Ongoing:** [EEAC monthly public meetings](#)
- **Ongoing:** Energy code feedback through stretchcode@mass.gov and Mass Save program sponsored training
- **Ongoing:** stakeholder feedback on LBER at DOER.BER@mass.gov

Green Communities Goals

Goals for 2026

Support Municipal Decarbonization Efforts

- Update Tools and Resources on website
- Issue Model Bylaws – Solar and Battery Energy Storage Systems

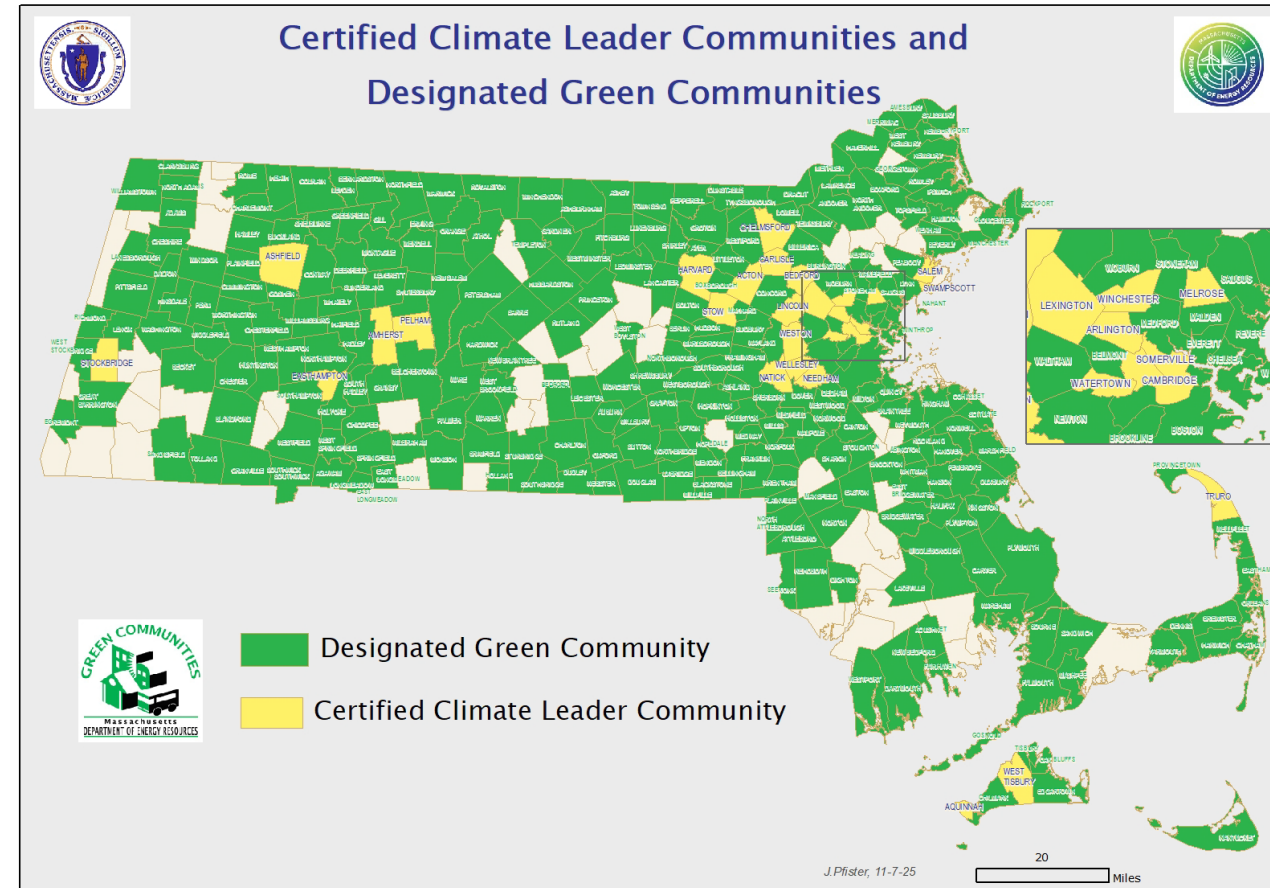
Facilitate Deployment of Grant Funding

- Climate Leader Communities
- Green Communities

Certification and Designation

- Achieve 35 Certified Climate Leader Communities
- Achieve 300 Designated Green Communities

Improve Metrics & Analysis



Green Communities Projects

2026 Key Projects

Grants

- Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META)
- Green Communities Competitive
- Municipal Decarb Roadmap Assistance
- Climate Leader Technical Support
- Regional School District Decarbonization
- Regional Energy Planning Assistance (REPA)
- Climate Leader Decarbonization Accelerator

Model Bylaws

Municipal Capacity Building & Coordination

Summit



2026 Timelines

- **Winter:** Issue Model Bylaws
- Visit our website for important program deadlines: [2026 Calendar](#)

Public Engagement Opportunities

- **Fall:** Green Communities + Leading by Example Annual Summit
- **Ongoing:** [Contact your Green Communities Regional Coordinator](#) for questions or support
- **Ongoing:** Topical webinars throughout the year
- **Ongoing:** [Join our email list](#) to receive notifications of grants and opportunities

