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We think systemically and plan for the future.

We are strategic and ambitious.

We prioritize equity, inclusion, and environmental justice.

Partnerships are at the heart of how we work.

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The Environmental League of Massachusetts advocates for policy that meets the scale and urgency of our environmental challenges.

The ELM Action Fund builds political power that meets the scale and urgency of our environmental challenges.

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SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

YEARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY
124

LEGISLATIVE CO-SPONSORS OF OUR TOP PRIORITY BILLS
188

CORPORATE COUNCIL MEMBERS
29

MESSAGES SENT BY ELM ACTION FUND MEMBERS TO LAWMAKERS
782

ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS ENDORSED BY THE ELM ACTION FUND
27

OF ENDORSED CANDIDATES ELECTED TO OFFICE
67%

VISITORS TO THE NEW ELM WEBSITE
63K+

VISITORS TO THE NEW ELM ACTION FUND WEBSITE
22K+

INCREASE IN ELM’S ANNUAL INCOME
68%
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ELM and the ELM Action Fund are dedicated to ensuring our Commonwealth meets the urgency of our times. We know that state leadership to curb greenhouse gas emissions matters now more than ever.

And yet, Massachusetts is not on track to reach our 2030 climate goals nor to achieve a net-zero economy by 2050. We need strong policies and political power to fully transition to a clean energy future.

Thank you for your support as ELM advocates for policy and the ELM Action Fund builds political power to meet the scale and urgency of our environmental challenges. Here is just a glance at what we have been able to accomplish this past year:

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A new legislative session begins in January 2023, and the ELM team is preparing an ambitious, strategic agenda. Next spring, we will celebrate our 125th birthday, a milestone that catalyzes our commitment to paving the way for ambitious environmental policy in Massachusetts.

Please join this work any way you can – by following us on social media @EnviroLeagueMA, by signing up for our political action alerts, and by donating.

Massachusetts is a barometer for what is possible. Other states are watching, meaning that failure to hit our climate goals would make it more likely that leaders elsewhere accept failure as an option. Failure cannot be an option. And with your continued support, it won’t be.

With gratitude,

Elizabeth Henry
President
REPRESENTING NATION-WIDE MOVEMENTS

In the fall of 2021, ELM and the ELM Action Fund debuted new logos, websites, and an overall visual identity that better represent our forward-looking, ambitious vision.

While ELM is 124 years old, we have never shied away from evolving to meet the needs of the environmental movement. Our updated branding represents our commitment to people-centric climate policy that will create a healthy, sustainable future for all.

SAME ELM, NEW LOOK

Thank you to intern Caroline Dailey for her invaluable contributions.

Our new ELM and ELM Action Fund websites make it easy for visitors to learn about our work and take action to influence policy on issues that matter to them.

Our new colors convey the bright future we aspire to build for the Commonwealth, its residents, and the natural environment while also expressing a boldness in line with ELM’s and the ELM Action Fund’s ambitious plans for the future.

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LCV is proud to have the ELM Action Fund as our state affiliate in Massachusetts. Their team is passionate, strategic, and leaving a lasting impact. Their work electing climate leaders and passing some of the strongest environmental laws in the nation has modelled leadership for other states across the country.

Gene Karpinski
President, League of Conservation Voters

ELM’s efforts have catalyzed a green, just, and vibrant clean energy future across New England. NWF is grateful for the close collaboration with ELM, our Massachusetts state affiliate. By uniting a diverse set of stakeholders across the region, they are driving lasting change.

Collin O’Mara
President and CEO, National Wildlife Federation

ABOUT US

ENVIRONMENTAL LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS & ELM ACTION FUND
The Boston Globe
Massachusetts’ biggest climate wins and losses of 2021

How Mass. climate goals align with the latest UN report

A new public report released from the Environmental League of Massachusetts shows that the state has missed some key deadlines in implementing parts of the climate law.

“Despite how we are not on track,” said League President Elizabeth Henry, “and despite significant additional policy intervention, Massachusetts is poised to badly miss the mark.”

But there’s some good news.

“One of the key challenges from the latest UN report is that policymakers double down on proven-clean electricity solutions like offshore wind and solar with storage—and more aggressively stop burning fossil fuels at the source and transportation, where we can still get Massachusetts on pace to de-carbonize at the rate the climate crisis requires,” Henry said.

The Boston Globe
First life sciences, now clean energy: Baker eyes next big industry for Mass.

Governor is asking the Legislature to set aside $50 million in federal recovery funds for clean-tech efforts.

