

Events, Workshops, and Funding for Communities and Service Providers

Bi-monthly newsletter/email/outreach content for you to glean from. Take from this whatever is useful to you and your community (or communities). Use it in your own newsletters and outreach content or for your own benefit in the work you do.



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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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Energy

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. **Application**

Deadline is June 1.

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Clean Energy Spark! Grants

Target Applicant: Working waterfront businesses

The Spark! Clean Energy Program at the Island Institute is currently funding working waterfront energy projects that improve energy efficiency, support the switch to renewable energy, and/or reduce consumption of fossil fuels. Applicants can receive up to \$4,000 per fiscal year. For profit businesses must provide matching funds for applications. (E.g. If a project cost is \$5,000 Spark! would fund up to \$2,500.) Examples of projects include the installation of EV charging stations, heat pumps or mini-splits, or solar arrays, and the purchase of electric boat motors. [LEARN MORE](#) and [APPLY](#). For

assistance, contact Kate Klibansky at the Island Institute, Kklibansky@islandinstitute.org. **Application deadline is June 30.**

Federal Solar Tax Credits for Businesses, Nonprofits, and Municipal and Tribal Governments

Target Applicant: Businesses, nonprofits, and municipal and tribal governments

There are two federal tax credits available for businesses and other entities like nonprofits and local and tribal governments that purchase solar energy systems: The investment tax credit (ITC) is a tax credit that reduces the federal income tax liability for a percentage of the cost of a solar system that is installed during the tax year. The production tax credit (PTC) is a per kilowatt-hour (kWh) tax credit for electricity generated by solar and other qualifying technologies for the first 10 years of a system's operation. It reduces the federal income tax liability and is adjusted annually for inflation. Organizations that don't pay federal taxes, like non-profits or local governments, can take advantage of the tax credits through either direct pay or a transfer of credit. [LEARN MORE](#). Communities enrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) in Region 1 may contact R1CC Co-lead [Karina Greater](#) for guidance.

Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants in Maine

Target Applicant: Rural small businesses and agricultural producers

This program provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing. [LEARN MORE](#) or connect with your Regional Planning Organization or contact [Brian Wilson](#), Maine program contact.

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. The EECBG Competitive Grant program is now open. Interested entities must submit concept papers to the Department of Energy (DOE) by **Monday, June 5, 2023 at 5 p.m** as an initial step. Learn more [HERE](#). Communities enrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) in Region 1 who are interested in this program should contact R1CC Co-lead [Karina Greater](#) for guidance.

Energy Efficiency Materials Pilot Program for Nonprofits

Target Applicant: Nonprofit Organizations

A great opportunity for non-municipal libraries, community centers, and community organizations! The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Renew America's Nonprofits program provides grants for energy efficiency projects in nonprofit buildings. Eligible energy efficient improvements include materials (product, equipment, or system), the installation of which results in a reduction in use by a nonprofit organization of energy or fuel. Examples include lighting upgrades, roof replacements with insulation, HVAC upgrades, and door or window replacements. Projects that include fuel switching may also be eligible if they result in energy savings. Renewable energy projects are not eligible. [READ THE PROGRAM FACT SHEET](#) for a general overview of how this program will work and how you can apply. [LEARN MORE](#) and on the Department of Energy website and [REGISTER](#) for program webinars – Option 1: June 6, 2:00 PM; Option 2: June 8, 3:00 PM

Coming Later this Year or Early Next Year

Grants for Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities

Target Applicant: K-12 Public Schools

The Renew America's Schools Grant funds clean energy improvements at K-12 public schools. Funds can cover Energy efficiency (envelope, HVAC, lighting, controls, etc.), ventilation, renewable energy, alternative vehicles, and alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure improvements. The first round of the program has closed, but another round is expected later in 2023 or early 2024. Start planning now!

