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2026 MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SUMMIT

AGENDA & EVENT GUIDE

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026
8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Mechanics Hall
321 Main St, Worcester, MA 01608**



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8:30 - 6:00 PM

8:30 - 9:00 AM Registration & Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 AM Opening and Welcome (*Great Hall*)

Welcome Video: Andrea Campbell, AGO, Attorney General

Opening Remarks: Rebecca Tepper, EEA, Secretary

MORNING SESSIONS

9:30 - 10:15 AM Opening Plenary: Community Voices - Impacts and Responses

**10:15 - 11:00 AM Plenary Panel: The Federal Landscape, State Responses, & State
Environmental Justice Initiatives**

11:00 - 11:45 AM Plenary Panel: Tribal Sovereignty, Policy, Land, & History

11:45 - 12:00 PM Resource Shout-Outs & Afternoon Logistics

12:00 - 1:25 PM LUNCH, NETWORKING, & INFORMATION TABLES

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1:30PM - 2:20 PM Breakout Sessions

- Roundtable Conversation: Energy Justice & Workforce Development (*Great Hall*)
- Roundtable Conversation: Housing & EJ (*Boyden Salon*)
- Roundtable Conversation: Food Justice (*Waldo Lobby*)
- Immigration Rights and Resources: What do we need to know? (*Washburn Hall*)

2:30 - 3:20 PM Deep-Dive Breakout Sessions

- Community Engagement, Coalition Building, & Powershifting (*Great Hall*)
- Tribal Issues (*Boyden Salon*)
- Federal Legal Landscape (*Waldo Lobby*)
- State Regulation, Permitting, & Cumulative Impacts (*Washburn Hall*)

3:30 - 4:15 PM Regional Break-out Sessions

- Western Region (*Great Hall 1*)
- Southeastern Region (*Great Hall 2*)
- Central Region (*Boyden Salon*)
- Northeastern Region (*Waldo Lobby*)
- Greater Boston Region (*Washburn Hall*)

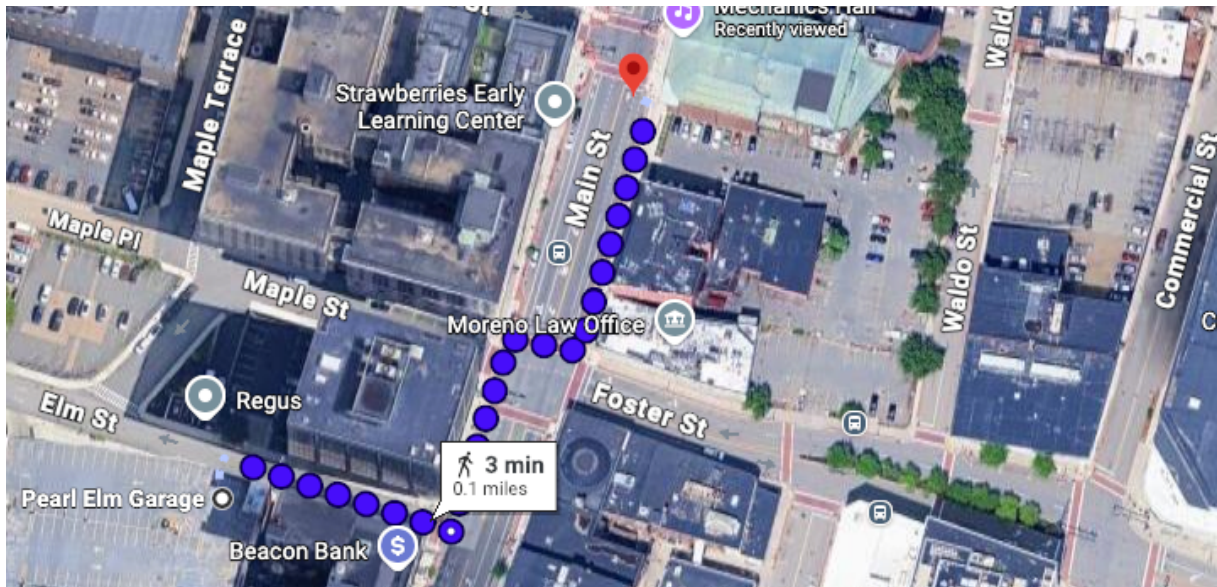
4:15 - 5:00 PM Report-Outs & Closing Remarks (*Great Hall*)

5:00 - 6:00 PM Cultural Performance & Reception (*Washburn Hall*)

WHERE SHOULD I PARK?

Attendees can park at **The Pearl-Elm Garage**

- Address: 20 Pearl St, Worcester, MA 01608
- Has entrances on both Pearl Street and Elm Street
- Mechanics Hall is a 3-4 minute walk from the garage



IS THERE PARKING VALIDATION?