Mass. is looking to continue its record-breaking growth in clean-tech and climate innovation, with recent news on renewable energy and storage, smart buildings, and energy efficiency.

Elizabeth Gardner-Henry recently told us:

As president of the Environmental League of Massachusetts, Henry helped lead the push against one of the biggest obstacles to climate action: the Transition Energy. She says that the clean-tech future is the most important scientific challenge of our time, and that we need a transition to a new energy system.

The clean-tech industry is poised to continue its growth, and the state is poised to lead the nation in clean-tech innovation.

Candidates in Mass. governor’s race are running on climate

by Deena Nee

Elizabeth Gardner-Henry, president of the Environmental League of Massachusetts, said, “Right now, we’re forecasting two big challenges in our climate fight: a drought this summer and a heatwave.

The drought is expected to affect the state’s forests, farms, and water supplies. The heatwave could lead to power outages and other problems. The climate crisis could also lead to more frequent and severe wildfires.

We need to prepare for these challenges, and we need to do it now. We need to take action to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change.”

This clean-tech regulation is on fire. Charlie Baker has joined the fight for marginalized communities across the Commonwealth in the fight against climate change. The governor has signed legislation that will help build stronger environmental and social justice protections for communities that have been affected by climate change.

The legislation would be a game-changer for Black, Brown communities, and it would help to ensure that the Commonwealth is prepared for the impacts of climate change. If you want to learn more, visit our website: www.CommonWealth.org.
ELM and the ELM Action Fund are proud of our robust, longstanding fellowship program which attracts students across Massachusetts interested in environmental policy and creating change through political campaigns. They expand our capacity while gaining valuable skills and experiences to advance their environmental careers.

This year, fourteen students joined our team. Already, a number of our FY2022 fellows have moved to exciting Congressional internships and have begun exciting careers at workplaces such as the Massachusetts Climate Action Network, the City of Boston, Small Planet Institute, and HyAxiom, Inc.

The ELM Action Fund’s fellowship program has been eye-opening and humbling, with an incredibly compassionate team looking to leave a positive footprint in Massachusetts and New England.

CAROLYN LIU
Former ELM Action Fund Fellow
For the 2021-2022 legislative session, ELM and the ELM Action Fund strategically selected a set of priorities that built on the framework established by the Next Generation Roadmap Act. We focused on helping Massachusetts achieve our carbon neutrality goals, grow our clean energy economy, and empower historically overburdened and underserved communities.

Our legislative priorities focused on offshore wind, electric vehicles, building decarbonization, waste reduction, environmental justice, and the Green Budget. ELM is proud to have made progress on many of our priorities with the passage of the 2022 Climate and Clean Energy law. We look forward to expanding on this success in the 2023-2024 legislative session.

Environmental agencies play an essential role in protecting our environment, fighting climate change, and preserving our natural resources. Yet only 0.62% of the state's current operating budget is allocated toward these responsibilities. Our agency funding is insufficient to address the increased threat of climate change.

ELM and the ELM Action Fund championed robust increases for the FY23 Green Budget by lobbying the Legislature and encouraging a total of 194 Action Fund members to send letters to their legislators. Through our efforts, we secured a final budget that includes significant increases in funding for our priority line-items: DCR’s State Parks and Recreation, the Department of Environmental Protection, EEA Climate and Environmental Justice, and the Division of Ecological Restoration. With these additional resources, Massachusetts will be able to move forward in sustaining our communities, protecting public health, and meeting our environmental challenges.

Voting justice is central to the environmental movement. The Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color that are most impacted by environmental threats are also the most likely to face voting roadblocks. When voting restrictions keep underrepresented and environmentally threatened communities from the ballot box, they lose a crucial way to contribute to decisions about air and water pollution, inadequate transportation, and where polluting facilities and infrastructure are sited. The VOTES Act is one of the boldest electoral reforms in Massachusetts history, making vote-by-mail permanent, increasing early in-person voting options, expanding ballot access to incarcerated citizens, and more.

