

Events, Workshops, and Funding for Communities and Service Providers



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Reminder CAG Quarterly Reports due 4/15

Helpful Notes:

Resources and Grants+ lists are now a separate document. Click [HERE](#) to access.

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See opportunities here you'd like to learn more about but don't have time to research? Have projects you'd like to find funding for? We're here to help!

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

All / Various

Target Applicant: Municipal and Tribal Governments

Note: Available Grants funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are also listed in various sections of this document.

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding

The **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)** has 18 different funding programs, 11 of which are directed to local governments. These programs will fund implementation of energy efficiency efforts, GHG reduction strategies, and coastal resilience projects. Most of the programs have special provisions for low-income and disadvantaged communities. Go to the State's new website for **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunities** to learn more. [VIEW THE SITE](#)

Agriculture & Food Systems

Technical Assistance Grant: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Agritourism Coaching Program

Target Audience: Farmers

This program provides farms offering agritourism the opportunity to expand their business goals. All details and a program application are listed on the DACF agritourism webpage. Applications are due April 12, 2023.

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Regional Food System Partnership (RFSP) Grant Program

Target Applicant: See below

Administered by USDA, this annual program, also created within the Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP), supports partnerships that plan and develop relationships between local and regional producers, processors, intermediaries, and institutional markets or institutional food service operations, focusing on strengthening the viability and resilience of regional food economies through collaboration and coordination.

Proposed project must fall within one of three types of defined grant categories, with caps ranging from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000, with a 25% match required. *Eligibility:*

Partnerships are eligible to apply to RFSP. A partnership is an agreement between one or more eligible entities and one or more eligible partners. Eligible entities include producers, farmer or rancher cooperatives, producer networks or associations, majority-controlled producer-based business venture, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks and associations, food councils, local governments, nonprofit and public benefit corporations, economic development corporations, regional farmers' market authorities, and tribal governments. Eligible partners include state agencies or regional authorities, philanthropic corporations, private corporations, institutions of higher education, and commercial, federal, or Farm Credit System Lending Institutions.

Application deadline is May 2. [LEARN MORE](#)

Greenhouse Plastic Recycling Program

Target Applicant: Agricultural producers, anyone with large quantities of LDPE#4 to recycle

This statewide agricultural plastic collection program administered through the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA) is now accepting bundles of low-density polyethylene (LDPE#4) clear film used to cover greenhouses, high tunnels and other agricultural structures. Also accepted are white overwintering LDPE#4 film.

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Existing Dairy Processor Expansion Grant

Target Applicant: Licensed dairy processors of all scales

Administered by the Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center (NE-DBIC), this program will fund existing dairy processing facilities located in the Northeast region with a focus on expanding utilization of regionally sourced milk and diversifying the supply chain. Projects funded through this grant will focus primarily on acquiring specialized

equipment needed to increase processing capacity through volume expansion and existing product line expansion. This grant program is split into three funding tiers to accommodate processors of all scales. The two lower tiers (for smaller scale processors) are open for applications now, with a pre-application deadline of May 11, 2023. [LEARN MORE](#)

Energy

Waste-to-Energy Technical Assistance for Local Governments

Target Applicant: Municipalities and tribal governments

Organic waste streams, like food waste and wastewater sludge, represent significant environmental, economic, and social sustainability challenges for municipalities. Given that these waste streams require local solutions on various aspects of their management, such as existing uses and costs of disposal, this technical assistance program seeks to provide municipalities with the most relevant data for their decision-making. This will enable communities to evaluate what end-uses for the waste make the most sense for their community: on-site heat/power, transportation fuels, nutrient recovery, or otherwise. This technical assistance grant from the U.S Department of Energy's Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) will fund up to 40 hours of subject matter assistance to municipalities topics, including: waste resource information, infrastructure considerations, techno-economic comparison of energy and resource recovery options, evaluation and sharing of case studies (to the extent possible) from similar communities/projects, and equity assessments. Applications are due April 14.

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Coming Soon!