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Coming Later this Year or Early Next Year

Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA)

Target Applicant: Industry Partners and other For-profit Entities; Utilities; Institutions of Higher Education; State and Local Governments; Community Based Organizations and

other Non-profit Entities; Tribal; Environmental Groups; and Cities, Towns, or Unincorporated Areas with populations of fewer than 10,000 inhabitants

This program seeks to improve the resilience, reliability, and affordability of energy systems in communities across the country with 10,000 or fewer people. Funding can support overall cost-effectiveness of energy generation, transmission, or distribution systems; siting or upgrading transmission and distribution lines; reducing greenhouse gas emissions from energy generation by rural or remote areas; providing or modernizing electric generation facilities; developing microgrids; and increasing energy efficiency. This spring's round of the program has closed, but another round is expected later in 2023 or early 2024. Start planning now!

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Coming Later this Year

Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program

Target Applicant: Various – state, municipal, tribal and private non-profit and for-profit entities

This program is designed to enhance grid flexibility and improve the resilience of the power system against growing threats of extreme weather and climate change and to accelerate the deployment of transformative projects that will help to ensure the reliability of the power sector's infrastructure, so all American communities have access to affordable, reliable, clean electricity anytime, anywhere. Three different programs for private and public entities. Next round of funding opens later this year.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#) or contact Allie Rand in the Governor's Energy Office

Allie.Rand@maine.gov

Coming Later this Year

Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grants (REDA)

Target Applicant: State and local governments, federally-recognized tribes, land-grant college or university or other institutions of higher education, rural electric cooperatives

Funding for conducting and promoting energy audits, technical assistance, and site assessments. Grant period for this year has closed but will reopen later in 2023.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#) or contact [Brian Wilson](#), Maine program contact.

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

Land for Maine's Future – Funding for Public Access to Waters

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

The Public Access to Maine Waters Fund is designed to 'get people to the water.' The goal of the fund is to secure public access rights on small parcels of land to create or enhance access points to lakes, ponds, rivers, and coastal waters. Land for access could support a facility for trailered boats, or small, hand-launched craft (canoes, kayaks) and provide bank fishing, swimming, clamming, worming, or other water contact opportunities. Access is primarily intended for general public use. [LEARN MORE](#)

Resilience

Community Resilience Partnership Community Action and Service Provider Grants

Target Applicant: Municipal and tribal governments and unorganized territories enrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership or interested in enrolling in the Community Resilience Partnership

The Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future (GOPIF) is pleased to announce the opening of a third round of grant opportunities for municipal and tribal governments and unorganized territories through the [Community Resilience Partnership](#). Service Provider Grants enable organizations to provide assistance to communities to prepare for and enroll in the Community Resilience Partnership and then apply for grant funds to undertake priority projects. Community Action Grants enable eligible communities to implement projects that reduce energy use and costs, transition to clean energy, and make communities in Maine more resilient to climate change. **Service Provider Grant applications due June 23. Community Action Grant Grant applications due July 7.**

Join informational webinars to learn more about the Community Resilience Partnership and these two grants by clicking on the links below:

Thursday, June 1, 1:00 PM – [JOIN THE SERVICE PROVIDER GRANT WEBINAR](#)

Thursday, June 1, 3:00 PM – [JOIN THE COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT WEBINAR](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[DOWNLOAD APPLICATIONS](#)

Coastal Community Grant Program

Target Applicant: Communities, tribal governments, and unorganized territories with tidal waters in their boundaries, including offshore islands. Municipal applicants must have a locally adopted comprehensive plan or be enrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership

Funding for local and regional projects that build community resiliency to adapt to a changing climate; prepare for flooding, sea level rise, coastal storms and storm surge, and shoreline erosion, and address land use activity impacts to water quality. Funds may be used for planning and development of feasibility and vulnerability studies, planning and development of regulatory and non-regulatory policies and programs, capital improvements planning, climate change outreach and education, public processes throughout the project, and development of funding strategies. **Applications**

Due June 2 by 5:00 PM.

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Shore and Harbor Planning Grant Program

Target Applicant: Municipalities, unorganized townships, and Tribal Governments in Maine's Coastal Zone, as well as coastal Regional Planning Commissions and coastal Councils of Government

Funding for shoreline access planning, waterfront and harbor planning, identification and resolution of waterfront use conflicts, and planning, feasibility, and design efforts for resilient waterfront infrastructure. Successful proposals will effectively consider how current and future projected sea level rise, storm surge, and flooding will affect the design life of waterfront facilities and the resilience of the land and water areas that are the focus of the project. **Applications Due Friday, June 2 by 5:00 PM.**

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Community Heart & Soul Seed Grants

Target Applicant: Small city and town resident-driven groups in partnership with their municipality or local community organization

The Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program provides \$10,000 in funding for resident-driven groups in small cities and towns to start the Community Heart & Soul planning model. Community Heart & Soul is a resident-driven process that engages the entire population of a town in identifying what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it. Grant funding requires a \$10,000 cash match from the participating municipality or a partnering organization.