ELM and the ELM Action Fund fought for this legislation alongside a coalition of voter rights organizations lobbying the State House and encouraging Action Fund members to send a total of 281 letters to their legislators. We achieved victory in June 2022 when Governor Baker signed the bill into law. Thanks to this work, there is now statewide no-excuse mail-in-balloting, pre-trial voting, and enhanced automatic registration, all expanding voting access to environmental justice communities across Massachusetts.
Massachusetts’ 2021 Next Generation Roadmap Act is one of the strongest climate laws in the nation. It requires the Commonwealth to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions at least 50% by 2030, a mere eight years away. This is both a monumental task and an imperative one. Reaching that target will set us on a trajectory to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

The law must now be implemented. ELM, with support from the Conservation Law Foundation, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, and Elders Climate Action, created NetZeroMA.org, an online tool that tracks the Commonwealth’s progress toward achieving mandates and deadlines set in the Next Generation Roadmap Act as well as other statutes and executive actions.

With the support of ELM, the Legislature passed robust mandates in 2021 to put Massachusetts on track to a net-zero economy. Now comes the challenge of execution. We need bold strategy, sustained implementation, continuous communication, and transparent accountability if we’re to meet our goals. NetZeroMA.org is an invaluable way for residents and legislators to track progress toward meeting our climate commitments.

STATE SENATOR MICHAEL J. BARRETT
Serving the 3rd Middlesex District & Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy's

The website details each provision and deadline, providing background information and updates about where we have met our commitments, what’s in process, and where Massachusetts is falling short. The Next Generation Roadmap Act was a landmark piece of legislation, but it will require complementary policies to ensure Massachusetts meets our emissions reduction requirements.

The ELM team will continually update NetZeroMA.org to reflect deadlines and progress as additional laws, plans, and orders are put in place.

- **Jun 2021** *The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) must begin to give equal weight to emissions reductions and equity alongside its traditional emphasis on reliability and price.*
  - ONGOING

- **Jun 2021** *The Administration shall appoint an environmental justice council to advise and provide recommendations to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.*
  - INCOMPLETE

  The Council will consist of 9-15 members appointed by the governor. The Roadmap Act requires that the Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary consult with the Council before making any substantial additions, revisions, or amendments to regulations related to the definition of environmental justice population as defined in the Act.

  The MA Environmental Justice Table recommended two dozen members for the Council, but members have yet to be appointed.

  **Where is this in the law?**
  - Section 62L
2022 CLIMATE AND CLEAN ENERGY BILL

ELM advocated tirelessly for the passage of An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind, signed into law in August 2022. ELM’s thoughtful, clear advocacy resulted in a robust bill that prioritized offshore wind, transportation electrification, building decarbonization, and economic inclusion.

In the final months of the session, legislative deadlines and concerns over the lack of alignment between the House’s and Senate’s priorities created uncertainty as to the viability of the legislation. ELM worked with coalition partners, grassroots supporters, and elected officials to underscore the urgency of action in the face of the climate crisis. Inaction on this bill was unacceptable.

ELM coordinated with Massachusetts’ leading businesses and institutions, alongside other leading environmental organizations throughout the Commonwealth, to offer recommendations at every step in the legislative process. During the conference committee negotiation, ELM marshalled public support for a strong bill. Once the bill was finalized and sitting on Governor Baker’s desk, ELM worked to urge him to sign the bill, in the face of a possible veto, which he ultimately did.

PROVISIONS OF THE LAW

OFFSHORE WIND
- Expands investments into the offshore wind industry
- Adjusts renewable energy incentives
- Prioritizes new project plans that include equity and economic inclusion provisions

BUILDING DECARBONIZATION
- Increases data collection of building-related emissions and supported efficiency efforts
- Creates a pilot program for 10 individual cities and towns to ban fossil-fuel hookups in new construction

TRANSPORTATION
- Orders all MBTA buses to be electric by 2040
- Requires all vehicles sold to be zero-emission by 2035
- Increases incentives and rebates for purchasing electric vehicles (EVs)
- Builds more EV charging stations

ECONOMIC INCLUSION & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
- Ensures protections for ratepayers adopting clean energy
- Empowers MassCEC to fund new clean energy research, build relevant infrastructure, support equitable growth, and expand its workforce development programs

ELM’S EFFORTS TO PASS THE BILL
- Worked with legislators to file an omnibus offshore wind bill at the start of the session, several pieces of which were in the final bill
- Joined 11 other leading environmental groups to offer comments on the legislation
- Facilitated a coalition of 31 leading businesses and institutions urging lawmakers to finalize a strong climate bill
- Co-published an op-ed with the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts highlighting the equity and economic inclusion aspects of the law
- Elevated the bill’s urgency to the Boston Globe Editorial Board
- Led a sign-on effort of over 50 organizations supporting funding for the implementation of the climate bill in a related economic development package

ELM ACTION FUND MEMBERS TAKE ACTION
- 289 members urged their State Senator to boost offshore wind resources and decarbonization efforts
- 252 members wrote their State Senator urging the conference committee to resolve the bill
- 628 members, including 141 new supporters, sent a letter to Governor Baker urging him to sign the bill into law
New England is uncommonly well positioned to harness offshore wind—a game-changer for our regional grid. That is why, in 2020, ELM founded the New England for Offshore Wind (NE4OSW) coalition to support the timely and responsible development of this powerful renewable energy resource.