Energy Efficiency Materials Pilot Program for Nonprofits

Target Applicant: Nonprofit Organizations

The Energy Efficiency Materials Pilot Program for Nonprofits is a new U.S. Department of Energy program to provide nonprofit organizations with funding to upgrade building materials to improve energy efficiency, lower utility costs, and reduce carbon emissions. Eligible uses include: roof or lighting systems or components of the system; windows; doors; heating, ventilation, or air conditioning systems or components of the systems (including insulation and wiring and plumbing improvements needed to serve a more efficient system). A great opportunity for non-municipal libraries, community centers, and community organizations.

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Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP)

Clean Energy to Communities Program (C2C)

Technical Assistance Grant

Target Applicant: Municipal and Tribal Governments in partnership with electric utilities and community-based organizations

U.S. Department of Energy and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) C2C connects local governments, tribes, electric utilities, and community-based organizations with national laboratory experts and customized, cutting-edge analysis to achieve clean energy systems that are reflective of local and regional priorities. By bringing together innovative technology, state-of-the-art modeling, and unique abilities to test clean energy plans before installing them in the field, C2C can help close the gap between clean energy ambitions and real-world deployment. C2C fosters community-led innovation with tailored support, from goal-setting and project development to technology deployment. Three types of support are available: in-depth partnerships, peer-learning cohorts, and expert match. [LEARN MORE](#)

Low-Cost Solar Loans for Businesses

Target Applicant: Small businesses with priority given to BIPOC-, women-, or immigrant-owned

Coastal Enterprises, Inc. (CEI) is offering 2.75-3.5% interest loans for small businesses looking to install solar panels at their business. Funds are limited and priority will be given to businesses that are BIPOC-, women-, or immigrant-owned. Based on demand, loans may be capped in size. [LEARN MORE](#)

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)

Target Applicant: Municipal and Tribal Governments

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) provides federal grants to states, units of local government, and Indian tribes to assist eligible entities in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions, to reduce total energy use, and to improve energy efficiency. Maine's 10 most populous Counties and Cities are eligible for formula grant funding through the EECBG. These communities have been contacted by the State and those in Region 1 have been contacted by the Regional Coordinator to learn about next steps. For all other communities, competitive federal grants will be made available later this year. We will keep you apprised! Learn more about the competitive EECBG program [HERE](#). Communities enrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) in Region 1 may contact R1CC Co-lead [Karina Greater](#) for guidance.

Belvedere Historic Preservation and Energy Efficiency Energy Audit Grants

Target Applicant: Nonprofits, municipalities, or quasi-municipal entities

The Belvedere Historic Preservation and Energy Efficiency Grant Program invests in the preservation, restoration, and retrofitting of historic buildings in Maine. Energy audit grants are specifically for the cost of an energy audit of a historic building.

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Efficiency Maine HVAC, Lighting, and Refrigeration Project Incentives for Schools

Target Applicant: Public schools associated with – Maine School Administrative District (MSAD), Regional School Unit (RSU), Community School District (CSD), Alternative Organization Structures (ASO), Unions of Towns

Efficiency Maine is seeking applications for projects that will help schools accelerate the conversion to high-efficiency equipment. Schools can apply to receive purchasing incentives for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), lighting and refrigeration projects. The program is specifically focused on Maine's public schools in smaller towns and districts. Efficiency Maine will accept applications for the school retrofits through May 31 or until funding has been exhausted. Application Deadline is May 31.

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Environmental Justice

Young Black Climate Leaders (YBCL) Futures Fund

Target Applicant: 18-28 year-olds who identify as Black, African/part of the Afro-Indigenous diaspora, are based in the United States, and are available to complete an interview the week of May 24, 2023 - May 31, 2023

The YBCL Fund supports young Black people who are taking initiative to dismantle the delusion of white supremacy and disrupt climate chaos. It will support a new generation of Black climate leaders to advance work and initiatives at the intersection of racial and environmental justice by supporting the power of leaders who advocate for community participation and reclamation of Indigenous ecological wisdom and practices of the African diaspora. Funding is available for new projects or initiatives already in motion that need additional support and may cover training, classes, workshops, certifications, education costs, the purchase of tools and equipment, etc. Projects must be completed in a community or group setting. Applications are due May 5.