- **Yes!** Bring your parking ticket into the venue so a staff member can apply a validation sticker, otherwise you will have to pay the full fee upon exiting the garage
- When exiting the garage, you will be prompted to provide payment. Proceed by scanning the barcode attached to the backside of your parking ticket.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS ON THE DAY OF?

On the the day of the summit, you may contact the following numbers:

Program related questions: 617-942-0311

Venue related questions: 508-752-5608, Ext. 237

WHAT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CAN I TAKE TO WORCESTER?

The MBTA Framingham/Worcester Commuter Rail Line provides service to Worcester Union Station from Boston, communities along the route, and other parts of Massachusetts connecting to Boston. From Union Station, Mechanics Hall is about a 10–15 minute walk.

Local and regional bus service is also available through the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA). View current MBTA schedules and fares at [MBTA Framingham/Worcester Line Schedule](#).

HOW CAN I GET TO THE VENUE IF I TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION?

Mechanics Hall is about a ten-minute walk from Union Station. See the below map for walking routes:



WHAT ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES DOES THE VENUE HAVE?

There are a few handicap parking spots behind the hall. Attendees with accessibility needs should enter through the Waldo Street Lobby of Mechanics Hall. The building is also equipped with ramps and an elevator for access.

WILL LANGUAGE ACCESS BE PROVIDED?

Interpretation will be provided in the following languages: Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, and Vietnamese. We will also have an ASL interpreter.

To help us ensure we have the appropriate interpretation services available, participants were invited to indicate any language needs during registration. If you require interpretation, please contact us at oeje.admin@mass.gov, so we can make arrangements to support you!

IS THERE FOOD AT THE EVENT?

Yes! Breakfast, lunch, and refreshments will be provided throughout the day for all registered attendees. Food is being catered by two businesses: Garden Fresh Catering & Deli, a Worcester-based restaurant offering a variety of paninis, pastries, and more; and Addie Lee's Soul Food, a family-owned restaurant in Worcester serving authentic Mississippi-style Southern comfort food. The menu will include a range of options to meet dietary needs and preferences identified during registration.



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WHAT ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SUMMIT?

For physical accessibility, there are a few handicap spots available at the back of the venue and is equipped with ramps and an elevator via the Waldo Street entrance.