Since then, New England for Offshore Wind has grown into a broad-based coalition of over 100 members representing a diverse array of organizations, institutions, and communities across all six states. NE4OSW is committed to combating climate change by increasing the supply of clean energy to our regional grid through more procurements of responsibly developed offshore wind. The coalition is driven by its core values of respect & responsibility, science-based decision making, equity, and economic justice.

In March 2022, NE4OSW launched Businesses for Offshore Wind (B4OSW), a strategic alliance of 28 New England businesses and institutions. Representing a cross-section of the regional economy, B4OSW amplifies business voices and perspectives in offshore wind advocacy and demonstrates corporate and institutional support for New England for Offshore Wind.

As part of B4OSW’s launch, members sent a letter to the six New England Governors calling for deeper collaboration between their administrations, highlighting offshore wind as a critical shared resource to address climate change, grow the economy, and control energy costs.

Offshore wind is a massive opportunity that will create new businesses and thousands of new jobs. Investments in this billion-dollar industry will reduce the Commonwealth’s carbon footprint, which limits the impact of climate change on vulnerable communities.

Nicole Obi
President & CEO, Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (B4OSW Member)
The ELM Corporate Council launched in 2010 to create a deep working alliance between the private sector and environmental advocates. Growing to 29 members in 2022, the Corporate Council provides opportunities for businesses and institutions leading on sustainability to participate in the legislative process and encourage others in their sector to follow their example. These businesses use their power to help drive policy that promotes a clean, accessible, thriving, and equitable future for the Commonwealth.

This past year, we held two Leader Breakfasts with our members and senior government officials who have authority over our region’s energy and environmental future. In October 2021, ELM and our members sat down with House Chair of Ways & Means Aaron Michlewitz and in March 2022, we met with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. During these conversations, our Corporate Council members discussed how businesses can support the state’s decarbonization efforts and the Mayor’s plans for a Green New Deal city. At our annual Energy & Environmental Policy Briefing in February 2022, the ELM team made the business case for advocacy on the most pertinent policy issues facing Massachusetts, including environmental justice, electric vehicles, and offshore wind.

BUSINESS VOICES FOR THE 2022 CLIMATE BILL

Through the Corporate Council, ELM activates businesses on environmental policy advocacy to motivate our state lawmakers to address our greatest environmental and economic challenges. In June, we drafted, organized, and coordinated a sign-on letter calling on Massachusetts legislators to finalize an ambitious 2022 climate and clean energy bill. Collaborating with Ceres, Health Care Without Harm, and Second Nature, we recruited 31 leading businesses and institutions to sign the letter, demonstrating their leadership and urging lawmakers to adopt language to:

- Accelerate the clean energy economy
- Invest in green infrastructure
- Prioritize environmental equity and justice

The ELM Corporate Council has been a valuable partnership for our company. The opportunities ELM have given us to use our voice on Beacon Hill has enabled us to advocate for policies to support a healthy economy, environment, and community.

BOB RIVERS
Chair & CEO, Eastern Bank
Boston’s first Haitian-American City Councilor, she campaigned for fare-free MBTA and for all new buildings to meet net-zero emission standards.

During the 2021 election cycle, the ELM Action Fund team continued supporting candidates that are committed to policies that meet the scale and urgency of the climate crisis.

In 2021, the team largely focused on backing climate champions running for municipal offices throughout the state. Massachusetts voters proved that running on ambitious environmental plans wins elections. Leaders on clean energy, climate resilience, environmental justice, electrified transportation, and more sailed to victory in every corner of our state. Municipal officials have the ability to implement change at a local level, and we believe that local municipalities have a major role to play in advancing important climate policy.

In seven short years, more than a quarter of those serving in elected office in the State House have sought and earned our endorsement. By building relationships early and uplifting champions, we have worked with the Legislature to pass some of the strongest climate laws in the nation.

CASEY BOWERS
Executive Director, ELM Action Fund

RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE
Elected to Boston City Council
Boston’s first Haitian-American City Councilor, she campaigned for fare-free MBTA and for all new buildings to meet net-zero emission standards.