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The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program

Target Applicant: Community-based nonprofit organizations, partnerships of community-based nonprofit organizations, partnerships between federally recognized Tribal governments and community-based nonprofit organizations, partnerships between institutions of higher education and community-based nonprofit organizations

The new Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (EJ TCGM) Program is a competition to select multiple Grantmakers around the nation to reduce barriers to the federal grants application process communities face and increase the efficiency of the awards process for environmental justice grants. Grantmakers will design competitive application and submission processes, award environmental justice subgrants, implement a tracking and reporting system, provide resources and support to communities, all in collaboration with EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights. Application deadline May 31.

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Green Infrastructure

National Coastal Resilience Fund

Target Applicant: Non-profit 501(c) organizations, state and territorial government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Tribal governments and organizations, educational institutions, or commercial (for-profit) organizations

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has announced approx. \$140 million of available funding to support coastal communities nationwide as they plan, design, and implement nature-based projects that improve fish and wildlife habitat AND enhance community resilience in the face of coastal hazards. Considering submitting a project for the National Coastal Resilience Fund? Community Resilience Partnership enrolled communities can reach out to their Regional Coordinator to discuss your project or contact NCRF Field Liaisons at Throwe Environmental at nrcf@throwe-environmental.com. **Pre-proposal letters due April 12.** [LEARN MORE](#)

Infrastructure

USDA Community Facilities (CF) Direct Loan Program

Target Applicant: Municipal and Tribal Governments with no more than 20,000 residents

The CF Direct Loan Program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community. It must carry out a function customarily provided by a local unit of government. The facility must be located in a rural area and primarily serve rural residents. Funding in the form of grants and low interest loans is available for rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and towns including Federally recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents. Contact your Regional Planning Office for more information. [LEARN MORE](#)

Land Conservation & Management

Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

Target Applicant: Agricultural Producers

This annual funding program provides grants to support the development of new tools, approaches, practices and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands. Through creative problem solving and innovation, CIG partners work to address water quality, air quality, soil health and wildlife habitat challenges, all while improving agricultural operations. Maine farms can apply for up to \$75,000. [For more information, contact your local NRCS office.](#) Application deadline: May 19.

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South Portland 100 Resilient Yards Program

Target Applicant: South Portland Residents

South Portland Office of Sustainability and Partners brings experts, volunteers, and landowners together to create sustainable changes to properties in South Portland through the 100 Resilient Yards Program. Each property will be assessed and a design option will be chosen to transform yards and problem areas into beautiful and healthy green spaces with their own ecological benefit. 100 Resilient Yards promotes organic landcare without the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. This increases the resilience of our community and ecosystems and reduces pollution from stormwater runoff. Healthy soils, waterways, and ecosystems are key to our ability to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change. 100 Resilient Yards addresses these interconnected environmental systems by promoting organic landcare.

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Land for Maine's Future – Funding for Conservation of Working and Recreational Lands

Target Applicant: Private landowners, and trusts, municipal conservation commissions, local governments, private nonprofit charitable organizations, state agencies, and private foundations

The Land for Maine's Future (LMF) Board has announced the 2023 call for Farmland and Working Forest proposals. LMF has \$40 million in new funding for the conservation of working forests, farms, and commercial waterfronts, public access to woods and waters and the protection and management of wildlife, including deer wintering habitat.

[Working Forest / Conservation and Recreation Proposals](#)

May 19, 2023 - Inquiry Forms due no later than 5:00 PM.

August 4, 2023 - Final Proposals due no later than 5:00 PM.

[Working Farmland Proposals](#)

Transportation

Request for information – MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine Seeking EV Charging Host Sites

Target Audience: Vendors of electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment and services, local governments and community organizations

MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine Seeking are seeking information on the placement of public level 2 and DC fast chargers for EVs through a Request for Information (RFI), which will inform the content of the state’s grant application to the FHWA Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant program and the statewide initiative to expand public charging infrastructure (called “Recharge Maine”). MaineDOT is planning to submit a single statewide grant application to the CFI program by May 30, 2023, with the expectation that funds would be available to communities in the latter half of 2023.

