**Clean Energy & Environment Legacy Transition** 

# Massachusetts CELT

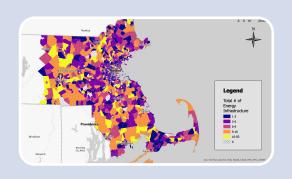
A World-Leading University/Industry/Community Collaborative Resource Center







#### COMPONENTS OF COLLABORATIVE RESOURCE CENTER









#### TARGET 01

Advance state and municipal initiatives on equitable decarbonization through data-driven decision support

#### **TARGET 02**

Enhance state and municipal capacity to secure and execute geothermal energy transition projects

#### **TARGET 03**

Support the growth of a diverse state workforce, tackling existing demographic imbalances

#### **TARGET 04**

Ensure consistent stream of large-scale funding & continued MA/Ireland collaboration in climate tech, energy, and sustainability

#### DATA FOR DECISION MAKING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Goals
  - Work with communities to make data more usable and accessible for decision making
  - Integrate datasets to answer questions around clean energy transitions
  - Help communicate progress through data





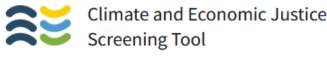








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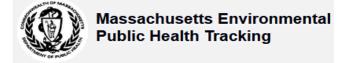






Sea Level Rise and Coastal Flooding Viewer

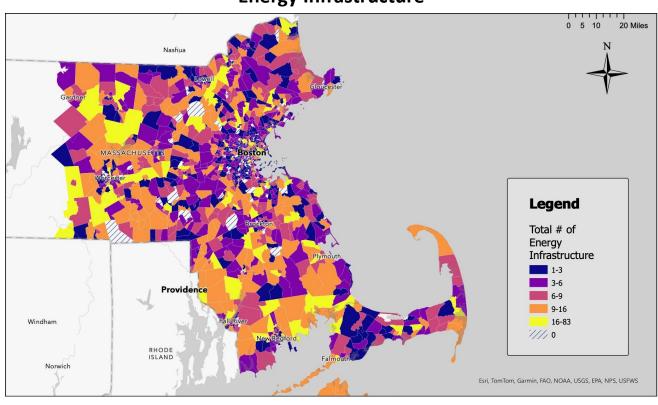




**Energy Infrastructure Exposure Intensity and Equity Indices (EI3) Database** 

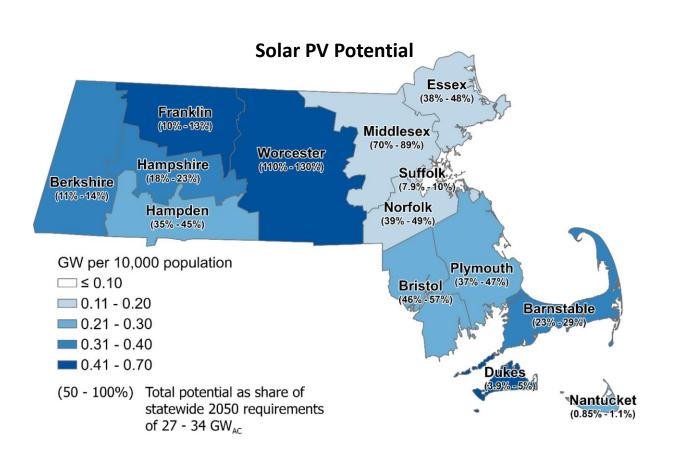
#### DATA TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY AND STATE DECISION-MAKING

#### **Energy Infrastructure**



- Scoping analysis of existing data and tools >> needs assessment
- Build new resource for cities and towns
- Support state decisions and measure progress

#### DATA TO SUPPORT AND MEASURE STATE PROGRESS



- Measure progress with key indicators:
  - Uptake of energy efficiency and clean energy
  - Reduction in energy and environmental burdens
- Answer key research questions on clean energy, equity, workforce development, etc.