KIM DRISCOLL
Re-elected Mayor of Salem
With her history of climate action in Salem, we were proud to support her re-election bid for Mayor.

JARED NICHOLSON
Elected Mayor of Lynn
After three terms on the Lynn School Committee, he ran on a campaign to improve Lynn’s infrastructure against the impacts of climate change.

LYDIA EDWARDS
Elected to the State Senate in Special Election
We knew she would bring the same enthusiasm for environmental justice and clean energy that she exhibited on the Boston City Council.
**GREEN VOTER GUIDE**

Since its launch in 2020, the Green Voter Guide continues to be an effective tool for Massachusetts voters who want to cast their vote for an environmental champion. The Green Voter Guide, developed by the ELM Action Fund, allows voters to enter their address and see which candidates on their ballot have earned the endorsement of any of the top five environmental organizations that make endorsements in Massachusetts races.

In the 2021 municipal elections, over 6,000 voters used the Green Voter Guide to find environmental leaders on their ballot.

**MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANTS**

We are proud to have continued our support of climate champions running to serve on Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Boards.

MLPs are municipality-owned power plants designed to provide power to the citizens of that city or town. Elected commissioners have influence over where the town's energy comes from, implementing energy efficiency programs, setting energy rates, and increasing transparency in the light department. Electing climate champions to MLP Boards can lead to significant changes in a community's clean energy plans.

Despite the importance of these elections, few voters know about MLPs or turn out to vote. ELM and the ELM Action Fund work to educate voters and drive turnout. On February 22, 2022, ELM co-hosted a webinar, "What are Municipal Plants?" which encouraged community members to get involved with their local MLPs and consider running for office.

In the spring of 2022, we saw an increase in interest from candidates seeking our endorsement. The ELM Action Fund supported eight MLP candidates across six municipalities, including Belmont, Groton, Harvard, Hingham, Hudson, and Reading. We provided support to their local campaigns by creating and sending mailers, hosting phone banks, and mobilizing the ELM Action Fund’s members to turn out to vote.

**OUR 2022 WINNING MLP CANDIDATES**

- **Michael Reive**
  - Hingham

- **Steve Klionsky**
  - Belmont

- **Michael Macrae**
  - Belmont

**SUPPORTING ETEL HAXHIAJ**

Elected to Worcester City Council

The ELM Action Fund is proud of the support we provided Etel Haxhiaj throughout her second run for Worcester City Council. She is the first Muslim American to be elected to the body. A lifelong advocate, she is passionate about providing a safe and healthy environment for Worcester’s residents.

Councillor Haxhiaj earned our endorsement when she ran in 2019, a close race she ultimately lost. Her victory during her second run made it clear that increasingly voters seek candidates committed to climate action and environmental justice.

**ELM ACTION FUND**

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When Michelle Wu launched her campaign for Mayor of Boston in 2020, she made her focus on climate clear. She ran on an environmental justice platform that included a Green New Deal for Boston, marking a major shift in how the city would respond to the growing threat of climate change.

Because of her environmental leadership on the Boston City Council, the ELM Action Fund knew Wu was the leader Boston needed to fight climate change. In addition to our phone banking and door knocking, we organized climate canvasses on her behalf, including a Canvass Kickoff with climate champion Senator Ed Markey.

We have been proud to work alongside Mayor Wu as she begins to put her Boston Green New Deal into action. Within a few months of her inauguration, she signed an ordinance requiring the City of Boston to divest from fossil fuels by 2025 and began to address transportation justice by expanding fare-free public transit to 3 bus lines.

MICHELLE WU: CLIMATE CHAMPION

To support Michelle Wu’s historic candidacy for Boston City Hall, the ELM Action Fund launched an independent expenditure (IE) in August 2021.

Through the IE, we:
- Raised and invested over $250K to support her candidacy
- Earned over 2M views with our digital video ads
- Reached over 90K voters through targeted ads
- Targeted 15K high-propensity voters with our mail program
- Launched michellewuclimatechampion.com, earning over 8K visits
- Elevated her climate platform to boost proactive press coverage and to gain visibility for our IE PAC’s growing influence

The first organizations that came out to support my candidacy were clear this was going to be a climate campaign. The leadership of the ELM Action Fund in that space, really pulling together Sierra Club and Sunrise and the activist energy on the ground, to say ‘we are teaming up.’ That has already given me so much wind in the first seven months to make changes.