[RESPOND TO THE RFI](#)

[VIEW A FACT SHEET](#) with more information about Recharge Maine, the CFI grant program, and Maine’s EV infrastructure plan.

MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine will host a **webinar on Tuesday, April 11, 2023** at 9:00am to provide more information about what will be included in the Recharge Maine grant application and how this funding can benefit your community. [SIGN UP FOR THE WEBINAR](#)

Efficiency Maine Rural Level 2 EV Charging (EVI-FON-002-2023)

Target Applicant: Local governments, businesses, tribal governments, and nonprofits in rural Cumberland and York County

Efficiency Maine is seeking applications for Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) chargers that are available to the public in rural communities in Cumberland and York Counties. This opportunity falls under Efficiency Maine’s Electric Vehicle Initiatives and aims to expand public EV charging infrastructure in rural and remote areas in Maine. The goal of this round of funding is to assist rural communities in Cumberland and York County (excluding Portland, South Portland, and Westbrook) to enhance those communities’ capacity to attract commerce and tourism and to serve local EV drivers as EVs become the dominant form of transportation. Developing comprehensive coverage of public EV chargers throughout the state will also encourage EV adoption in all parts of Maine. Application deadline is June 30, 2023.

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Low or No Emission and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities

Target Applicant: Municipal and Tribal Governments (Application assistance required for rural applicants)

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

The purpose of the Low-No Program is to support the transition of the nation's transit fleet to the lowest polluting and most energy efficient transit vehicles. The Low-No Program provides funding to state and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities. The purpose of the Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program is to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing or leasing bus-related facilities. **Application deadline is April 13.** To [LEARN MORE](#) about this opportunity and eligibility, please contact [Sara Mills-Knapp](#) or [Jon Gagne](#) at [Maine Clean Communities](#).

Maine DOT Workforce Transportation Funding Opportunity

Target Applicant: Employers or groups of employers, municipalities, non-profit organizations, human service organizations, and public/private transportation providers

The Workforce Transportation Pilot program, an initiative of Governor Mills' Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, to pursue and develop transportation solutions that connect workers with employers across Maine. The \$5M program will provide competitive grants of up to \$750,000 to local and regional partnerships to pilot ways to connect workers and employers through ridesharing, vanpools, and other subsidized transit options.

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Maine DOT Village Partnership Initiative

Target Applicant: Municipalities and Tribal Governments of communities where the village or downtown is located on a state or state aid road / highway

The Village Partnership Initiative is designed to be available to all willing communities that have or can agree upon a local vision. Village projects can vary from small, spot improvements to large, once-in-a-lifetime investments if we can successfully partner to access federal discretionary funds. Working with other agencies, these communities should have access to broadband, as good internet connections are as important as physical connections are today. [LEARN MORE](#)

Maine DOT Municipal Partnership Initiative

Target Applicant: Municipalities and Tribal Governments of communities where the village or downtown is located on a state or state aid road / highway

MaineDOT's Municipal Partnership Initiative is intended to be a streamlined program to address municipal requests that deal with transportation infrastructure issues on state and state aid highways, encourage economic opportunities, and make improvements to infrastructure to increase its life or correct safety deficiencies. [LEARN MORE](#)

Water / Stormwater / Wastewater

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Target Applicant: Municipalities and quasi-municipal corporations

The CWSRF program provides funds to municipalities and quasi-municipal corporations (i.e. village corporations, sanitary, sewer & utility districts, etc.) for the wastewater infrastructure projects. Additionally, \$50,000 grants for Fiscal Sustainability Plans (FSP) (which is an asset management plan with a water component) are available but require matching funds. The program also offers Climate Adaptation Plan funds up to \$25,000 to assess the system resiliency to climate hazards. 2023 CWSRF Information Request Form for Infrastructure projects is open until **April 14**.

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Small Public Water System Emerging Contaminant Grants

Target Applicant: All community public water systems (except those regulated by the Public Utilities Commission), and all non-transient, non-community (NTNC) water systems

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Environmental and Community Health is offering grant funding for up to \$60,000 for small public water systems projects to mitigate PFAS contamination. Grants are up to \$50,000 with additional \$10,000 available for engineering fees. This grant is offered on a rolling basis.