#### ONGOING DATA-DRIVEN PROJECTS AT BU'S INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY









**Building Decarbonization** 

**EVERS**URCE

national

grid

Energy Access & Burden in Mass



https://visualizingenergy.org/



**Cutler Cleveland** 



**Patricia Fabian** 



Climate, Energy, Community Resilience



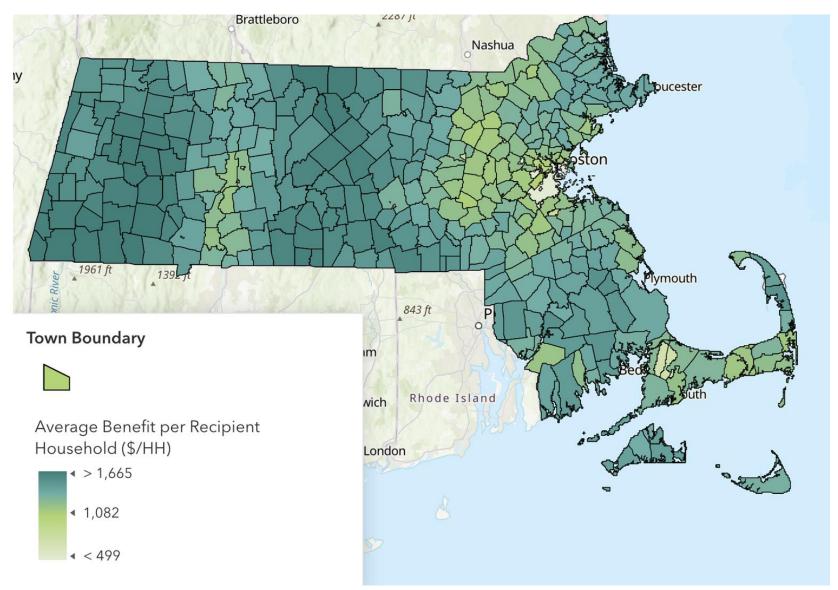
**Environmental Health Disparities in Mass** 



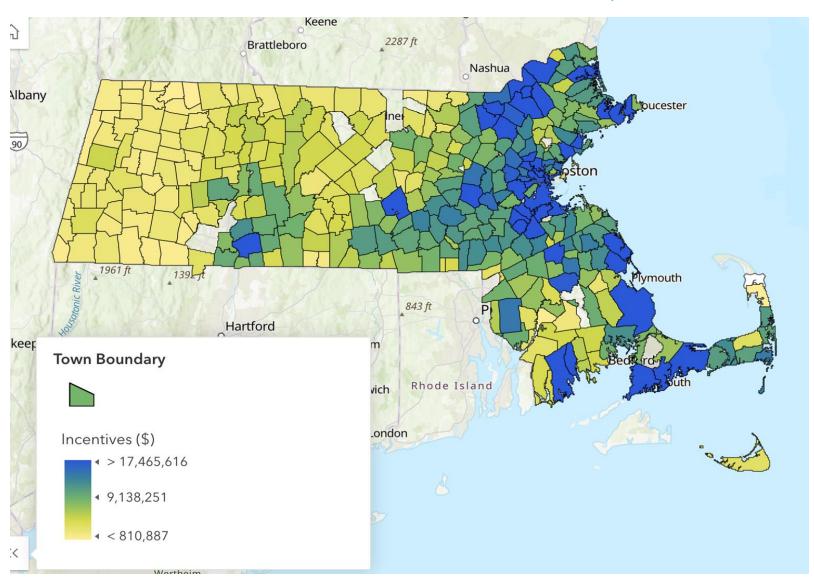
**Energy Justice in Northeast Offshore Wind** 



