



**Upcoming events and
engagement opportunities!**



Making it Public for MA Municipalities 2024 Application

The New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) in partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's (MAPC) Arts and Culture Department, is pleased to invite municipalities in Massachusetts to participate in the Making it Public for MA Municipalities 2024 Cohort.

Applications for the Making it Public for MA Municipalities 2024 Cohort are due by October 13, 2023 11:59p ET.

Rooted in Nature: Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Resiliency

Our new online speaker series, beginning on September 20, will showcase experts from indigenous communities in Massachusetts. This five-part series offers an exploration of indigenous perspectives on climate resilience and sustainability, spotlighting practical examples and case studies rooted in the local context of Massachusetts.

Session 1: For Our Mother, For Our Children: Introduction to Indigenous Worldviews on Climate Resilience

- Wednesday, September 20 | 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. | [Register](#)

Session 2: Indigenous Land Conservation, Water Preservation and Cultural Respect

- Friday, September 29 | 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.





Shape the Future of Our Clean Energy Newsletter

The updated newsletter will provide a central source of climate mitigation and adaptation information for MAPC communities. This means that we will also be sharing climate-related updates focused on environmental planning, public health, transportation, and more.

[Complete this survey by September 25, 2023,](#)
to help shape the future of our climate newsletter.

Whether or not you currently subscribe, this survey welcomes your thoughts on what you want to see from our updates moving forward!



Equitable Access to Clean Energy Technologies: Models for EV Equity

- Wednesday, September 20, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. Via Zoom

This event will focus on equitable access to clean energy technologies, specifically models for EV (electric vehicle) equity. Join MAPC to learn about a local equity-focused EV Carsharing model, EV charging infrastructure at multi-unit dwellings, and to hear about the MAPC Transportation Department's work in this area. We will be joined by:

- Merav Dale, Operations Lead, Good2Go
- Kevin Hachey, Program Manager, Forth
- Alison Felix, AICP, Principal Planner and Emerging Technologies Specialist, MAPC

Resources Alert

 <p>Flooding All neighborhoods have experienced flooding in the past. The region can expect more extreme storms and more rainfall year round, resulting in more frequent and severe flooding in the future.</p>	 <p>Culture 19 to 28% of residents across the three Metro West communities were born outside of the United States. Cultural knowledge and language fluency are local strengths that can be used to help a broader group of community members understand and plan for climate risks.</p>
<p>Age Both older adults and young children are more likely to experience health impacts from heat and flooding. Each town and city have neighborhoods with many children. A high share of northern Framingham and western Natick residents are older than 65.</p> 	<p>Health Climate change increases the risk of disease and can worsen existing health conditions. Heart disease, diabetes, and asthma are all more common in EJ neighborhoods south of I-90.</p> 
 <p>Heat As our climate warms, we can expect hotter summers and more frequent and severe heat waves. Much of South Framingham experiences higher temperatures than surrounding neighborhoods, but there are smaller pockets of extreme heat clustered around transit stations, major roads, and retail areas.</p>	 <p>Housing Older homes and high energy costs make it hard for people to cope with extreme temperatures. A large share of homes were built before 1960—before air conditioning and insulation were common.</p>



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Climate Emergency Communications in Metro West

As part of the [Metro West Climate Equity Project](#), municipal staff from the City of Framingham and the Town of Natick partnered with a team of residents, called Community Climate Liaisons, to design and share climate preparedness communication materials.

The Community Climate Liaisons' participation was critical to the projects success. [Read more on our Planning 101 blog.](#)

Storm Water Flooding Resources

New report:

Water, Water, Everywhere. . .

The Increasing Threat of Stormwater Flooding in Greater Boston | Tools & Resources

Link: <https://www.mapc.org/resource-library/stormwater-flooding/>