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If PFAS contamination is a concern for your community, contact Bill Dawson at Maine Department of Health and Human Services to discuss your project:

William.Dawson@maine.gov or (207) 287-6196

EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Community Resilience Partnership Building Stronger Communities Online Learning Series

Target Audience: Community leaders and volunteers serving communities enrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership, those currently enrolling, and those interested in enrolling

About

Building Stronger Communities Learning Opportunities are designed for community members and leaders of municipalities already enrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership, those currently enrolling, as well as those interested in enrolling. The ongoing series covers a variety of topics, including specific guidance and funding

opportunities for sea level rise, electrification, efficiencies, renewable energy, planning, stormwater management, green infrastructure, transportation, and more. The series highlights the successes and challenges of town-specific projects and provides a wide range of resources and tools to help enrolled and enrolling towns to build stronger communities.

Using the Series for Community Education

If you would like a customizable poster to use to promote a community engagement event during which you'll be showing a past recording, please contact [Gabe McPhail](#).

Past Topics and Recordings

Sea Level Rise From Understanding to Action, November 21, 2022

Introducing the Community Resilience Partnership, December 13, 2022

Climate Change From Understanding to Action, December 29, 2022

Funding Projects into the Future, January 10

\$125,000 Community Action Grants for Regional Projects, January 31

Efficiency Maine Incentives and Services for Municipal Energy Upgrades,
February 14

Landfill Solar, March 9

Building Stronger Communities – Municipal Broadband and Digital Equity, March
13

**Launching and Funding Transportation Projects with the Maine Department of
Transportation**, March 21

[VIEW RECORDINGS OF PAST PRESENTATIONS HERE](#)

Building Stronger Communities – Municipal EV Development

Online and In-person at KVCOG & AVCOG, CEBE, GPCOG

Tuesday, April 11, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

With over \$19 million in EV charging infrastructure investment over the next 5 years, what should municipalities be paying attention to? From installing municipal charging stations to electrifying fleets, charging station ordinances, and EV funding opportunities we'll cover the bases. [LEARN MORE AND TO REGISTER](#)

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Want to host a watch party or your own event using this presentation? [DOWNLOAD A CUSTOMIZABLE POSTER](#) (add your event info in the white text box)

Building Stronger Communities – Municipal Energy Generation

Online

Wednesday, April 26, 10:00 AM

There are a lot of questions when towns consider solar power installation projects. Join A Climate to Thrive's Executive Director Johannah Blackman and Solar Coordinator, Beth Woolfolk as we explore local solar power's role in grid resilience and why ownership matters. This 60 minute meeting will offer participants a general understanding of the power grid and solar power generation. We will then discuss how towns can build their local grid's resilience through solar energy generation, including the economic pathways to get there. No registration required. Simply click this [ZOOM LINK](#) to join the presentation.

Building Stronger Communities – Municipal Solar Site Planning & Ordinance Development

Wednesday, May 3, 10:00 AM

Explore with Maine Farmland Trust's Abby Farnham and A Climate To Thrive's Solar Coordinator, Beth Woolfolk how towns can thoughtfully direct solar installations and manage them for the good of the entire community. This 60 minute meeting will consider: Why municipalities need to think about solar siting; Where solar investors prioritize development; What municipalities should consider when identifying ideal areas of solar development; Explore the reasoning behind solar moratoriums; General guidelines for solar siting on farmland; Update on proposed state legislation to establish balance between supporting solar development and protecting agricultural resources; Provide sample town ordinances as case studies on municipal approaches to balanced solar siting. No registration required. Simply click this [ZOOM LINK](#) to join the presentation.

Agriculture / Food Systems

2023 Maine Food Waste Solutions Summit

Target Audience: Farmers, food businesses, feeding partners, community leadership, government, nonprofit organizations, general

Friday, April 14, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Hosted by Food Rescue Maine and the Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions, this event aims to bring together the state's key food system participants — farms, food businesses, feeding partners, community leadership, government and nonprofit organizations — to focus on ending food waste in Maine and building a stronger local food system with simple individual and community action. Registration required. Register by April 1, 2023.