MICHELLE WU
Mayor of Boston, at an ELM Action Fund event in June 2022
On November 15, 2021, ELM held a roundtable discussion at the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT). U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, White House National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy, and former Mayor Kim Janey, alongside a number of state legislators and environmental justice advocates, gathered in support of the Build Back Better Bill.

Attendees had the opportunity to join a class for heat pump demonstration and toured the HVAC and electric vehicles facilities where BFIT students train in the necessary skills to join the growing green economy. The event demonstrated BFIT’s efforts to represent the diversity of the Commonwealth in the clean energy workforce and brought together public officials who are working to decrease emissions and build resilient communities.
On December 8, 2021, ELM co-hosted the Promise of Fusion Energy & the Challenges Ahead, in which a group of advocates, businesses, and government officials met to discuss the potential of fusion energy as a source of carbon-free energy and listen to experts’ briefings on its challenges and opportunities for Massachusetts and the world. With world-leading research and development here in Massachusetts, ELM has been educating ourselves and our stakeholders on the current technology, gaps, and risks in order to be better equipped to shape funding and regulatory decisions.

On April 4, 2022, ELM held the Boston City Council District 1 Candidate Forum alongside GreenRoots and the PUEBLO coalition. Gabriela Coletta and Tania Del Rio, the two candidates who competed for the district seat that represents residents of East Boston, Charlestown, and the North End, joined ELM and responded to crucial questions related to environmental justice issues impacting the district. The residents of Boston’s 1st District are overburdened by environmental challenges such as frequent flooding and air pollution, and ELM gave them a chance to hear the candidates explain their plans for addressing the impending climate crisis. By facilitating open discussions about environmental challenges and solutions, ELM encourages residents to vote for candidates that prioritize building a thriving, green, and equitable community.

On April 27, 2022, ELM held the Candidate Forum on Energy & the Environment for the MA Governor’s Race at WBUR CitySpace and streamed it online. The forum included candidates Sonia Chang-Diaz, State Senator for MA 2nd Suffolk District, and Maura Healey, Massachusetts Attorney General. All candidates were invited to participate.

The candidates discussed their plans for renewable energy, clean transportation, environmental justice, resilient communities, and more, and provided voters insight into their environmental priorities. Massachusetts’ next governor will be faced with crucial decisions on how we build a carbon-neutral, green, and equitable Commonwealth; by hosting this event, ELM gave voters a chance to educate themselves on how the candidates will address environmental challenges, and who will make Massachusetts a leader.
On May 19 we held our 25th Earth Night celebration under a tent overlooking Boston Harbor at the New England Aquarium. We enjoyed hosting almost 300 guests for our first in-person Earth Night in three years.

We gathered friends from the business, government, and nonprofit sectors to honor this year’s theme – the intersection of climate, health, and equity. Our Commonwealth Environmental Leadership Awards recognized those who have worked at this nexus.

Thanks to our generous sponsors and donors, we raised over $280,000 to support our mission, almost doubling our record!

I am honored to be awarded a Commonwealth Environmental Leadership Award. The ELM team has been an invaluable partner. The advocacy of their dedicated and knowledgeable staff has helped pass transformative legislation, including the Next Generation Climate Roadmap Act. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with ELM on policy that meets the moment and builds a resilient and equitable green economy.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOAN MESCHINO
Serving the 3rd Plymouth District

EARTH NIGHT IS BACK

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIVE COMMONWEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AwarDEES

State Representative Joan Meschino, for leading the charge to pass one of the strongest climate laws in the nation.

María Belén Power and Andrea Nyamekye, for organizing and leading a movement to codify protections for the marginalized, overburdened, and vulnerable people across Massachusetts.

Mass General Brigham, for using their power, influence, and expertise to advocate for policy to build a healthier, more sustainable, more equitable Commonwealth.

Jeremy Grantham, CBE, for decades of transformational investments in advocacy, innovation, and technology to address the climate crisis.
FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

**ENVIRONMENTAL LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**INCOME:** $2,185,911

**EXPENSES:** $1,426,123

Program: $1,127,667
General & Administrative: $164,959
Fundraising & Events: $133,497

Program: 82%

**ELM ACTION FUND**

**INCOME:** $814,237

**EXPENSES:** $827,505

Program: $767,865
General & Administrative: $36,897
Fundraising & Events: $22,743

Program: 89%

CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION SUPPORT

- AMALGAMATED BANK
- AMERESCO
- ANBARIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
- AVANGRID RENEWABLES
- A.D. MAKEPEACE
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