

# Maine Climate Council

Equity Subcommittee  
Spring Meeting

14 April 2025



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# Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Meeting with CBOs
- Upcoming WG Meetings
- ESC Consultations
- Next Steps

# Recent MCC Activities

Equity Subcommittee recommends more input from underrepresented groups

**March 2023**

Working groups meet to develop climate strategies (including many people in this room!)

**September 2023**

Maine Climate Council works with UMaine Mitchell Center to engage partner organizations

Updated climate action plan published

**November 2024**

**September 2024**

Mitchell Center shares key findings with Maine Climate Council

Kickoff meeting with partner organizations

Maine Climate Council meeting

**March 2025**

**14 April 2025**



# Maine Won't Wait Dashboard

**17,492** EVs  
on the road



**143,857** new  
heat pumps  
installed

**11,937** homes  
weatherized

**17%** of EV rebates  
to **low- and moderate-**  
**income** (LMI)  
households in 2024

**10,833** new heat  
pumps in low-  
income homes

**2,712**  
low-income homes  
weatherized

**1,062** public EV charging  
ports available statewide



**55%** clean  
energy use



# Maine Won't Wait Dashboard

**22%** of Maine  
land conserved



**\$607 million**  
invested in  
resilience since 2020

**221** communities  
enrolled in the  
Community  
Resilience  
Partnership

**30%** GHG emissions  
below 1990 levels

**39%** of resilience  
investments in  
underserved  
communities

**15,557**  
clean  
energy jobs



**91%** of the way  
to carbon neutral





# Maine Won't Wait Strategies:



**A**

Embrace the future of transportation in Maine



**B**

Modernize Maine's buildings: energy-efficient, smart, and cost-effective homes and businesses



**C**

Transition to clean energy



**D**

Create jobs and grow Maine's economy through climate action



**E**

Protect the environment and natural and working lands and waters in Maine



**F**

Build healthy and resilient communities



**G**

Engage with Maine people on climate action



# Embrace the Future of Transportation in Maine

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**Key Takeaway:**  
**Elevate strategies**  
**that address basic**  
**needs –**  
**Transportation**



Electric and  
hybrid **buses** and  
**ferries**

Improve public transit  
**access, funding, and**  
**services**

Expand **bike** and  
**pedestrian**  
infrastructure

Transportation **pilot**  
**projects**

**Education** and  
**awareness**



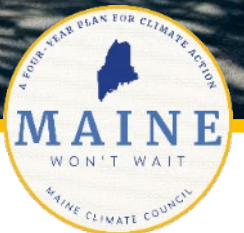


# Modernize Maine's Buildings

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**Key Takeaway:**  
**Elevate strategies  
that address basic  
needs – Housing  
and home repair**



Funding for **pre-  
weatherization**  
home repairs

Build more energy  
efficient **affordable  
housing**

**Education** and  
**outreach**

Help **renters** access  
energy efficiency

Boost participation  
by **low-income**  
customers





# Transition to Clean Energy

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**Key Takeaway:**  
**Elevate strategies  
that address basic  
needs - Energy  
costs**

Adequately fund core  
**energy assistance**  
programs

Launch an **energy  
coach** program

Reduce barriers to  
**clean energy** and  
**energy efficiency**

Study **energy  
burden** across all  
energy costs

Plan for future  
grid needs and  
**storm  
resilience**





# Create Jobs and Grow Maine's Economy through Climate Action

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Goal: **30,000** clean  
energy jobs and  
**7,000** new  
Registered  
Apprentices by  
**2030**



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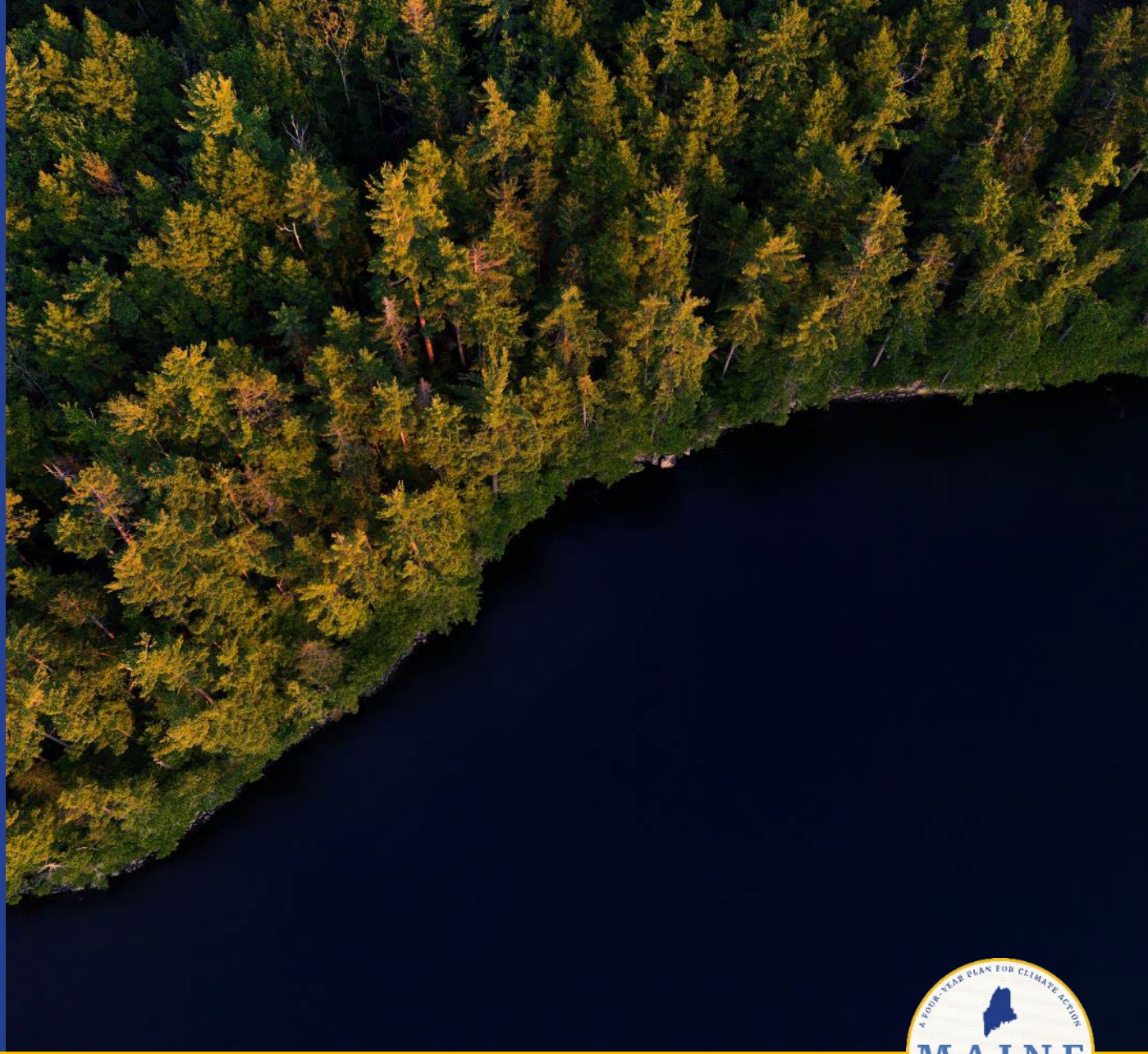