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Economic Development

Summit on Maine's Economy & Climate Change

Target Audience: Businesses and business support organizations

In-person

ClimateWork

Friday, May 19, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine

How Climate Change will reshape Maine's Economy and what it means for the future of your business. [LEARN MORE](#) or [CONTACT FMI](#)

Energy

Free Online Electric Boat Course

Target Audience: General Audience ages 15+

Online

From the Island Institute, Kennebec Valley Community College, Mid-Coast School of Technology, Maine Electric Boat Company, and Bayside Marine

LEVEL 1 – ELECTRIC BOAT MOTOR: FOUNDATIONS

Requirements: This course is intended for a general audience, ages 15 and up. No prior marine engine experience needed, just a desire to learn about electric boats.

Description: This course provides an introduction to electric boats to help the general public and those already in the field gain an understanding of the benefits of electric boats and potential career opportunities in the sector. [LEARN MORE](#)

Forests and Gardens

Lawns Gone Wild: Low-Maintenance, Low-Input Gardening

Target Audience: General

In-person

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland, Maine

In this second session of the Lawns Gone Wild series, participants will learn the essentials of starting, planting and maintaining a new garden. Several techniques to help minimize the problems associated with organic gardening will be discussed.

Speaker: Aaron Parker, Edgewood Nurseries in Falmouth.

Lawns Gone Wild is a yearlong sustainable backyard education series and is offered in collaboration with the Town of Cumberland's Sustainability Committee and Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust.

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Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District (KLSWCD) 2023 Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser

Target Audience: General

In-person

Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13

Union Fairground, 175 Fairgrounds Lane, Union, Maine

More than 180 varieties of plants available:

Bareroot Native Trees & Shrubs for Biodiversity, Wildlife Habitat & Erosion Control

Organic, Field-Grown Native Perennials for Pollinators

Bareroot Fruit Trees, Berries & Other Edibles for your Home Garden

Plant orders are due by 5:00 PM on April 18, 2023.

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Resilience

Save the Date!

2023 Communities Leading on Climate Conference

Target Audience: City, town, and tribal leaders as well as interested community members who wish to learn how their communities can take climate action

In-person

Thursday, May 11, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wells Conference Center, University of Maine, 131 Munson Road, Orono, Maine

The Community Resilience Partnership, a program of the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future annual conference to highlight the actions and accomplishments of Partnership communities. Hear from community leaders from across Maine about all they've learned from their interesting and vital work.

Over three sessions, communities and service providers will illustrate the planning-to-implementation process. Speakers will discuss planning aspects including community outreach, equity, federal funding, and more.

Session 1: The Future of Transportation - Electrifying municipal fleets and public EV charging

Session 2: Modernizing Buildings - Energy efficiency and clean energy in municipal buildings

Session 3: Resilient Communities & Climate Ready Infrastructure - The building blocks of successful implementation

The program will also feature opportunities for small group discussions, networking, and information from state and federal partners about grants, technical assistance, and resources. Registration, meals, and speaker information coming soon.

Opportunity to provide Feedback – Maine Climate Resilience Hub Survey

Target Audience: Anyone involved or interested in climate/resilience planning in Maine – volunteer committee members, municipal staff, organizations providing technical support to towns, etc.

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry's Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning is developing an interactive, online tool that is based on the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Outcomes Tool (CAROT), in partnership with The Nature Conservancy. Take a 5-minute anonymous survey to help design this interactive, online tool to help communities develop implementation metrics for climate planning.

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

City of Portland Earth Day Celebration

Target Audience: General

In-person

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Payson Park, Portland, Maine

A free, family-friendly event held in Payson Park on Earth Day! City departments are teaming up with local green organizations to host a festival of fun: music, food trucks, e-bikes and electric lawn equipment to try out, outdoor activities, and more. This is a great chance to connect with neighbors and friends of the City, learn sustainability tips, and celebrate nature together in Portland, Maine.