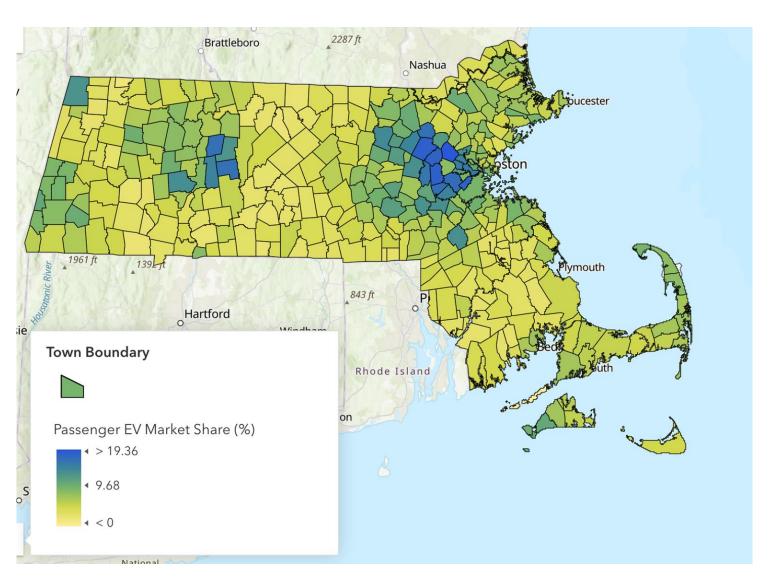
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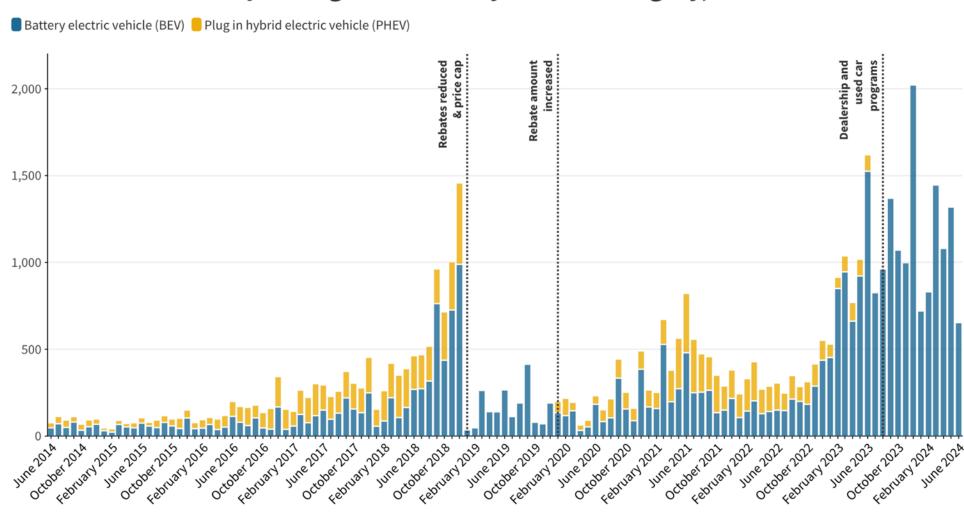
### MASS SAVE INCENTIVES BY COMMUNITY, 2020-2022