Leading by Example Goals

Goals for 2026

LBE Executive Order 594 Implementation

- Support state fleets to meet vehicle electrification goals set in plans developed in 2025
- Facilitate reductions in onsite fossil fuel emissions at state sites through grants for small- and large-scale decarbonization projects
- Accelerate deployment of solar and battery storage at state sites to take advantage of federal tax credit
- Continue deployment of state fleet EV charging, including for domicile vehicles

MOR-EV Rebate Program

- Update regulations
- Monitor program participation in light of changing market conditions



Leading by Example Projects

2026 Key Projects

Grants

- Award over \$16M in solar grants
- Award \$15M in Decarbonization Implementation Grants (DIG)
- Award \$1.35M in state fleet EV charging awards to support fleet electrification
- Continue and expand awards through equipment decarbonization and solar restoration grants
- Implement Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle (CHDV) grant

MOR-EV Regulations

Renewable Diesel Guidance

FY25 EO 594 LBE Progress Report



2026 Timelines

- **Spring:** Update MOR-EV Regulations
- **Summer:** FY25 EO 594 LBE Progress Report
- **Winter:** Host 20th Annual LBE Recognition Awards

Public Engagement Opportunities

- **Spring:** MOR-EV regulations revision and public comment process
- **Fall:** Open LBE Recognition Award application for state agencies, campuses, municipalities, and state/municipal individuals

Policy, Planning & Analysis Goals

Goals for 2026

Advance Affordability through Rate Design

- Intervene in rate cases & utility investment proceedings to advance affordable and equitable rate redesigns

Advocate for Electrification, Resilience, and the Gas Transition

- Promote transparent and holistic grid planning
- Ensure integrated energy planning across gas and electric systems

Coordinate with Regional Partners on Clean Energy

- Pursue regional opportunities to secure new, affordable clean energy supply resources



Policy, Planning & Analysis Projects

2026 Key Projects

Regulatory Intervention

- Electric ratemaking petition and gas rate cases
- Climate Compliance Plans and strategic electrification pilots
- Plan for rollout of smart meters and cost-saving rate designs, EV programming

Load Management Study

- Publish final study & implement recommendations

Grid Modernization Advisory Council (GMAC)

- Stakeholder convenings and education

Clean Energy Procurements

- Contracting for selected solar projects
- Northern Maine energy and transmission
- Connecticut Zero-Carbon procurement



2026 Timelines

- **Winter:** Electric Rate Design Petition
- **Spring:** Publish Final Load Management Study & Peak Potential Report
- **Spring:** DOER briefing in [Climate Compliance Plans \(CCPs\)](#)
- **Summer:** RGGI final Program Review regulations

Public Engagement Opportunities

- **Ongoing:** [Monthly GMAC Meetings](#)
- **Fall:** GMAC public stakeholder event

Renewable & Alternative Energy Goals

Goals for 2026

Disburse Grant Funding for Renewable Energy Projects

- Advancing Massachusetts Power (AMP)
- Low-Income Services Solar Program (LISSP)

Support the Deployment and Readiness of Renewable Energy

- Energy Storage Procurement (83E)
- SMART 3.0
- Interconnection, grid planning, and ratemaking

Implement and Update Portfolio Standards

- RPS portal
- Regulations



Renewable & Alternative Energy Projects

2026 Key Projects

Grants

- Advancing Massachusetts Power
- Low-Income Services Solar Program

Procurement

- Energy Storage (83E)

Regulations & Guidelines

- Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)
- Clean Peak Energy Standard (CPS)
- SMART 3.0



2026 Timelines

- **Winter:** Roll out new RPS Application Portal
- **Winter/Spring:** SMART Filing
- **Winter/Spring:** Revise RPS Class I and II Regulations
- **Summer:** Award first AMP grants
- **Summer:** Roll out new RPS Compliance Portal
- **July 31:** Issue Round 2 83E RFP

Public Engagement Opportunities

- **Winter/Spring:** RPS Rulemaking Public Comments
- **Spring:** [Energy Storage Procurement](#) Public Comment on RFP

Questions and Answers

Have a Question?

- Please type your question in the Q&A box or click “raise hand” in your Zoom navigation bar
- If speaking, please introduce yourself before asking your question
- Please keep questions brief and respectful so we can get to as many as possible
- If you are in a channel with an interpreter and you have a question, please type your question in the Q&A box so it can be interpreted

***The Town Hall, including the Q&A portion, is being recorded and will be posted on DOER’s website**

DOER Wants to Hear From You

Please submit written comments to doer.energy@mass.gov by 5 PM on February 20th with "2026 Town Hall Public Comment" in the subject line

**All comments will be posted publicly on DOER's website*

Comments may respond to these questions:

- Do you have feedback on DOER's plans for 2026?
- How do DOER programs impact you?
- Was there anything you learned today about which you'd like to learn more?
- Do you have any recommendations for DOER's future public engagement?
- What do you think DOER's priorities should be?

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