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Responding to Climate-Amplified Extreme Weather Events

Target Audience: Community Leaders, Service Providers

Online

Wednesdays April 5, 19, May 3, 17, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

This four-part virtual series from the National Adaptation Forum aims to better prepare communities for climate-amplified extreme weather by showcasing approaches, plans, and community-engagement strategies that are being used across the country. Extreme weather events can have devastating impacts on human communities, infrastructure, and ecosystems. Yet, these impacts will only worsen as extreme weather event frequency, severity, and duration are made worse by climate change and recovery times are shortened, limiting the ability of already resource-limited communities to prepare for the next event. Therefore, it is critical that extreme weather event preparedness and response are integrated into our climate adaptation strategies. This series will feature

presentations focused on innovative approaches for minimizing the impacts of extreme storms.

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Local Leads the Way

Target Audience: Community members, community leaders

Online

First Monday of each month, 4:00 PM

Next Meeting is Monday, April 10

A Climate to Thrive (ACTT)

Local Leads the Way was developed and is hosted by [A Climate to Thrive \(ACCT\)](#). This monthly zoom gathering provides support to communities throughout the state who are engaged in community-driven, solutions-focused climate action. Local Leads the Way hosts monthly meetings open to anyone involved in or contemplating community-driven climate action. Through these meetings, participants share resources, build networks of support, participate in trainings, collaborate, and reduce duplication of effort. [LEARN MORE](#) and [REGISTER](#) to attend.

Earth Day Beach Cleanup

Target Audience: General

In-person

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Old Orchard Beach, Palace Playland, Old Orchard Beach, Maine

Maine Conservation Alliance and Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation – one of New England's leading marine debris and conservation organizations – are hosting a beach cleanup at Old Orchard Beach.

All are welcome. You can park for free at the Milliken Street Parking Lot. Then walk about 0.5 miles south down the beach to meet in front of Palace Playland.

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2023 Local Solutions: Climate Migration

Target Audience: Community climate leaders, educators, municipal and tribal government staff, anyone interested in learning more about climate migration

In-person

Tuesday, May 16 - Wednesday, May 17

Antioch University Center for Climate Preparedness and Community Resilience
Keene, New Hampshire

The goal of this convening is to build capacity for socially just and equitable migration and enhanced regional climate resilience. This gathering will be a culmination of the Northeast Safe and Thriving for All (NEST) project, funded by the NOAA Climate Adaptation Partnerships (formerly RISA) program to convene residents from across the upper Northeast region, with a focus on becoming a place that is resilient, revitalized, socially just, and decarbonized. [LEARN MORE](#) and [REGISTER](#)

Coffee & Climate: Sharing Economy and Electric Tools

Target Audience: General Audience

Online

Friday, April 14, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Brie Berry, an economic & environmental anthropologist and current Assistant Professor at Ursinus College, will be joining us to discuss Maine's vibrant reuse economy and the environmental, social, and economic benefits that second-hand and sharing can contribute to our communities. The South Portland Office will also be announcing their soon-opening South Portland Electric Tool Library (SPETL). Coffee & Climate is a monthly speaker series – hosted by Portland and South Portland Sustainability Offices – which breaks down a given sustainability or climate topic with the help of guest speakers. 2023 Coffee & Climate programming includes a range of topics including sustainability in the arts, aquaculture, plastics, environmental justice and more!

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Stream Crossings

Culvert Replacement – StreamSmart Workshop

Target Audience: Professionals who are responsible for road-stream crossings – contractors, road commissioners, public works departments, conservation commissions, engineers, planners, land trusts, watershed groups, private landowners

In-person

Friday, April 28, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Oak Point Farm, Boothbay Region Land Trust, Boothbay Harbor, Maine

Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District, in partnership with Maine Audubon is offering an introductory Stream Smart workshop to introduce Stream Smart principles for your road crossings projects to help connect and maintain fish and wildlife habitat while protecting roads and public safety. Stream Smart crossings also help prepare for the large and frequent storm events that have been washing out roads around the state and the northeast. Participants in this workshop will also receive recertification credit for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Voluntary Contractor Certification Program. [LEARN MORE](#) and [REGISTER](#)