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Sea Level Rise

Island Institute's ShoreUp Grant

Target Applicant: Island and coastal municipalities, organizations, and businesses (pre-approval to apply is required; speak with the program contact listed below)

ShoreUp Grants offer funding support (up to \$10,000) for Maine island and coastal communities as they assess, implement, and/or plan for sea level rise. Sea level rise preparedness projects might include (but are not limited to): risk assessments, infrastructure and natural resource planning, and community engagement programs related to sea level rise. ShoreUp Grants provide flexible funding and support so that communities can plan for the assistance they need to start taking the steps that are right for them. [LEARN MORE](#) here and contact [Abby Roche](#) (701-200-2346) to discuss your project and application prior to submission.

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.

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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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

Wastewater Treatment Facility Climate Adaptation Planning Grants and Fiscal Sustainability Planning Grants

Target Applicant: Municipalities and quasi-municipal corporations

The Maine Clean Water State Revolving Fund provides \$50,000 grants to municipalities and quasi-municipal corporations (i.e. village corporations, sanitary, sewer & utility districts, etc.) for wastewater Fiscal Sustainability Plans (FSP) – asset management plans with a water component. Matching funds are required. Climate Adaptation Planning funds up to \$25,000 are also available to assess a wastewater system’s resilience to climate hazards are also available without required matching funds. FMI contact Brandy Piers, Engineering Services Manager: brandy.m.piers@maine.gov or (207) 287-6093

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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. 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

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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

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.

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

Municipal EV Development, April 11

Municipal Energy Generation, April 26

Municipal Solar Site Planning & Ordinance Development, May 3

[VIEW RECORDINGS OF PAST PRESENTATIONS HERE](#)

The next round of Building Stronger Communities Online Learning Series will be
launched in September, 2023.

Energy

Maine's Offshore Wind Roadmap: Charting the Course

Audience: General

Online

Tuesday, June 13, 5:00 PM

Offshore wind presents a generational economic and energy opportunity for Maine. As an abundant source of clean and renewable energy, offshore wind has the potential to help free Maine from its over-reliance on fossil fuels and to curb climate-altering emissions & protect our state's environment for future generations. The Governor's Energy Office knows that Maine is an ideal place to responsibly develop offshore wind. Maine's Offshore Wind Roadmap is a stakeholder-driven development plan that offers an analysis of how Maine's communities, fisheries, and ecosystems can realize economic, energy, and climate benefits from offshore wind. Join Portland and South

Portland Sustainability Offices and the Governor's Energy Office for a conversation to learn more about Maine's Offshore Wind Roadmap and how offshore wind would diversify Maine's energy sources to reduce fossil fuel emissions & help Maine meet its goal of 100% renewable energy by 2040. [REGISTER](#)

The Missing Link: A Statewide Conference on Interconnection

Target Audience: Anyone in a position of local leadership, regardless of prior energy experience and knowledge

In-person

Thursday, June 22, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

University of Maine Hutchinson Center, Belfast, Maine

A Climate to Thrive (ACTT)

Join A Climate to Thrive and experts in the field of energy solutions for a statewide Interconnection Conference June 22nd at the Hutchens Center in Belfast from 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. The conference will gather community leaders from across Maine to share problems and solutions to current grid interconnection barriers to small-scale renewable energy. This conference is designed for anyone in positions of local leadership regardless of level of expertise and knowledge related to energy. We will be diving into essential information for anyone involved in municipal and state leadership as we explore solutions together. [LEARN MORE](#) and [REGISTER](#)

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](#)

Environmental Stewardship

S.E.A. Fair 2023: ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITS + ACTIVITIES

Audience: Students, General

In-person

Friday, June 2, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Camden Public Library Amphitheatre, Camden, Maine

