



**Subject: Environmental Justice Council Meeting - In-Person with a Virtual Option– April 9, 2026**

Dear Environmental Justice Stakeholder,

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is convening the Environmental Justice Council (EJC) for its next meeting on **April 9, 2026, at 6:30 pm (EST)**. Council members will be discussing the EJ Population & Petition Process and EEA's new Grant Management System. A designated portion of the meeting will be allotted for general comments from the public.

**Please register for the meeting using this link:**

**[https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_Po9m\\_MmYS5aOYiTnUlybBQ](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Po9m_MmYS5aOYiTnUlybBQ)**

**Logistics.** This meeting will be hosted in person at Fisher Hill Elementary School, with a virtual option via Zoom. The meeting is estimated to last 90 minutes. The building is located at 59 Dexter Street, Orange, MA, 01364. It can be reached via the Athol/Orange shuttle, and the 32 bus. At the time of this invitation, N. Main Street (typical route to Dexter Street from downtown), is closed between School and Winter Streets due to construction. If you will be traveling from downtown Orange, take Mechanic Street, and then a left onto Lincoln Street. At the end of Lincoln Street, take a left and an immediate right (almost a U-turn) onto Dexter Street. The school is the first left off Dexter.

**Interpretation Support.** Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, and American Sign Language (ASL) will be provided virtually through Zoom. Spanish interpretation will be available in person. If you require interpretation in another language or any additional accommodations, please include that request in an email to [meetings@erg.com](mailto:meetings@erg.com). Requests must be submitted 48 hours prior to the meeting start time.

To get this information in English large print or Braille, call 1-877-623-6765. TTY: 1877-623-7773.

**Open Meeting Law.** The EJ Council operates under the Open Meeting Law [<https://www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law>] and welcomes members of the public who wish to observe its formal meetings.

**More Information About the EJC:** The EJC is appointed by the Governor to advise and provide recommendations to the Secretary of EEA on relevant policies and standards to achieve environmental justice principles. Such principles are defined by state law as “principles that support protection from environmental pollution and the ability to live in and enjoy a clean and healthy environment, regardless of race, color, income, class, handicap, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity or ancestry, religious belief or English language proficiency, which include: (i) the meaningful involvement of all people with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies, including climate change policies; and (ii) the equitable distribution of energy and environmental benefits and environmental burdens.” The law is stated at Section 62L at this link: [<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2021/Chapter8>].

Additional information about the EJC, future meetings and past meeting recordings can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/environmental-justice-council>. Please click “Select Language” on the top right of the webpage to translate the page.

Thank you,

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