

EEA Climate Team Quarterly Newsletter



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Happy Earth Week! Welcome to another issue of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Climate Team Newsletter highlighting climate efforts and opportunities across the Commonwealth.

Our Climate Team looks forward to continued work together to build a stronger, healthier, cleaner Massachusetts!

We welcome your [feedback!](#)

News and Announcements

Massachusetts Community Climate Bank and Partners Launch Massachusetts Energy Savings Finder

Recently, the Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that the Massachusetts Community Climate Bank (MCCB), in partnership with Rewiring America, Abode Energy Management and a coalition of state government and energy efficiency program partners, is launching the first-ever [Massachusetts Energy Savings Finder](#). This new digital tool will make it easier for Massachusetts homeowners and renters to get incentives and tax credits to lower energy bills, boost energy efficiency, and upgrade to new home appliances.

The Massachusetts Energy Savings Finder allows residents to identify all available clean energy incentives, rebates and tax credits available through Mass Save, municipal light plants, and state and federal agencies based on where they live and income eligibility. The comprehensive, consumer-facing digital tool easily provides residents with incentive and tax credit options across a broad range of clean energy improvement categories, including weatherization and energy efficiency, heating and cooling electrification, electrical upgrades associated with solar panels and electric vehicles, and efficient appliances.

Learn more about this new tool: [Massachusetts Energy Savings Finder](#).



Healey-Driscoll Administration Announces Energy Affordability Agenda to Deliver \$220 Million in Immediate Relief, Save \$5.8 Billion over 5 Years

The Healey-Driscoll Administration outlined its [Energy Affordability Agenda](#) to identify and advance actions to lower energy bills for Massachusetts residents by \$220 million starting in April and save \$5.8 billion for electric and gas customers over the coming years. This starts immediately, with the Healey-Driscoll Administration delivering \$125 million in savings to residential customers in April through a \$50 credit on electricity bills, following the Department of Public Utilities' (DPU) recent action to lower gas bills by \$95 million. Additionally, over the next year, the DPU will work to establish a first-in-the-nation moderate-income discount rate and expand tiered-income discount rates for lower income customers.

To enroll energy customers in existing money saving programs and rates, the Healey-Driscoll Administration convened the utilities and other stakeholders to launch a coordinated customer energy affordability outreach and engagement strategy, including providing in-person support to help sign people up for discount rates, bill management programs, and direct energy assistance. Residents looking to sign up for these programs can visit mass.gov/energysavings to learn about money saving opportunities for which they may be eligible.

Statewide E-Bike Voucher Program Applications Open

The [Massachusetts E-Bike Voucher Program](#) demonstrates the state's commitment towards expanding access to clean transportation. The Program assists low-and-moderate income residents across the state by providing a voucher that reduces the cost of an e-bike. Vouchers of \$800 to \$1200 (depending on eligibility) will be awarded via random selection.

The Massachusetts Statewide E-bike Voucher Program is part of the state's strategy to reduce growth in vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions in the Commonwealth. The Program will also contribute to the Commonwealth's goal of providing affordable and accessible electrified transportation for low- and moderate-income residents across the state. You can learn more about the state's climate goals [here](#).



Apply to the Food Security Infrastructure Grant (FSIG) Program

The [Food Security Infrastructure Grant \(FSIG\)](#) program seeks to strengthen the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' food system and build resilience within the food supply chain. Funds will support infrastructure projects that improve local food production and distribution, strengthen the middle of the food supply chain, expand food access and nutrition security, and support emergency preparedness. Eligible applicants are Massachusetts agricultural and seafood producers, processors, and distributors. Municipalities, tribes, non-profits, and other food system entities are also able to apply.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Food Security Infrastructure Grant

application deadline May 5th, 2025

*building a more local and resilient
food supply for Massachusetts*

mass.gov/ApplytoFSIG



MVP Spotlight: Equity Partners

The Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program has welcomed six state-contracted **Equity Partners** to support 23 individual municipalities and 3 regional groups in the MVP Planning 2.0 process. As cities and towns develop their MVP 2.0 climate resilience priorities, these partners will work alongside a locally procured planning vendor and the community's core team to provide coaching and guidance on things like understanding social vulnerability, inclusive engagement, and measuring the equity impacts of projects.

For more information about our MVP 2.0 planning grant and the roles of our equity partners, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/mvp-20-planning-grant>.



Weslyn Rawlins is an accomplished equity strategist, project manager, and disability justice advocate with over a decade of experience across corporate, nonprofit, education, and grassroots sectors. Her work focuses on building inclusive systems and programs that center historically marginalized communities—especially people with disabilities.



Peyton Siler Jones launched Siler Climate Consulting (SCC) in 2023 to support local climate action that acknowledges and addresses the underlying structural and systemic drivers of the climate crisis. She brings 10 years of experience supporting municipal climate solutions with a focus on equitable community and stakeholder engagement, climate resilience planning, and implementation for communities.

Caitlin Marquis owns Taproot Embodied Practice, through which she provides coaching and consulting that supports changemakers in embodying the



practices of community organizing for radical system change. Caitlin has over a decade's worth of state-supported public health and food justice organizing experience through work with the Healthy Hampshire program of the Collaborative for Educational Services, the Growing Food Connections program of the American Farmland Trust, and other food justice organizing roles.