# Protect the Environment and Natural and Working Lands and Waters in Maine

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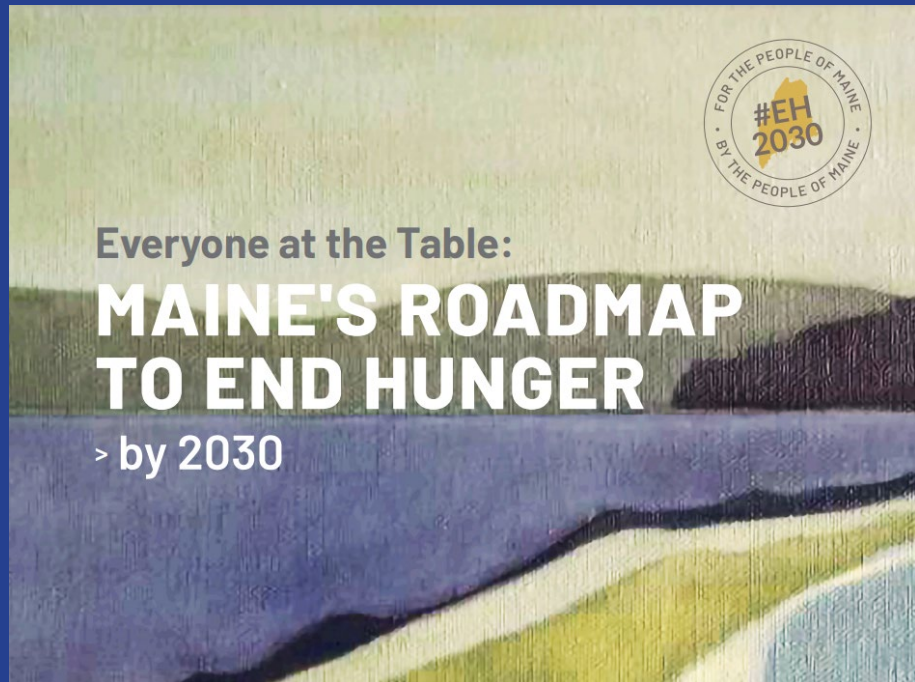


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Goal: **30%** of food consumed in Maine from in-state food producers by **2030**







# Build Healthy and Resilient Communities

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**Key Takeaway:**  
**Elevate strategies  
that address basic  
needs – Resilience**



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Improve resources  
for **mental health**

Help Mainers **prepare  
homes** and  
**businesses** for  
climate change

Communicate  
about **public  
health** challenges

Strengthen disaster  
**communication**





# Engage with Maine People and Communities

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**Key Takeaway:**  
**Build and sustain  
relationships with  
partner  
organizations**

Support **coaching  
programs**

Partner with  
**community-based  
organizations**

Make information  
**accessible**

Continue to work  
with **youth** and  
**older adults**







# March 5 Meeting with Community Based Organizations

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Sharing  
Information

Support **coaching**  
**programs**

Strengthen  
**Community**  
**Resilience**

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# Upcoming Working Group Meetings

- **Coastal & Marine** | Apr 29 | 9am-12pm
- **Community Resilience** | May 9 | 9:00AM-11:00AM
- **Natural & Working Lands** | May 29 | 10:00am-12:00pm
- **Scientific & Technical Subcommittee** | Jun 5 | 1-4PM
- **Transportation** | TBD
- **Buildings, Infrastructure, and Housing** | TBD
- **Energy** | TBD

# Discussion

- What topics are challenging?
- What opportunities do WG members have to support on-the-ground education?
- What other opportunities to continue to elevate equity in your WGs?
- How can the ESC Leadership help?

# Other Topics

- ESC Consultations
- Staff transitions
- Conclusion





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