For the third year, the Stewardship Education Alliance and its sponsors Camden Public Library, First National Bank, First National Wealth Management, joined by Lyman Morse Boatbuilding, Inc. will host S.E.A. FAIR at the Camden Public Library Amphitheatre. Representatives of over twenty environmental organizations and schools will offer engaging exhibits and there will be an area of activities for elementary and middle school students. Free and open to all. [LEARN MORE](#)

Assisting the Path of the Monarch Butterfly

Audience: Growers, gardeners, general

In-person

Thursday, June 8, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Oxford County Cooperative Extension
9 Olson Road, South Paris, Maine

Join Nancy Donovan, certified master gardener volunteer, while she teaches about monarch butterflies and how to raise and release them. Donovan raised 171 monarch butterflies from egg to release last year alone. Hosted by UMaine Extension.

[REGISTER](#)

Forest Health and Pest Workshop with Maine Forest Service Entomologists

Audience: Landowners and stewards, general

Online and In-person

First Session Online: Thursday June 15, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Second Session In-person: Saturday, June 17, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Maine Forest Service Entomologists Gabe LeMay and Brittany Schappach present an educational Forest Health and Pest Workshop hosted by Maine Woodland Owners chapter leader Larry Beauregard. This free workshop will be in two sessions; the first will be a virtual meeting with an introduction and overview of common forest pests and diseases in Maine, the second is an in-person walk & talk at Larry's woodlot in Old Town, Maine. Registration is required for both events. [LEARN MORE](#) and [REGISTER](#)

Resilience

Coastal Flooding Community Science Engagement Workshop

Audience: Groups or organizations that wish to host and engage volunteers in making coastal flood observations in Belfast, Brunswick, Cape Elizabeth, Chebeague Island,

Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Long Island, Portland, Saint George, Scarborough, South Portland, Vinalhaven, Yarmouth

Online

Wednesday, May 31, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Join the Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI) for this online workshop to learn about supporting a Coastal Flooding Community Science project in your community. The Coastal Flooding Community Science project is a collaborative effort to answer the questions, “what weather and water level conditions are associated with coastal flooding in our community?” and “what areas of our shoreline are most vulnerable and critical to our community?”. Through community participation, data can be collected to better understand unique flood impacts and identify priorities for building coastal resilience. You will receive a complete community engagement package with information on how to run events and engage your community in providing critical information to decision makers. [LEARN MORE](#) and [REGISTER](#)

Green Infrastructure in the Topsham Fair Mall

Audience: General

In-Person

Thursday, June 8, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Topsham Public Library

25 Foreside Road, Topsham, Maine

The Town of Topsham in partnership with FB Environmental and VIEWSHED is exploring ways to make the Topsham Fair Mall more sustainable and resilient to climate change through the use of green infrastructure. This information is available as a digital resource [HERE](#). In addition, The Town of Topsham is hosting a presentation on Green Infrastructure in the Topsham Fair Mall. Cody Obropta, from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, will present on the benefits of green infrastructure, both environmental and economic. This project was funded by the Maine Coastal Program from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. **Please register for this event by emailing Julie Erdman:**

jerdman@topshammaine.com

Coffee & Climate: Sustainability in the Arts

Audience: General

In-person

Friday, June 16, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Portland Museum of Art

7 Congress Square Portland, Maine

Mike Brown and Graeme Kennedy from the Portland Museum of Art will shed light on how galleries like the PMA work towards sustainable practices and how artists are able to portray climate change in their work. Don't miss the Tidal Shift Award Finalists – a prize for young artists who want to solve our climate crisis – on display on the ground level. Entrance to the museum and event are free. [REGISTER](#)

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. Our 2023 programming includes a range of topics including sustainability in the arts, aquaculture, plastics, environmental justice and more!

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](#)

Local Leads the Way

Target Audience: Community members, community leaders

Online

First Monday of each month, 4:00 PM

Next Meeting is Monday, June 5

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Where can you get help learning more about these opportunities?

Communities enrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) can contact Region 3 Coordinator Zach Gosselin, zgosselin@avcog.org

Where can you find help if you are enrolling or unenrolled in the Community Resilience Partnership?

Enrolling communities can contact your Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider (if you have one), your Regional Planning Organization, or other community partners.

Unenrolled communities can contact your Regional Planning Organization.