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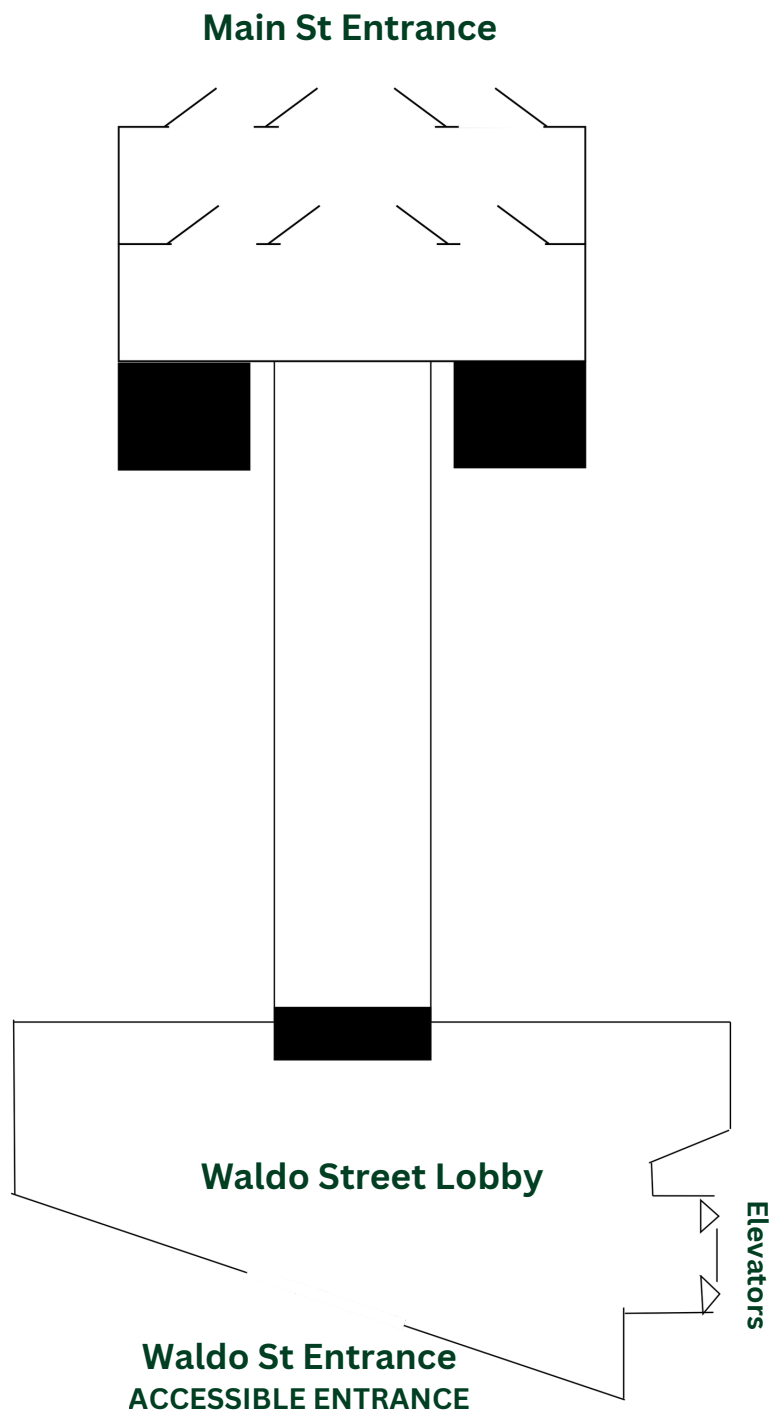
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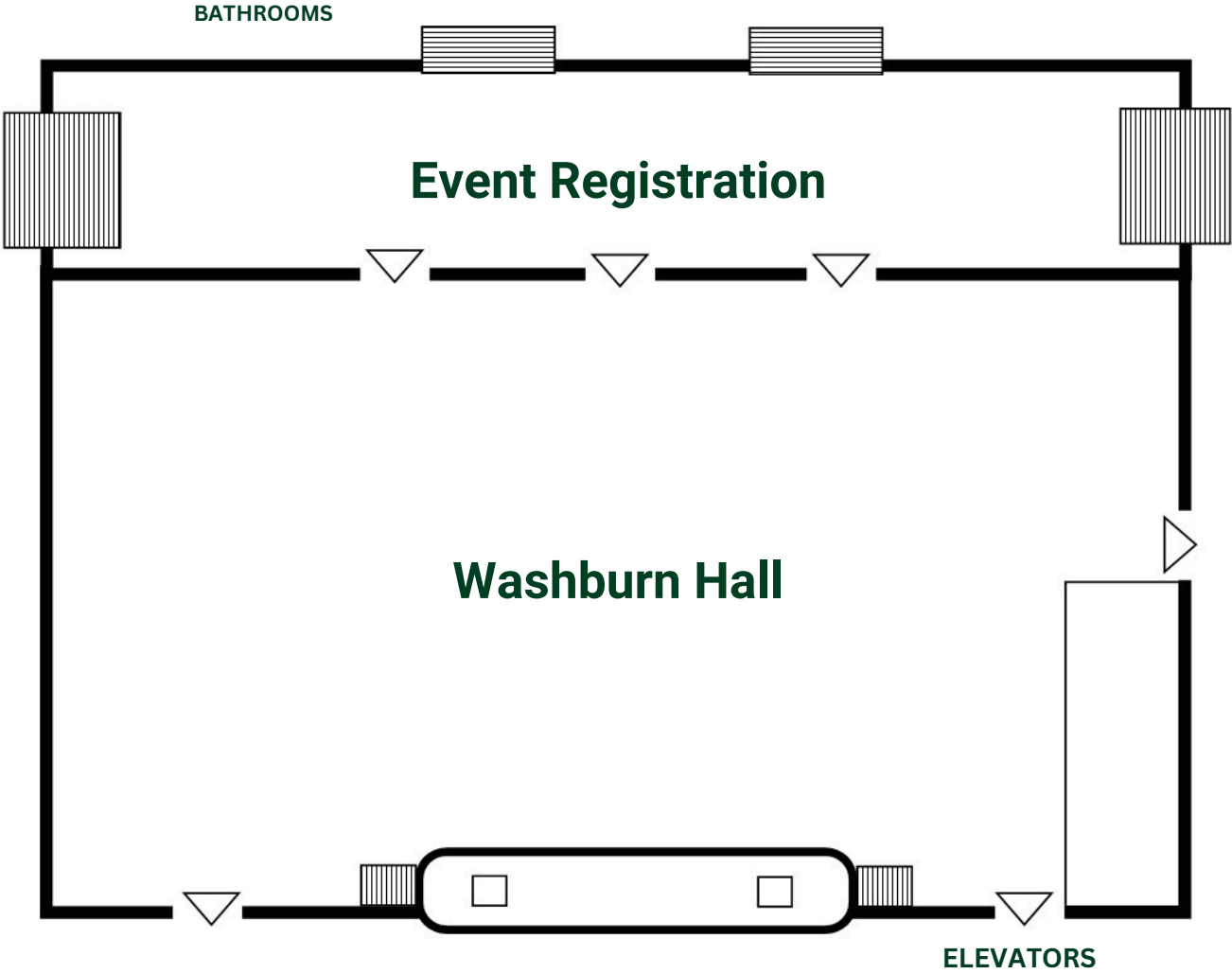
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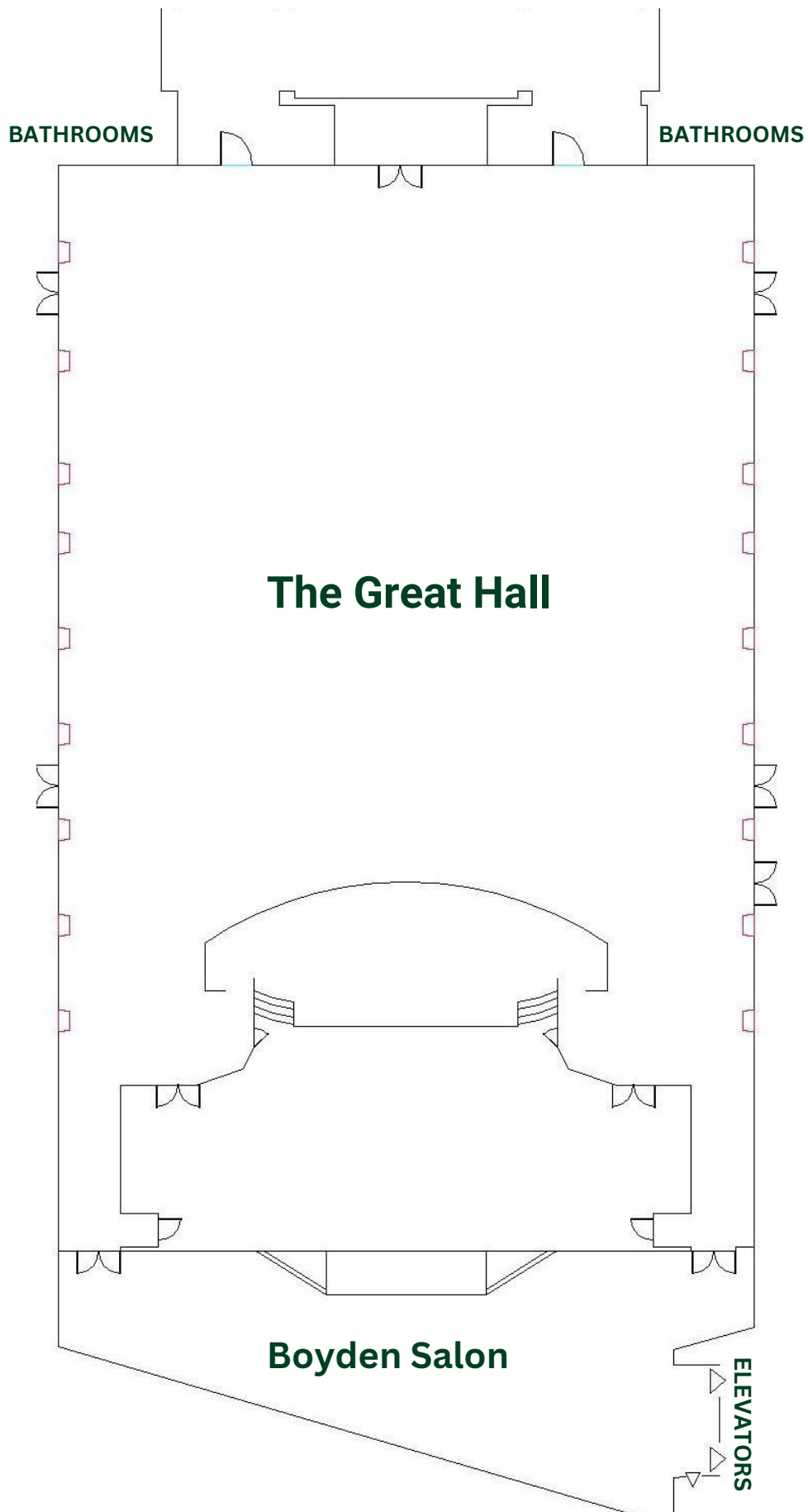
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Your feedback is important and will help us improve future events and strengthen our engagement with communities across Massachusetts. Please take 3-5 minutes to complete the post-event survey and share your experience with us.