Andreanne Chu Breton-Carbonneau is the founder of ACBC Consulting, specializing in social resilience, environmental justice, and health equity. With a background in public health and environmental sciences, she is dedicated to integrating historically excluded communities into design and planning processes.



Rachele Gardner is an experienced social impact consultant with over 15 years of expertise in advancing social equity and community empowerment. Since founding her consultancy in 2017, she has collaborated with nonprofits, academic institutions, and local governments to drive transformative change and achieve lasting impact. Rachele specializes in participatory methodologies, centering communities with lived experiences in designing, implementing, and evaluating solutions.



Marissa Zampino is the Climate Organizing Director for the Mystic River Watershed Association. She works with community members and organizations to help implement climate resilience solutions.

Upcoming Dates, Events, and Other Opportunities

*Want to share details of your event or other related climate opportunities in our upcoming newsletters?
Submit to patrick.forde@mass.gov.*

Events and Opportunities

- **Culvert and Small Bridge Replacement Grant Opportunities** - The Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) seeks proposals to remove or replace undersized, perched, and/or degraded culverts located in areas of high ecological value within the Commonwealth with crossings that meet improved structural and environmental design standards and climate resiliency criteria. Only projects that intend to meet the goals of the Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards will be considered for funding. Applications are due Monday, May 12 at 4pm.
 - Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance (CRMA) Grant MA local government units, including municipalities, towns, cities, districts, commissions, regional governments, and tribal governments are eligible to apply.
 - Register for the Grant Briefing (Bidder's conference) April 16 at 10:30am.
 - Designated Training Sites Grant: Only applicants with designated Culvert Replacement Training Site projects that have not finished construction as of their application submission date are eligible.
- **Improving Communication of Flood Risk to Coastal Residents**- Join the Environmental Law institute for a moderated panel of experts in the coastal flood risk field, including presentations on key topics and a discussion of potential steps that federal

agencies and others might take to strengthen flood risk information and better communicate this information to coastal residents. [Register here.](#)

- [Land and PARC Grant Programs](#) - The EEA Division of Conservation Services (DCS) is seeking applications to the FY 2026 LAND and PARC Grant Programs. The [LAND Grant Program](#) is for municipal conservation commissions looking to protect conservation land. The [PARC Grant Program](#) is for municipalities looking to acquire parkland, renovate an existing park, or develop a new park. DCS will hold two workshops for the PARC and LAND grants. It is strongly recommended that people attend the in-person workshop, which will be held on May 8, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at DFW Field Headquarters in Westborough. A second workshop will be held on Teams May 7, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Please email Melissa Cryan at melissa.cryan@mass.gov to RSVP for either session if you are interested in applying for a PARC grant. Please email Vanessa Farny at vanessa.farny@mass.gov to RSVP for either session if you are interested in applying for a LAND grant.
- [Conservation Partnership Grant Program](#) - The DCS is seeking applications to the FY 2026 Conservation Partnership Grant Program. Conservation Partnership grants are for 501(c)(3) organizations looking for assistance in acquiring land in fee or a conservation restriction, as well as assistance with due diligence costs associated with gifts. Questions on the grant program can be directed to Melissa Cryan at melissa.cryan@mass.gov. For additional information and to apply, [click here](#).
- [MassECAN Mainstreaming Nature Based Solutions Conference](#): Join us in Worcester for our in-person conference! Mass ECAN conferences are a wonderful opportunity to connect with peers in-person, learn and share about climate adaptation efforts throughout the state, and grow our capacity to accomplish this work together as a community. Explore the agenda [here!](#)
- [Rise up Boston](#) - Rise Up Boston is a lively day full of hands-on activities, enlightening live presentations, climate conversations, and much more! This all-day event is all about informing, empowering, and inspiring action. When: Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 11:00am – 3:00pm. Where: Museum of Science, 1 Science Park, Boston, MA.

Tools and Resources

- [ResilientMass Maps and Data Center](#): ResilientMass was created by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to support the Commonwealth with climate change science and tools. This maps and data center features interactive applications to explore the latest statewide climate data and projections curated to support climate resilience in Massachusetts. Learn more about how Resilient Mass bolsters resilience with climate data and tools [here](#).
- [Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Climate Grant Viewer](#): This map viewer will allow you to explore grants awarded by several EEA grant programs that address climate change preparedness, adaptation and/or resilience to increasing temperatures, changing precipitation, extreme weather events, and sea level rise.
- [2022 Massachusetts Climate Change Assessment Data](#): the datasets created during the Climate Change Assessment are now available for download. These include spreadsheets and GIS layers for the Climate, Economy, Environment, Governance, Human, and Infrastructure sectors, along with general statewide datasets. See the 'Find or Browse Data by Theme' section to download this data.
- [Guides for Equitable and Actionable Resilience \(GEAR\) Maps](#) - originally designed to be used with and accessed through the GEAR guides for the MVP 2.0 pilot process, this interactive mapping tool is also now available on the Maps and Data Center page for use by the general public for all planning and grant application support. [Visit the 'Maps and Data Gallery'](#) section to access this tool.
- [Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Metrics](#): Public resources that provide key information and performance indicators relevant to Massachusetts' greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plans (CECP).

Contact the EEA Climate Team

The EEA Climate Team, led by Undersecretary Katherine Antos, seeks to stem the state's greenhouse gas emissions and prepare Massachusetts communities to be resilient to the effects of a changing climate.

For direct contact information, you can reference our team directory here [EEA Climate Team](#)

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