#### PASSENGER EV MARKET SHARE IN JULY 2024

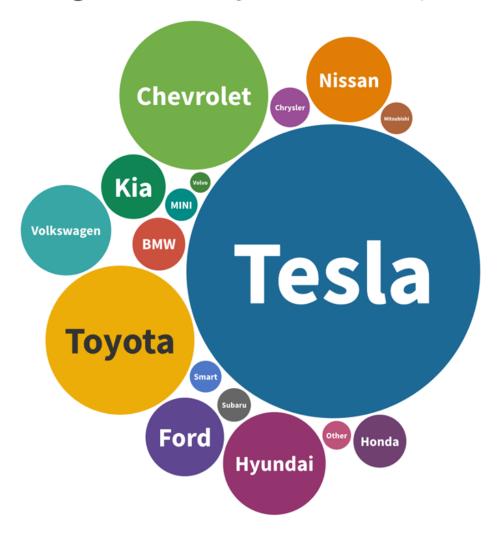


#### Rebates for electric passenger vehicles by vehicle category, 2014-2024

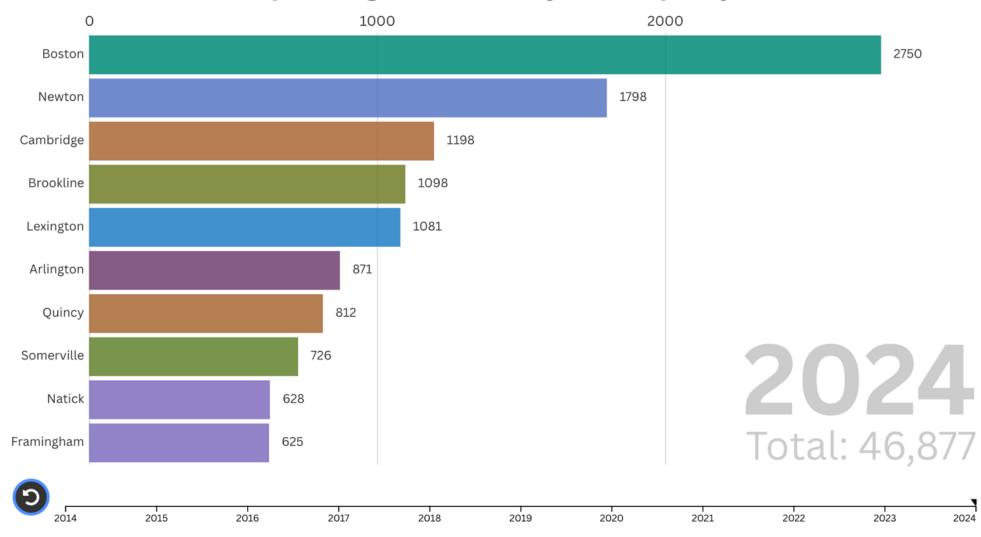




Rebates for electric passenger vehicles by manufacturer, 2014-2024



### Rebates for electric passenger vehicles by municipality, 2014-2024



#### CASE STUDY: SELECTING A "COOL BLOCK" FOR CLIMATE MITIGATION IN CHELSEA



2020



2021



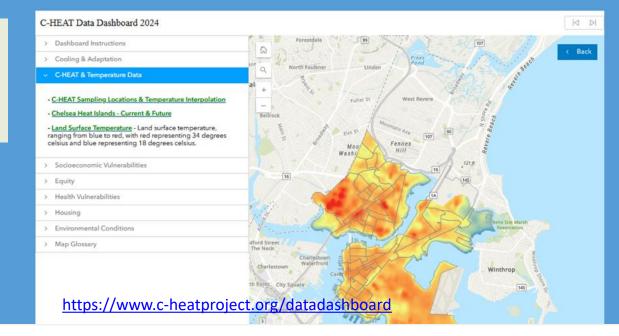
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# **Heat Vulnerability Maps**







#### Data layers

- Land surface temperature
- Population density
- Vulnerability: youth, low income households
- Public right-of-way
- Black, flat, rubber roofs

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Community – researcher – city partnerships
"One block at a time"





Cool Block video https://vimeo.com/799997127/de5a35e471

#### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

- Actively recruiting students right now for placements as Fellows with the Massachusetts Office of Energy Transformation
  - Positions starting in Jan 2025
  - 12-month placements
- Example project
  - How do we ensure grid reliability, replace the lost capacity, and generate equitable economic development opportunity for the community?



#### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

• Partnership with the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) and Green Communities programs, regional planning agencies, and municipalities.

• CELT will build capacity for Massachusetts environmental justice communities to plan for, apply for, and execute geothermal energy transition

projects.

# Municipal Fellows Cohorts

- Students from across the state
- Immersive training and development programming
- 6-month placements within municipalities focused on decarbonization strategies



#### **GETTING INVOLVED**

- Interested in learning more about CELT?
- Follow up questions?
- Interested in working with CELT?

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